

TOWAMENCIN SOCCER CLUB

## **Travel Intro for new families** 2024-25

The greatest compliment to any player is that she is a great teammate. We can't all be great players, but we all can be great teammates !!

Not every player can be a star player, but every player must be a star at their role !!

# Why Travel Soccer?

- Next Level of Competition
  Develop Long-Term Teamwork
- Better soccer/fitness training (Advanced Training offering)
- Life Lessons Taught
- Family Bonds and Friendships
- "Travel" is mostly local-ish

# Why TSC Travel Soccer ?

TSC Travel Soccer focuses on three primary goals :

Player Development
Create an amazingly positive culture
Enjoyment of the Game

### **General Calendar for Travel Teams**

- Tryouts in April/May (usually 3 sessions)
- Teams picked by early May
- Typically (but up to the coach) practices 1-2x per week June-Nov
- Games on Saturdays (very few Sundays at this age) mid-SEPT thru mid-NOV
- Most young teams take a break in late NOV and DEC
- Some indoor training (again depends on families and coaches) JAN/FEB/MAR
- Indoor League (usually 8 weeks) JAN/FEB/MAR Depends on team interest
- Spring League April/May Depends on coach and team interest

#### Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard!!

## **Typical Focus for Young Teams**

- Teaching the soccer basics
- Fun
- Build Confidence
- Fun
- Develop Technique
- Fun
- Develop Teamwork
- Did we mention "Fun"?



## Approximate Travel Soccer Costs (yearly)

TSC Registration \$150

- Travel Uniform \$125
  - Good for 2+ years
- Travel Fee \$100
- Field Rentals \$50
- Tournaments \$50-100





#### Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs)

Joining travel soccer is an exciting time for parents and players, but sometimes the words "travel soccer" can be a little intimidating. To help explain what First year/younger travel generally entails, we put together this FAQ to help.

*When does travel soccer occur?* Younger teams will practice 1-2x a week in the Summer/Fall (June-Nov) and Spring (April-early June). Some teams choose to play in an indoor league in the Winter. Teams play in the ICSL Fall and Spring(optionally) League. Games are on Saturday mornings mostly, sometimes in the afternoon and usually consist of 7-8 games each season.

*How far is the travel?* Most teams we will play in the younger ages of travel are located within 30 minutes of Towamencin, often closer. You also play 50% of your games at home. U-9 soccer do play in one or two fairly local tournaments in either the summer or Columbus Weekend (OCT). Some AWAY games could be as much as 45 minutes from Towamencin.

*Can my son/daughter play other sports or activities while being on a travel team?* The Towamencin Soccer Club is a believer in kids being able to be kids. We encourage and accommodate those that play other sports as well as have extra curricular activities separate from soccer. This is a belief we hold at all ages. There still should be a certain level of commitment to your travel soccer team.

#### What questions can we answer? Contact Dan Vaitis at danvaitis@comcast.net

