



The Chantilly Soccer Club
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 is forming a new competitive
 NCSL Boys U9 team
 for the Fall 2009!



Who is Chantilly Soccer Club?

We are a near 30-year-old *travel-only* soccer club based in Fairfax County and dedicated to promoting soccer excellence for our youth through quality development and competitive opportunities. Our club has a long history of building and attracting successful teams that compete at the state, regional, and national levels.

New Boys U9 Team – Impact Soccer

We are building a team of talented and energetic 8- and 9-year old boys (**born between Aug 1, 2000 and July 31, 2001**) that want to excel in the game and desire to play with others with a similar passion for developing themselves and their love of soccer.

Most importantly, we want a group of boys that have fun learning together, to play the world's best and most popular sport - *The Beautiful Game*.

What is Our Philosophy?

For us, at this age, the game is not about Wins and Losses, and we look for families that are not singularly focused on that objective. There is time in their future for worrying about success measured in Wins, Losses, and Draws. The emphasis, now, needs to be on the boys developing their enjoyment of the game and technical ability.

Although our objective is to develop "soccer excellence" and help the boys find their own paths to developing the skills necessary to compete at the highest level, we also find reward in helping them develop important life skills – integrity, respect, responsibility, teamwork, and commitment.

Each boy comes to us with different experiences and strengths, and it is our coaching responsibility to help them refine those strong skills and focus attention on developing their emerging areas. We focus on three primary areas of age appropriate development:

Techniques - foot skills, ball control, passing, tackling, shooting, etc

Tactics - movement, spacing, field awareness, attacking, defending, etc

Coordination - with their fast-growing bodies, these boys are only beginning to develop athletic dexterity

What Should You Expect Out of Travel Soccer?

Travel (aka, "Select") soccer is the next stage in development for those children (and families that are critical to the commitment) that demonstrate a desire and skill to be able to play soccer at a level higher than the recreational leagues in which they learned the game. It is a great opportunity for those children that want to step up and commit themselves to learning and achieving more and have the opportunity to play others from different areas, regions, states, and even countries.

Contrary to many concerns, travel soccer is not just for the select few that exhibit those skills that put them far above their peers, but has grown so large and diverse, that many with differing abilities, commitment, and interest, can still compete against others with like-minded interests and skills. It does, however, require some demonstrated talent, but also a commitment by the child and the

family, to himself and the team - it takes work to reach this level of play, and everyone has to understand that early.

What Choices Do You Have with Travel Clubs?

There are numerous quality travel soccer clubs in the area, including a number close by. Do not be rushed to a decision! Different clubs have different philosophies on how they are organized or their approach to development, but they are all ultimately focused on what's best for the kids. We encourage you to make an informed decision about where your son will play travel soccer, as it will be an important part of his life and will affect how he develops and learns to enjoy the game.

What Should You Look for in a Travel Club or Team?

Clearly, you have to find the situation that is right for your son and your family. Important factors to consider include:

- Coach disposition and experience with age group;
- Development philosophy;
- Size of club and attention to your child's needs;
- Location of fields;
- Competitiveness vice your child's development level;
- Quality of training/coaching;
- Team family synergies;
- Cost (initial and recurring).

Will You Be Traveling All Over?

We are often asked if families will have to travel a lot – why else would it be called "travel soccer"? The truth is that there will be little or no travel, besides local games and tournaments for the first 2-3 years. Overnight travel for tournaments only comes later – remember that there is a lot of good, competitive soccer to be found in our area. We will always select the highest quality venue for play.

For the first three years (six seasons), regular league games are scheduled against teams that are in your area. Once teams are assigned to divisions in Year 4, games can be against teams around the metro DC area.

How Much will it Cost?

Travel soccer costs per player can run \$350 to well over \$1,000 per season (Spring & Fall) to cover fees for: state registration; soccer league (NCSL); tournament entrance costs; club dues to cover club costs; and any paid coaching or training. The primary components of your costs will be how much is invested in paid coaching or training and how many tournaments the team will play. We expect to have a mix of qualified, *volunteer* coaching and paid training, so we expect costs to be approximately \$450 each season, which is very reasonable for high level, competitive soccer. Note, as well, that there will be a one-time cost of about \$150 for uniforms and bags.

Where Will You be Playing?

In the Fall 2009 season, our two-weekly practices will be held at or near Crossfields Elementary School in Herndon/Oakton, VA. We will have a third day optional development session included in your fees, run by an outside trainer. Our home games will be played at either Crossfields or Oakton High School.

Tryouts taking place on May 18, 20, 27, & 29th

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- USSF National "D" License & USSF National Youth License
- 12 years coaching and training at competitive Travel and Recreation levels (U4-U14)
- Head Coach & Trainer of BU11 - CSC Strikers – NCSL Division 1