



2006 U11 Boys: 0-Fivers

2016-17 Team Plan

The 0-Fivers enter their 2016-17 U11 season as the first team in the 2006 boys age group. Given the change to birth year registration for this season, the team is expected to be comprised of players from the last year's very successful [2005-06 0-Fivers](#) team, the [2005-06 Ajax team](#), our [2006-07 Fire](#) team, and players new to the club. The team will continue to be managed by Head Coach Haven Hoilett and Assistant Coach Brian Evans.

Players in our 2006 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-U9 years. The benefits of the program paid strong dividends for the 0-Fivers team in their 2015-16 U10 season, as they outplayed expectations and earned the right to challenge an even higher level of competition in 2016-17.

Notable Achievements

- 1st Place, 2015 Delco U10 Division 3 (8-0-1)
- 1st Place, 2015 Lou Ramos Classic, Silver Division, Undefeated
- Runner-Up, 2015 George Pratt Memorial Tournament, Columbus (1st) Division

Goals and Expectations for the 2016-17 Season

Over the coming year, the 0-Fivers look to continue their exponential growth and pursue the highest levels of competition in both soccer and futsal. Having demonstrated in 2015 their ability to play at a very high level, the 0-Fivers intend to apply for Delco Division 1 or APL Division 2 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 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 for 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 methactonunited.org/travel</i>) 1x per week (Saturday mornings) with team training staff		
Friendlies	Approximately 20 friendlies May - August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In 2015, the 0-Fivers competed in approximately 25 friendlies and it was crucial part of their development and growth. A similar schedule will be followed in 2016. We will take a 2 to 3-week break from friendlies around the July 4th holiday to account for family vacations.</i> <p><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 him.</i></p>		
Tournaments	West Chester Summer Classic	West Chester, PA	Aug 5-7, 2016
	Battle at Hilltop	Limerick, PA	Aug 26-28, 2016
	Lou Ramos Classic	Allentown, PA	Sep 2-4, 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	Delco Division 1		Sep 10 – Nov 13
Tournaments	Cape Express Pink Ribbon Classic	Cape May, NJ	Oct 8-9, 2016
	YMS Columbus Cup (<i>alternate</i>)	Yardley, PA	Oct 8-9, 2016
	Hempfield Adidas Fall Classic	Lancaster, PA	Nov 18-20, 2016

Winter: December - February

Winter Academy	1x per week indoor training with professional training staff • <i>All Sports Center, Upper Providence</i>		Dec 5 – Feb 20
Training	1x per week indoor/futsal training with team training staff		8 weeks beginning in Jan
League Games	YSC Winter League 2 – <i>and/or</i> – Philly Futsal League	Wayne, PA King of Prussia, PA	Mid-Jan to Early Mar Jan – Feb (TBD)
Tournaments	LVU Winter Futsal Tournaments US Youth Futsal Regionals	Allentown, PA TBD	Dec – Feb (TBD) Dec – Feb (TBD)

Spring: March – June

Spring Academy	1x per week with professional training staff		Late Mar to Late May
League Games	Rock League – <i>or</i> – Atlantic Premier League		Sundays, Mar-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 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.

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. Pmt
Travel Registration Fee	May 15	\$ 695
Summer/Fall Assessment	Jul 1	\$ 205
Winter Assessment	Dec 1	\$ 190
Spring Assessment	Feb 1	\$ 35
		\$ 1,125

Additional Training		
Winter Academy	\$	195
Spring Academy	\$	120
	\$	315

