



TORPEDOES SOCCER CLUB

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Message from Our Director of Coaching

A Great Start to the Fall Season!

It has been wonderful to welcome our players and families back to the fields. With nearly 50 teams from U7 through U14, the fall season is off to an exciting start.

One of my favorite parts of the season is walking around the practice fields and seeing players work hard, learn, compete, and improve - all while smiling and enjoying time with their teammates. I hope every player is having fun and making the most of each practice and game.

To our families: thank you for the encouragement you bring to the sidelines. Keep cheering, taking pictures, and enjoying these moments together. They are memories our players will carry with them for years to come.

Communication is an important part of a positive club experience. If you have a question or concern about your child's team, training, or development, please start by speaking with your trainer. You can also meet with me during Director of Coaching Office Hours on Thursday evenings from 5:00-7:00 PM at Pulis Field to ask questions or discuss your family's experience with the club.

I'm looking forward to the games, tournaments, practices, and special moments ahead. Most of all, I'm excited to share another season of learning, friendship, and fun with our players and families.

Thank you for being such an important part of Torpedoes Soccer Club!

Andy Meaney
Director of Coaching
Torpedoes Soccer Club



Achievements

Congratulations to all four teams on winning their tournaments! We're proud of the players and coaches for their hard work and excited to celebrate their success.



U13 Girls Red
Lou Ramos Labor Day Tournament



U12 Girls White
Hackettstown Blast



U12 Boys White
Bridgewater SA Fall Kick-Off



U13 Boys White
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Upcoming Events & Club Updates

There's plenty happening at Torpedoes SC this fall!

Already underway: TOPSoccer, U12-U14 Girls Strength and Conditioning, and Friday Night Open Play / Street Soccer.

TOPSoccer

Our TOPSoccer program offers soccer clinics for children with intellectual, emotional, and physical disabilities. The clinics give players a welcoming, supportive place to learn new skills, play with others, and enjoy the game at their own pace. We're excited to have TOPSoccer underway this fall.

Friday Night Open Play / Street Soccer

We're excited to introduce a new Friday Night Open Play / Street Soccer program for our players. Each Friday night, we'll provide one hour of small-sided games designed around one simple idea: let the kids play.

A Winning Start to Our MLS NEXT Season

Our inaugural MLS NEXT season opened on September 20 with victories over Real FA for both U13 Boys (2-1) and U14 Boys (3-0). Congratulations to the players and coaches!

Coming Up

Columbus Day weekend: EDP Cup and Parsippany tournaments

November 5-6: Torpedoes Teachers Convention Camp

Winter Skills: Schedule coming soon

Director of Coaching Office Hours

Andy Meaney is available Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 PM to answer questions and discuss your family's experience during the season. Please schedule a meeting using the club's office hours link.



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Club Reminders

Pulis Field Parking Lot Drop-Off & Pickup Procedures

When dropping your children off at Pulis Field, please park in the main field parking lot at the end of Spring Meadow Road. If you are not comfortable having them walk to the gate on their own, please walk with them.

For safety and to follow parking and YMCA rules, please do not drop off or pick up players in these areas:

- Along the fence in the Pulis parking lot. Parking there is illegal, blocks the sight lines of drivers exiting the lot, and has led to several near misses.
- The DPW access road between the field and the railroad tracks.
- The YMCA parking lot adjacent to the building.
- Charles Avenue between the field and the YMCA.

Game Day Reminders

Please continue to be our teams' and players' biggest cheerleaders and supporters on game day. Encourage, support, and stay positive throughout the game, and most importantly, enjoy watching your child and their teammates play.

Please refrain from coaching from the sidelines. This includes telling players to "shoot," "pass," "move up," "get back," or directing them where to be on the field.

Our coaches are there to teach and guide the players. Parents can have the most positive impact by encouraging their children, celebrating their effort, and supporting the entire team.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment for everyone in the Torpedoes community!



Coach Spotlight: Argjent Duka



Argjent has been involved in soccer for most of his life, both as a player and a coach. He began coaching in 2006 and has been with Torpedoes SC since 2014, working with players across a variety of age groups and levels. Throughout his coaching career, Argjent has also worked with programs including World Class, Ridgewood Maroons, Riverdell Blackhawks, Tenafly, and other select programs.

As a youth player, Argjent played for NJ Celtic and World Class, as well as New Jersey ODP state and regional teams, while also playing for his local Montville High School team. After high school, he continued his playing career at Morris Community College and Montclair University. He also played semi-professionally for various teams, including Icon FC. In the 2013 U.S. Open Cup, Argjent scored four goals and finished tied for third among all players in the competition.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Montville since the age of 10, Argjent is proud of his Albanian heritage and remains in the Montville community, where he lives with his wife and their three children.



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Five Questions with Argjent

How many years have you been coaching?

I've been coaching since August 2006, so this is my 20th year.

What is your favorite part of coaching?

Practices and working with the players. I really enjoy being on the practice field and helping players improve.

What is your coaching philosophy?

I coach the younger age groups, so at those ages, I would say a focus on individual player development is important. I want players to develop technically and mentally while becoming creative and confident on the field. My goal is to help players develop a wide range of tools and skills so they can play more comfortably, adapt to different coaches and styles of play, and contribute to building whatever kind of team the coach envisions.

What is your best soccer memory, either playing or coaching?

I've had so many great memories. However, as a coach, continuously getting to witness what a group of local kids can go on to accomplish through hard work and enjoying the game is something special. Watching them grow together, believe in one another, and achieve things you never knew would be possible is simply amazing. And honestly, it's something I never expected when I first started coaching.

What is your best piece of advice for a youth player and their parent?

Long-term development is key rather than short-term results. If a player develops a love for the game, they're going to have a much better chance of reaching their potential. So be patient and try to enjoy the roller coaster of a ride because it goes by too quickly. There will be good days, bad days and plenty of challenges. Enjoy watching your child grow. The memories and relationships you make along the way are what matter most.



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