



Quakertown Soccer Club Newsletter



U.S. Soccer Age Band Changes

In August 2016, U.S. Soccer announced its decision to rearrange the age groups for youth soccer, essentially to fall in line more directly with the International approach, using birth year as a defining characteristic, not grade year. This decision has been met with much disdain and we empathize with everyone impacted. We will be reorganizing many of the travel teams as a result following tryouts in April. Intramural is also affected but the impact is much less. For additional information on the new age chart, click [here](#).

U.S. Soccer Game Changes

To go along with the age changes, U.S. Soccer also announced a series of Development Initiatives which enhance a small-sided games structure up to U13. This includes new field sizes, player limits and rule changes with the intent of increasing the number of touches, promoting more decision-making effecting a more technical game. Here is a link to EPYSA site which provides more background on initiatives.



Special Needs Program:

In its 3rd decade, our Special Needs Program is run by Heather Schmitt. It's truly special because of its volunteers and the athletes who are inspirational. These athletes, child and adult, come in all shapes and sizes and put forth a beautiful effort in the beautiful game. Games are held on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6-7pm Heather and her group are always looking for help, especially if you know sign language. Click [here](#) to get more information on our special needs program.





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Philadelphia Union's Sebastian LeToux recently visited the QSC Thunder U9 Boys Team. Sebastian talked with the team, signed autographs and provided a lot of excitement for the kids... and probably the adults too!

Winter Classic

This year's QSC Winter Classic was another success! Held at Quakertown Community High School, we had over 270 teams, 1,100 players in 18 different divisions. Click [here](#) to check out this year's champions and finalists.



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RIGHT. PRACTICE
UNTIL YOU CAN'T
GET IT WRONG.**



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Intramural Registration is OPEN

Our recreational soccer program is open for registration. Age groups include U6 co-ed, U8, U10, U12, U15 Middle School co-ed and HS co-ed.

Fees are \$95 and include:

- Full MLS-based kit (Jersey, shorts & socks)
- Practice ball
- Water bottle

The season starts May 9th and will include 10 games and our Intramural Festival in early June. Finally, along with your fee you will receive a \$25 Red Robin Gift Card that you can use any way you see fit. The primary focus of our IM program is fun, but we also work to train our volunteer coaches so they can help provide a structured learning environment for your daughter or son. Please check out our IM webpage [here](#)

Registration closes 3/31 so don't delay.

Travel Registration in OPEN

For all interested Travel Soccer Players, current and new, Travel Registration is open. Please go to the travel website – [here](#) as soon as possible so we can sort our teams following the new U.S. Soccer Guidelines. Tryouts dates will be posted on the website soon.

[here](#)





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Ways To Get Involved

Every successful organization at one time or another learns how to manage change.

If you are interested in any of the following positions

- President
- Travel Coordinator
- Registrar
- Tournament Director

Looking Ahead

32nd Annual QSC Spring Invitational
U9-U18 Female Saturday, April 23
U9-U18 Male Saturday, April 30
Click [here](#) for more info



9th Annual Sarah Parvin Soccer Fest
July 23 & 24
Click [here](#) for more info

