



# 2007 U10 Girls

## 2016-17 Team Plan

The 2007 girls will see their first action as full-time travel teams during their 2016-17 U10 season. Given the change to birth year registration for this season, most of the team is expected to come from the U9 age group of our [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. We will continue this philosophy of development, and introduce a competitive philosophy, as the girls transition into their first year of travel soccer. The team will be managed by Head Coach Steve Juska and Assistant Coach Carl Herzog.

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

As coaches, we strive to foster a love of the game, while providing an environment for the girls to grow and develop as skilled and confident players. We look to continue player development with emphasis on player skills, confidence on the ball, and off the ball awareness and movement. Overall team shape and transitioning from defensive shape to attacking shape will be introduced.

Over the coming year, the 2007 girls will play the Fall season in either the Philadelphia Area Girls Soccer league (PAGS) or Central League Soccer (CLS), both of which primarily play on Sundays.

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 <a href="http://methactonunited.org/travel">methactonunited.org/travel</a></i> )	
Friendlies	Approximately 4-6 friendlies	May - August
Tournaments	Battle at Hilltop	Limerick, PA Aug 5-7, 2016

### Fall: September - November

Training	1-2x per week (Mon-Fri) with professional training staff	
League Games	PAGS or Central League	Sep 10 – Nov 13
Tournaments	Ukrainian Nationals Columbus Cup	North Wales, PA Oct 8-9, 2016

### Winter: December - February

<a href="#">Winter Academy</a>	1x per week indoor training with professional training staff • All Sports Center, Upper Providence	Dec 5 – Feb 20
Training	1x per week indoor/futsal training with team training staff	10 wks beginning in Jan
League Games	Indoor/Futsal League TBD	Mid-Jan to Mar
Tournament	Quakertown Soccer Club Indoor Classic (1-day)	TBD

### 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> ) Spring Tournaments 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](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.

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	\$ -
Winter Assessment	Dec 1	\$ 90
Spring Assessment	Feb 1	\$ 15
		<b>\$ 800</b>

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

