



2018 Spring Travel Soccer **'Kick-Start' Program for** **U8 & U7 Boys and Girls**

**Exeter Youth
Soccer Association**



Players that participated in our recreational U8 soccer program this past fall will be transitioning to travel soccer next fall. Over the last few years, EYSA has formalized a program to give U8 & U7 players a taste of travel soccer and/or tournament experience to enhance their development as they move from recreational to travel soccer. We have seen a significant advantage for players who play competitive spring soccer before the fall season.

There are two distinct opportunities under our 'Kick-Start' program:

1) Spring Travel

- This is intended for U8 players and will include formation of EYSA boys and/or girls teams that will play in the Reading Berks Junior Soccer League (RBJSL) spring season.
- Spring travel soccer begins in early March and includes 6 games, ending the first weekend in May [No games scheduled Easter weekend].
- Teams usually practice twice per week with games primarily on Saturday mornings.
- Teams will consist of all U8 players and will play in the lowest division available within the RBJSL spring league. This will most likely include a mix of other U8 teams and less skilled U9 teams.
- Players will need to purchase a travel soccer uniform kit from Sneaker Villa. This is one-time purchase as this is the same uniform they will use for future travel soccer seasons. Cost will be \$74.
- Players will register online at the EYSA website for "Spring Travel" selecting either 2010 Boys or 2010 Girls. The registration cost is \$85.

2) Spring Tournament Teams

- This is intended for U8 and skilled U7 players and will include formation of EYSA boys and/or girls teams that will play in one to two spring soccer tournaments.
- These teams will play in the U8 divisions within these tournaments when available.
- Two tournaments that we often enter teams in are as follows:
 - Quarry Classic (Wyomissing) – this will be on the Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend in early May [no games scheduled on Mother's Day].
 - Berks Classic (Alvernia Sports Complex, Mohnton) – this event, held on a Saturday & Sunday in late May and co-hosted by our club normally plays all girls games on one day and all boys on the other.
- Teams should expect to play a minimum of 3 games during each event.
- Teams will practice 1-2 times per week starting about 3 weeks before these events.
- EYSA and/or the team coaches will register teams for each event and collect payment from each family. The cost is dependent upon the number of players participating but is expected to be < \$20 per player for each event.
- Additional uniform expenses will likely be required, possibly including purchase of the full travel uniform kit as described above.

Note that tournament participation for Spring Travel teams is up to the individual coaches. If a Spring Travel team does not choose to participate, these players will be welcome to join a Spring Tournament team.

Next Steps:

- If your son/daughter is interested in participating in **Spring Travel**:
 - Please register them at the EYSA website [eysasoccer.com/Registration]
 - Select the “Pay by check” option
 - Once we have confirmed that enough players have registered to form a team, you will be contacted by email with instructions for submission of the registration fee and ordering a uniform
- If your son/daughter is interested in participating on a **Spring Tournament Team**:
 - Please email the U7/U8 Youth Coordinator, Tom McAuliffe, at u78_coordinator@eysasoccer.com
 - Please indicate which of the listed event(s) you would like to take part in
 - Once we have formed teams for these events, you will be contacted by email with additional instructions/information
- If your son/daughter is not interested in either of these offerings:
 - Watch for an announcement in early 2018 regarding registration for our Spring Recreational program. As in years past, this will be a developmental program focused on improving fundamental skills. This program is tentatively expected to start in late April/early May of 2018.
 - Have a great spring and summer, and we look forward to you joining us for our Fall 2018 season. Thanks for being a part of our Exeter Youth Soccer Association recreational programs!!