



4 U15 Boys: Blue Demons Premier

2018-19 Team Plan

The Blue Demons will continue with a Premier designation in the 2004 (U15) age group for the 2018-19 and will continue to be led by Head Coach Sal Carbone, Team Manager Bob Hull, and Assistant Coach Vinnie Carbone.

Goals and Expectations for the 2018-19 Season

Last year's squad played for the APL Division 2 championship, falling 2-1 in that finale. Over the coming year, the Blue Demons will look to continue their exponential growth and pursue the highest levels of competition. The Blue Demons will look to APL and/or EDP for league play, and will focus on highly competitive tournaments.

Player development will emphasize player movement/rotation and quick ball movement within a possession-based game. Reducing touches while under pressure from opposition, switching the field appropriately, and building smartly and patiently from the back, will be primary areas of in-possession focus. Out-of-possession focus will be on maintaining sound defensive shape while aggressively pressing the opposition.

From the standpoint of the individual, our expectation is that each boy on the Blue Demons will be in proper condition to play competitive soccer. Proper conditioning is something that each boy needs to attend to on their own, as we will not be using valuable training time to get the boys in "shape".

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 Premier 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 (tentative)
May/June Tournament	May 25-28
August Tournament	Aug 3-5
Fall League Matches & Play-offs	Most weekends Sep-Nov
November Tournament	Dates TBD
December Tournament	Dates TBD
Spring Tournament(s)	Mar 2019
State Cup	Mar-Apr 2019
Spring League	Mar-May 2019

Anticipated Playing Calendar

Summer: May 7 – August 5

Training	2x per week with professional team training staff		
	Camp Carbone*	Rehoboth Beach, DE	Jul 29 – Aug 1, 2018
	<i>*"Camp Carbone" is a pay-to-attend event, hosted by Sal at his Rehoboth Beach, DE home. Cost for 2018 is TBD, but for the purposes of context 2017's cost was \$325.</i>		
	NOTE: The boys will be on break August 6 through September 3 to accommodate those training with their respective high school teams.		

Friendlies	TBD		June – July
	<i>Summer friendlies are an important part of individual <u>and</u> team development and growth, and help prepare us put our best foot forward at forthcoming tournaments and the league slate.</i>		
	<i>We recognize that some players are involved in spring/summer sports. If a player cannot participate in some friendlies due to conflicts, it is understandable and will not be held against him.</i>		

Tournaments	TBD	TBD	May 25-28, 2018
	West Chester Summer Classic	West Chester, PA	Aug 3-5, 2018

Fall: September 4 – October 31

Training	1x per week with professional team coaching staff through October (reduced from 2x to allow for school team commitments)		
League Games	APL or EDP		September – November

Winter: November – February

Training	2x per week outdoor (through December tournament)		Nov – Dec
	1x per week indoor Futsal training with team training staff		Nov – Feb
	1x per week indoor turf training with team training staff		Dec – Feb
League Games	YSC Winter League 2	Wayne, PA	Mid-Jan to Mid-Mar
Tournaments	November tournament	TBD	Nov
	December tournament	TBD	Dec
	Futsal tournament(s)	TBD	Jan – Feb

Spring: March – May

Training	2x per week with team training staff		March – May
League Games	APL or EDP Spring		Mar – May
Tournaments	March tournament(s)	TBD	Mar
	EPYSA State Cups (select weekends only)		Mar-May

NOTE: Because we are planning for events several months 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. Further, our expected training nights will be Mondays and Wednesdays, with additional sessions scheduled as needed. These too are subject to change due to circumstances.



Expected Financial Commitment

All of our teams at Methacton United value the commitment that our players, parents, and coaches make to our program. As such we do our best to project full year costs at the outset of the “season”. Currently we estimate that the fully loaded cost per player – including training, games and tournaments outlined above but *excluding* the cost associated with “Camp Carbone” (see above) – will be between \$1,500 and \$1,900 depending on the number of players rostered (estimates assume between 14 and 18 players, respectively). You will have the option of paying the initial estimated cost all at once, or over several installments once you accept a roster spot for your son. We also anticipate a “true up” assessment in March or April of 2018 should the estimate be low and we are short on funds, or high and we have an excessive surplus (which means money will be returned).

