



Piscataway Soccer Club

Instructional Registration Information

Instructions for Registration:

- ⚽ Click the link for **Online Instructional Registration** found on our homepage at: www.PiscatawaySoccer.org. Please note that paper registration forms are no longer accepted.
- ⚽ Complete the online form which requires payment using a Visa or Master Card. Any Registration received after the deadline will be charged a \$50 late fee and will be placed on a waiting list.
- ⚽ E-mail registration questions to b1111@optonline.net
- ⚽ Additional information at www.PiscatawaySoccer.org.

Refund Policy:

- ⚽ Refund requests must be made in writing or e-mailed to the registrar. There is a \$10.00 administrative fee on player requested refunds.
- ⚽ Instructional refunds will be issued only if the child withdraws from the club 3 weeks prior to start of the season.

Placement on Travel/Competitive teams:

- ⚽ Children must be U8 or older to participate in the Travel/Competitive soccer league. See age chart.
- ⚽ Fall Travel teams are formed in the May-June timeframe as the result of tryouts. These teams are carried over into the spring season. Players seeking to join a team for the spring season will be referred to the age appropriate coach(es) for a tryout.
- ⚽ Players not chosen for a Travel/Competitive team will be offered a position on an Instructional team.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Instructional Soccer?

A: There are no tryouts. Games are played on Saturday mornings, but scores are NOT kept for any age group. Boys and girls play together. Volunteer parents coach the teams. Other information includes:

- Players must be in Kindergarten by the time they start playing. This is normally U6.
- Teams are mixed. Boys and Girls play together.
- Teams are formed by the club Registrar at random. Teams are normally kept together, unless there is a significant difference in team skill (e.g., one team is always winning, or losing), at which point players may be switched in order to create equally skilled teams.
- T-shirts are provided as part of your Registration, to be used in both Fall and Spring seasons.
- All teams receive professional training during the week.
- Additional practices may be scheduled by the volunteer coach.
- All GAMES are played on Saturday mornings (or early afternoon) in Piscataway.

Q: Where are practices held?

A: Most practices are held at Green Acres. Volunteer Coaches may optionally call for a 2nd weekly practice at Green Acres.

Q: Does the club specifically require any (a) criminal background checks (b) fingerprinting, (c) FBI checks of its coaches or is just the kid safe minimums?

A: The club was performing back ground checks through the police station in the past via finger printing, and is currently in the process of re-screening all current coaches, managers, trainers, and board members in accordance with our policy of re-screening every two years. We are now following Little League Williamsport and using a private firm, Choice Point, to perform back ground checks.

Q: How long should girls play with boys?

A: The “rule of thumb” is that girls should begin playing on all-girl teams around the 2nd or 3rd grade. In general, this is the time when boys begin to run a little bit faster, and are a little bit more aggressive.

Q: Is the soccer club private? is it for profit or not for profit? What is the legal name of the entity and how is it registered with state?

A: The Piscataway Soccer Club is a private non-for profit youth sports organization. We have 501 c 3 status as a non-profit. All Board members are volunteers. I as a board member pay the same fees as everyone else does, and receive no compensation. The Club is registered as the Piscataway Soccer Club Inc. to the best of my knowledge with the state of NJ.

Q: Is anyone in the Piscataway Soccer Club paid?

A: NO. The Board of Directors, committee chair people, and all of the coaches are volunteers.

Note that an individual team, however, may collectively decide to hire a professional trainer to be their game day coach. This is decided by, and agreed by, the team parents.

Q: Does any board members or coaches receive salary, pay or compensation of any kind?

A: No board member receives a salary or compensation, we are all volunteers. Some teams decide to have more paid professional training, and therefore collect more money from their parents to cover same. Some teams also have a paid game day coach, who is also their trainer. The majority of all coaches are volunteers. The teams with a paid coach collect money from the parents for same. It is not covered by the club.

Q: Is there a detailed accounting (including tournament fees, cash and checks)? I know someone who made that request over a year ago and has yet to receive. I am not talking about the profit and loss statement--I am familiar with those.

A: Detailed Treasury Reports are prepared by and filed with federal tax returns by our Treasurer Brian Hinds. I would suggest attending the any General Membership meeting, where he can answer any questions you have and provide you a copy of the latest Treasury report. Tournament fees are not covered directly by the club. Tournament fees are paid by each team entering a tournament. The funds allocated to any specific Travel team will remain with the club. The Travel team manager must submit copies of checks to the treasurer once the manager has paid for a tournament. Only they will the team be reimbursed. The caveat is that Travel teams must spend their allocations on soccer related items for the entire team within a year (e.g., going to a different tournament, additional training, etc.) The PSC, like the Little League, and other organizations, do not distribute treasury reports electronically.

Q: Why should I consider having my child tryout for Travel Soccer?

A: Because your child loves the game of soccer. Some of the many advantages to join Piscataway Soccer Club’s travel program: top notch coaching, professional training and the opportunity for your child to play at a more competitive level. Our travel program consists of the development of both individual and team skills while emphasizing character, athletic skills, and good sportsmanship.

Q: What is Travel Soccer?

A: Travel soccer is the next step from our instructional soccer program. Instead of playing children from within our town, we play against children from neighboring towns (NOT out of state). Our Travel Soccer program has been developed to promote soccer play on a competitive level. It requires a bit more time and is a little more expensive. Why should your child participate? Because it's FUN! But besides that, here is some additional information:

- Players must be U8 or older.
- There are all-boy teams, and all-girl teams.
- Teams are formed in the Spring to play together in the upcoming Fall and Spring seasons
- Team rosters are determined by tryouts held each Spring (usually May/June timeframe)
- Tryouts are rated by professional trainers and travel coaches
- Teams play a 10-game schedule in the Fall and in the Spring
- 5 games are played in Piscataway, and 5 games are played in central New Jersey (usually not more than 30 minutes away)
- Teams may participate in any tournaments that they wish (our club holds one every September), but this is typically at an extra cost.
- Volunteer coaches usually schedule practices at least twice a week, and one of these practices is usually with a professional trainer
- Professional training is included in the cost of registration
- Games are scheduled for Sunday afternoons. The exception is U8 games which are scheduled for Saturday afternoons
- Optional – Teams may also employ additional practices with professional trainers
- Optional – Teams may also employ professional trainers as the “game day coach”
- Cost for a full season is \$150 per player
- Uniform kits are not included in the registration fee, but are required. They may be purchased separately at \$75.
- Optional – Back packs may be purchased at \$40, and warm-ups at \$90