



2006 U11 Girls: Blue Crush

2016-17 Team Plan

The U11 Blue Crush enter the 2016-17 season as the first team in the 2006 girls age group. Most of the team is expected to be 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 team will continue to be managed by Head Coach Haven Hoilett, Assistant Coach John Ebner, and Team Manager Susan Washburn.

Goals and Expectations for the 2016-17 Season

Over the coming year, the Blue Crush look to continue their growth and pursue a higher level of competition. Having demonstrated in 2015 their ability to play at the mid-level during their time in academy, the Blue Crush intend to apply for PAGS Division 3 for the Fall 2016 season.

We look to continue player development with emphasis on player movement, on and off the ball, as well as reducing touches while under pressure from opposition will be another area of focus. Additionally, defensive shape will be an emphasis 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 coaching staff		
Friendlies	Approximately 20 friendlies		May – August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In 2015, Coach Haven's U10 boys competed in approximately 25 friendlies and it was a crucial part of their development and growth. A similar schedule will be followed in 2016 for Blue Crush. 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 her.</i></p>		
Tournaments	West Chester Summer Classic	West Chester, PA	Aug 5-7, 2016
	Battle at Hilltop	Downingtown, PA	Aug 26-28, 2016
	Lou Ramos Classic	Bethlehem, PA	Aug 2016 (TBD)

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 Division 3		Sep 10 – Nov 13
Tournaments	Cape Express Pink Ribbon Classic	Cape May, NJ	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		Dec 5 – Feb 20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All Sports Center, Upper Providence</i> 		
Training	1x per week indoor/futsal training with team training staff		8 weeks beginning in Jan
League Games	YSC Winter League 2	Wayne, PA	Mid-Jan to Early Mar
	– and/or –		
	Philly Futsal League	King of Prussia, PA	Jan – Feb (TBD)
Tournaments	LVU Winter Futsal Tournaments	Allentown, PA	Dec - Feb (TBD)
	US Youth Futsal Regionals	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		Sundays, Apr - May
Tournaments	EPYSA State Cups (<i>select weekends only</i>) Spring Tournaments TBD based on player availability		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, 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	\$ 165
Winter Assessment	Dec 1	\$ 295
Spring Assessment	Feb 1	\$ 50
		\$ 1,205

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

