



2005 U13 Girls: Avengers

2017-18 Team Plan

The U13 Avengers enter their 2017-18 season as the first team in the 2005 age group. Given the change to birth year registration for the past season as well as the change from 9v9 play to 11v11 play, most of the team is expected to come from last year's 2005 Avengers team as well as players from the 2005 Wildcats team. The team will continue to be managed by Head Coach Michelle Bruno.

Players in our 2005 age group are products of the [Director's Development Program](#), which eschews the win-at-all-costs mentality of many youth travel programs in favor of a curriculum focused strictly on player development for the U7 and U8 years. The benefits of the program paid strong dividends for the Avengers team in their 2016-17 U12 debut season, as they were able to produce a strong showing in a very competitive PAGS Division 3.

Notable 2016 Achievements

- Strong performance for a newly formed first year team in PAGS DIVISION 3
- Runner-Up, West Chester Summer Classic Tournament
- Runner-Up, Ukrainian National Columbus Cup
- Champion, Battle of the Dome, 422 Sports

Goals and Expectations for the 2017-18 Season

Over the coming year, the Avengers will look to continue player development on a full-sized pitch with 10 field players and a keeper for the first time. We will be introducing a new system of play for these girls, all of whom are moving from 9v9 to 11v11. We will instruct not only on great soccer fundamentals but also emphasize systems of play and tactical thinking. Defensive shape and communication will continue to be strong focus points. The Avengers intend to play in PAGS Division 3 during the Fall season.

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 travel team requires a higher level of commitment from both the player and their parents. All players, club-wide, 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 7-8, 2017
EPYSA State Cup Matches	Select Spring weekends

Anticipated Playing Calendar

Summer: June - August

Training	2x per week with professional training staff 1x per week with team coaching staff		
Friendlies	Approximately 6-8 friendlies		May – August
	<i>In 2016, the Avengers competed in several friendlies with other clubs such as Whitpain as well as other Methacton teams.</i>		
	<i>We recognize that some players are involved in spring/summer sports, and as such, try our best to schedule friendlies around player availability. If a player cannot participate in some friendlies due to conflicts, it is understandable and will not be held against them.</i>		
Tournaments	West Chester Summer Classic Battle at Hilltop Possible Labor Day Tournament	West Chester, PA Limerick, PA TBD	Aug 5-6, 2017 Aug 19-20, 2017 Sep 2-3, 2017

Fall: September - November

Training	1-2x per week (Mon-Fri) with professional training staff 1x per week with team training staff until daylight diminishes		
League Games	PAGS Division 3		Sep 10 – Nov 13
Tournaments	Ukrainian National Columbus Cup Additional Tournament TBD	Chalfont, PA	Oct 7-8, 2017

Winter: December - February

Winter Academy	1x per week indoor training with professional training staff • All Sports Center, Upper Providence		Dec 4 – Feb 19
League Games	YSC Winter League 2	Wayne, PA	Mid-Jan to Early Mar
Tournaments	TBD based upon player availability		

Spring: March – June

Spring Academy	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>) Spring Tournaments TBD based on player availability		Mar – Jun TBD

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, the fee structure for the 2017-18 season has been changed in order to provide consistent and uniform financial expectations across all teams.

The initial travel registration fee will include the Summer/Fall Assessment detailed below, and account for fall league registration fees, referee fees, professional training throughout the summer and fall, and will also allow us to participate in multiple 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 2017-18 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.

Because many of the plans in the winter and spring seasons may still be tentative based upon availability, the assessment amounts can and likely will change once we solidify our schedule for those time periods. It is also important to note that teams can, and often do, offset their expenses by conducting fundraisers at various events throughout the year or by soliciting donations from local businesses.

Team Expenses	Date	Est. Amt
Travel Registration Fee	May 1	\$ 475
Summer/Fall Assessment	May 1	\$ 310
Winter Assessment	Nov 1	\$ 80
Spring Assessment	Feb 1	\$ 85
		\$ 950

Additional Training	Est. Amt
Winter Academy	\$ 195
Spring Academy	\$ 120
	\$ 315

