

STAFFORD SOCCER TRAVEL PROGRAM INFORMATION



We, as a club, are always looking to improve the experience for the Players, Coaches, and the Parents.

Our Primary Focus is:

- Teach the players the fundamentals, and provide a fun yet competitive learning environment
- Educate the coaches – continued education, and higher licensure opportunities provided to our Coaches
- **U9 to U10 – we are focused on technical skill development, and decision making**
- U11 to U14 - we are focused on player development
- U15 to U19 - we are looking to develop well-adjusted Players. Players must start to have the correct attitude during practice and games to achieve success.

Our program functions in **a Club environment**, not as individual teams.

1. A club curriculum has been implemented to maximize development of a **complete** player!
2. It is important from the tryouts that players are placed on teams that will help **their development**.
 - Players develop at different rates, especially at younger ages, and in an effort to place each player in the most challenging environment, players may move between teams within their U9 and U10 age groups.
3. Tournaments will be selected to maximize the balance between challenging the players and achieving success.
4. It is important that we as a Club set the correct example of sportsmanship, and high character, on and off the field.

Items to note:

- All Coaches are contracted to the Club and paid by the Club
- All players will have a fee that is payable to Stafford Soccer that covers the items detailed below
- Travel is a YEARLONG commitment, beginning in the Fall and extending to the end of the Spring season.

Annual Schedule of Events (U9 - U10)

- Dates subject to league and Tournament date selections by host clubs, and league changes

Fall (August – December)

- League Play August – November/December
 - Blue = NCSL
 - White = NCSL
 - Grey = NCSL
 - 2 Training Sessions per week
- 1 tournament played in the Fall, and will be selected for each team from the time frames below:
 - Preseason Tournament, in August or Labor Day
 - Columbus Day Tournament
 - Post Season, in November
- League games played on Saturdays and Sundays

Winter (January – February)

- 5v5 small-sided games
- 1 Winter weekly outdoor training session

Spring (March – June)

- League Play March-June
 - Trainings same as Fall
- 2 tournaments played in the Spring:
 - Stafford St. Paddy's tournament in March (**all teams**)
***All teams participate, and parents volunteer+**
 - Memorial Day tournament
- League games played on Saturdays and Sundays

+ St. Paddy's Tournament – all travel families expected to volunteer a few hours that weekend as the host club (Field Marshal, Merchandise Sales). This Tournament funds our College Scholarship and Financial Aid programs.

Items included in the Club fee:

1. League Fee (NCSL)
2. Coach Salary
3. Coach Travel Expenses for away tournaments
4. Coaching Education
5. College Guidance Program
6. Goalkeeper Academy (GKA)
7. Tournament Entry Fees
8. Technical Support Staff
9. Referee Fees
10. County Field Fees
11. Insurance Fees

Items not included in the Club Fee:

1. **Uniforms**
 - a. **New Kit effective Fall 2025 2-year cycle Good through Spring 2027**
2. **Seasonal camps & skills training**
 - a. **Travel Soccer Pre-Season Camp**

*in the event of tournament cancellation, no full refunds will be afforded to the club, or its players, by the host. In very rare occurrences, the host will provide a small refund or credit for the following year. Any refund provided will be placed into the travel account for future travel program related expenses.

For your convenience, the Club fee for each player can be paid in full, or in installments:

- \$200 deposit due upon registration, then 6 Installments*, July through December, meeting the yearlong obligation.

*on-line payment plan is subject to processing fees. 50/50 plan also available; half due upon registration, then second half in October.

We thank you for your continued support to help us in the development of your child's soccer ability.