



# 2002 U15 Girls: Force

## 2016-17 Team Plan

The Force enter their 2016-17 U15 season as the first team in the 2002 girls age group at Methacton United Soccer Club. Given the change to birth year registration for this season, the team is expected to be made up primarily of players from the previous [2002-03 Force](#) team, also managed by Kevin Frey, and the [2001-02 Fury](#). We expect to be a diverse mix of players from four different school districts, all of whom are dedicated to club soccer.

Players in our 2002 age group are products of the Methacton United Soccer Club's year-round training and academy program. The benefits of the program provided excellent player development this past season with a winning premier season in PAGS and solid performances at tournaments in their first season playing 11v11 soccer. The experiences the Force gained from five tournaments during the 2015-16 season and playing in State Cups this Spring has them primed to take on the challenges of an even higher level of competition in 2016-17.

### Notable 2015 Achievements

- 5th Place, 2015 PAGS Premier North Division (4-3-1)
- Finalist, 2015 West Chester Summer Classic

### Goals and Expectations for the 2016-17 Season

Over the coming year, the Force are looking to continue their growth and pursue the highest levels of competition. Having demonstrated in 2015 their ability to play at a very high level, the Force will play Premier level soccer in the Philadelphia Area Girls Soccer (PAGS) league for the Fall 2016 season.

We look to continue player development with a lot of emphasis on player movement, on and off the ball. Reducing touches under while pressure from opposition will be another area of focus. Additionally, defensive shape will be a hot button for our team as well.

Methacton United recognizes the importance of developing well-rounded children and strongly encourages our players to participate in activities and sports away from the pitch. However, accepting a place on a highly competitive travel team requires a higher level of commitment from both the player and their parents. All players are required to prioritize soccer over other activities in order to participate in the following events:

Event	Dates
Fall Travel League Matches	Most weekends Sep-Nov
Columbus Day Weekend Tournament	Oct 8-9, 2016
EPYSA State Cup Matches	Select Spring weekends

## Anticipated Playing Calendar

### Summer: June - August

Training	2x per week with professional training staff ( <i>full calendar at <a href="http://methactonunited.org/travel">methactonunited.org/travel</a></i> ) 1x per week (Saturday mornings) with team coaching staff		
Friendlies	Approximately 6-8 friendlies		May - August
Tournaments	West Chester Summer Classic	West Chester, PA	Aug 5-7, 2016

### Fall: September - November

Training	1-2x per week (Mon-Fri) with professional training staff 1x per week (Saturday mornings) with team training staff		
League Games	PAGS Premier North Division		Sep 10 – Nov 13
Tournaments	Al Perlini Memorial Tournament	Warminster, PA	Sep 3-5, 2016
	Columbus Day Weekend Tournament TBD		Oct 8-9, 2016
	Hempfield Adidas Fall Classic	Lancaster, PA	Nov 18-20, 2016

### Winter: December - February

<a href="#">Winter Academy</a>	1x per week indoor training with professional training staff • <i>All Sports Center, Upper Providence</i>		Dec 5 – Feb 20
League Games	Indoor Soccer League TBD		Mid-Jan to Mar

### Spring: March – June

<a href="#">Spring Academy</a>	1x per week with professional training staff		Late Mar to Late May
League Games	Rock League		Sundays, Apr-May
Tournaments	EPYSA State Cups ( <i>select weekends only</i> )		Mar – Jun

*NOTE: Because we are planning for events more than a year in advance, dates and tournaments may be changed based on tournament schedules, player availability, or a change in the level of play of the team.*



## Expected Financial Commitment

All of our teams at Methacton United value the commitment that our players, parents, and coaches make to our program. As discussed at [methactonunited.org/travel](http://methactonunited.org/travel), the fee structure for the 2016-17 season has been changed in order to provide consistent and uniform financial expectations across all teams.

The increased travel registration fee will include our fall league registration fees, referee fees, professional training throughout the summer and fall, and will also allow us to participate in 2-3 summer/fall tournaments without having to solicit additional funds from the player families to do so.

### A Note on Seasonal Assessments

Rather than continuously approaching families with requests for additional money required each time we decide to participate in an event, the club has encouraged teams to provide a schedule of assessments by which each player will pay the specified amount by the appropriate date and this amount will be deposited in our team account in order to fund our activities for the 2016-17 year. We have attempted to spread these assessment amounts out throughout the year to make it more manageable for families and to give us some flexibility as the year progresses. Each team will have a different assessment schedule based upon their planned activities. The estimate of expenses below is based upon the costs for the activities listed on the team's Anticipated Playing Calendar.

As always, since many of the plans in the winter/spring season are still TBD based upon availability, the assessment amounts can and likely will change once we solidify our schedule for those time periods. The assessment schedule below does not include any event that is listed as "TBD" on our anticipated schedule. It is also important to note that many teams can offset their expenses by conducting fundraisers at various events throughout the year or by soliciting donations from local businesses.

Team Expenses	Date	Est. Pmt
Travel Registration Fee	May 15	\$ 695
Summer/Fall Assessment	Jul 1	\$ -
Winter Assessment	Dec 1	\$ 75
Spring Assessment	Feb 1	\$ 25
		<b>\$ 795</b>

Additional Training		
Winter Academy		\$ 195
Spring Academy		\$ 120
		<b>\$ 315</b>

