



2008 Boys: Wolverines

2018-19 Season Expectations

The U11 Wolverines will enter the 2018-2019 season as the first team in their age group. The team is expected to consist of players coming from our [Director's Development Program](#), a progressive curriculum led by our Director of Coaching, Andy Wilkes, in addition to travel veterans that share our philosophy. In this program individual skills, teamwork, and player development are emphasized. The Wolverines will continue to be managed by Head Coach Steve Orcutt.

At this age, our goal is for the player to gain a complete understanding of the game through equal playing time at every field position. We will also continue to draw from pool of goalkeepers, as we balance developing that position with the growth of a complete player. Last year we applied these principles with great success in Tier 1 of Central League. This Fall, the Wolverines will look for a higher level of competition by targeting Inter County Soccer League (ICSL) Division 1 or Division 2.

Notable Achievements

- Finalist, 2017 West Chester Summer Classic, Challenge Division
- Finalist, 2017 YMS Columbus Day Cup, Premier Division
- Central League, Tier 1 season result of 7-0-2

Goals and Expectations for the 2018-19 Season

Individual skill development, playing time at all positions, and fundamentals of play will continue to be aligned with MUSC philosophy and US Soccer guidelines. As we move to 9v9 systems of play, new responsibilities and roles will be as we introduce attacking and defensive midfielders. Establishing a possession based game that builds from the back, creates dynamic combination play, and maintains discipline when playing off the ball are our goals. All players should be involved in scoring, and are expected to master solid defending principles. While challenging for the player, and foregoing a "win at all costs" mentality, we believe that this approach will build long term success.

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 5-7
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>) 2x per month with team coaching staff (TBD) Additional technical training sessions with our professional staff MUSC Summer Camp, 9am – 3pm		June 25-29
Friendlies	4-6 friendlies or scrimmages		May, June, August
<i>We recognize that some players are involved in spring/summer sports, and try to schedule friendlies around availability. The Wolverines plan to avoid events for the month of July.</i>			
Tournaments	West Chester Summer Classic	Malvern, PA	Aug 4-6
	Battle of the Hilltop	Limerick, PA	Aug 24-26
	Al Perlini Memorial Tournament	Warminster, PA	Sept 3
<i>Tournament season starts in early August. It is fun for the boys, builds team chemistry, and provides the opportunity to learn and be challenged. It also requires preparation and training. Please plan your summer vacation accordingly.</i>			

Fall: September – Early December

Training	2x per week (Mon-Fri) with professional training staff 1x per week (TBD) with team coaches or professional trainers until daylight diminishes		
League Games	Inter-County Soccer League	Weekend games, primarily on Saturdays	
Tournaments	MUSC Valley Forge Cup	Collegeville, PA	Oct 6-8

Winter: December – February

Winter Academy	1x per week indoor training with professional training staff • <i>All Sports Center, Upper Providence</i>		Mid Dec – Feb
League Games	YSC Winter League 2 — or — ASC Winter League	Wayne, PA Collegeville, PA	Mid-Jan to Early Mar Jan – Feb (TBD)

Spring: March – June

Team Practice Spring Academy	1x per week in March to prepare for Cup play 2x per week with professional training staff		Late Mar to Late May
EPYSA State Cups Rock League	World Cup Format Tournament through Spring Spring Travel League		Select Weekends, Apr-Jun Primarily Sundays
Tournaments	Marc J. Small Memorial Tournament (3v3)	Heebner Park	June

NOTE: Because we are planning for events more than a year in advance, dates and tournaments are subject to change based on tournament schedules, player availability, or makeup of the team. Additional events may be scheduled based on interest and availability and may require additional assessments to cover costs. These events will NOT be included in Initial Team Activities due at the start of the season. Potential activities include:



Cape Express Beach Blast (5v5)

Wildwood, NJ

June 24-25

Due to roster restrictions, this will on a first come first served basis, with additional costs for overnight stay and participation in a team package purchase.

EDP Winter Classic

Limerick, PA

Dec 1-2

Premier level tournament showcasing EDP teams at the Hilltop Complex.



Expected Financial Commitment

All of our teams at Methacton United value the commitment that our players, parents, and coaches make to our program. In order for families to plan effectively, we provide the following estimate of expenses for the coming year.

Team Expenses	Est. Amount	Roster Siz
Travel Registration Fee	\$ 800	12
Summer/Fall Costs	\$ 320	
Winter Costs	\$ 75	
Spring Costs	\$ 110	
Total Team Assessment	\$ 1,305	

The club is moving to a fee structure for the 2018-19 season that will include year round Academy training by our professional staff. This will help the club and our families better plan for the offseason, in a more cost efficient manner. This option provides continuous opportunity for our year round soccer players, and offers flexibility for our multisport athletes. Attendance at Winter/Spring activities is not mandatory, but we do ask that you have your child attend whenever possible through the off season. This base fee of \$800 also covers maintenance of fields and equipment, as well as miscellaneous administrative costs. MUSC continues to be a largely volunteer run organization.

An additional "team activity" fee covers team specific expenses, such as tournaments, and league costs. An additional Spring assessment may be required to cover additional activities not included in the current plan. If we do choose to add an event, we will do our best to keep you informed of how this may impact final costs and work with you to avoid conflict. It is important to note that many teams offset their tournament expenses by conducting fundraisers at various events throughout the year or by soliciting donations from local businesses.

Please note that the 2018-2019 season also requires the purchase of new uniforms. The minimum required kit is estimated to be no more than \$150. All players will receive a training jersey free of cost with registration.

