

# The Torpedoes Board welcomes you to the 2022-2023 Soccer Season Tryouts

# **Torpedoes Goals**

Our goal is to provide players with an environment in which they can improve their soccer skills, encourage a love of the game and most importantly to have fun.

#### Tryout Procedure

- If your child cannot attend the tryout session, advise one of your coaches so they know they are interested in playing next season. New players to the club should contact the Director Of Coaching to arrange to join an age-appropriate training session in leu of the tryout session.
- There is no guaranteed spot on any team from year to year. Players are placed on a team and bound to that team for the duration of the 2022-2023 soccer season.
- Independent trainers run tryouts and make assessments.
- Considerations include athletic ability, speed and coordination, soccer aptitude, field awareness, attitude, and other considerations.
- The Torpedoes Board makes final determinations on rosters proposed by the trainers.
- Tryout results will be emailed to players after tryouts. We ask parents/players to accept/decline the position within 72 hours.

### **Facilities**

We are proud of our excellent facilities, which include:

- <u>Pulis Turf Field (Wyckoff)</u> Fully lighted turf facility featuring two full sided fields that can accommodate up to four small-sided games.
- <u>Memorial Turf Field (Wyckoff)</u> Opened in Fall of 2020 a multi-use athletic complex.
- <u>The Cage (Wyckoff)</u> Opened in Fall of 2011, the Soccer Court is a fenced in turf field located at Memorial field in Wyckoff and is used all year long.
- <u>Outdoor Fields</u> Currently Torpedoes teams have access to eight natural grass fields and an additional lighted full sized turf field.

# <u>Training</u>

Players are expected to attend two sessions per week during the Fall and Spring seasons. Training will also be held during the winter (we understand conflicts with other sports is a possibility). EDP teams train three times per week and attend additional tournaments at an additional cost to players.

#### <u>Games</u>

Boys generally play on Saturdays in Fall and Sundays in Spring. Girls generally play on Sundays in the fall and spring (depending on team competition).

#### **Tournaments**

Teams attend two to three tournaments per year. Typical tournament weekends are Labor Day (or the weekend before), Columbus Day, and Memorial Day Weekend. U7 and U8 teams are exempted from mandatory participation in tournaments. Additionally, many age groups form teams that play in summer tournaments. Some teams may attend additional tournaments at an additional cost to players.

#### **Structure of Teams**

- U7 Run in clinic format. Emphasis on 3v3 games.
- U8 Up to three teams of 12 players. Players will be grouped by ability, red, white, and black. Red being most developed. These teams will play 4v4 format.
- **U9 & U10 -** Up to four teams of 12 players (maximum 14). Players will be grouped by ability, red, white, and black. Red being most developed. These teams play on an 7v7 small-sided field.
- U11 & U12 Up to three teams of 12 players (maximum 14). Players will be grouped by ability, red, white, and black. Red being most developed. These teams play on an 9v9 smallsided field.
- Full-sided (U13 U15) Generally a maximum of two teams are formed with 16 to 18 players rostered on each team. We carry an "A Team" (Red team) and a "B Team" (White team). These teams play 11v11 on a full-sized field.

#### **Conflicting Sports Policy**

Players are expected to attend every scheduled Torpedoes practice and game. If a player misses a practice or game due to a conflict with another sport during the fall season, the coach may reduce the player's game time. Excessive absence may result in a player's expulsion from the Torpedoes. The Torpedoes do not have a rule barring a player from playing soccer and another sport in the fall, but the club strongly suggests that the parents give a great deal of thought to whether playing multiple sports in the fall is a good idea for their child, particularly in the light of the commitment necessary to be a Torpedoes player.

# **Coaches/Trainers**

All teams (U7-U15) are professionally instructed by paid trainers for practices and games.

Each team has at least one volunteer parent coach approved by the board and required to have a clubapproved coaching certification. They assist the trainer on the field, communicate with parents, and organize team schedule.

All Torpedoes trainers are independent and are vetted and overseen by Director of Coaching Andy Meaney. They are required to continue their growth as trainers through coaching courses and workshops. In addition, Torpedoes offers separate weekly training for goalkeepers.

#### Club Registration and Dual-Carding

The Torpedoes must be a player's primary soccer club commitment. Any player considering playing for another club must consult the Torpedoes policy on dual carding.

#### Estimated Fees

**Club Registration Fee** – covers all fixed costs including fields (rentals/maintenance), insurance, referees, passes, registrar, DOC.

J8 to U14	\$599
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#### Uniform

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**Team Fees** – Varies by team are in addition to club registration fee. Covers team costs including trainer fees, tournament fees and other variable team costs.

Small Sided	\$500 to \$1500

Full Sided	\$600 to \$1500
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Max Field Usage Fee - \$75 per player/per season if team practices more than 2x a week and \$75 per player/per season if team plays in more than 1 league.

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