

Overall Club Charter

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North Hunterdon Soccer Club (“NHSC”) is dedicated to developing, promoting, governing, and providing competitive soccer for children and young adults within the greater Hunterdon County, New Jersey area. NHSC offers the opportunity to learn good sportsmanship, fair play and competitive spirit while playing and learning the game of soccer in a fun and challenging environment.

Our philosophy is to:

- Provide players of all ages and abilities with an equal opportunity to develop their skills and enjoyment of soccer
- Provide age specific training and appropriate strength of competition
- Provide an environment focused on the development of players
- Provide an environment where multiple teams exist at age group the club philosophy is to group players with like ability wherever possible
- Develop technical skills, tactical awareness, teamwork and sportsmanship
- Provide qualified coaches who will create opportunities for growth in a positive, competitive and challenging environment
- Provide appropriate facilities for training and games

We’re currently launching initiatives to:

- Further **develop the NHSC foundation** as a first-class organization that leverages the capabilities of all of its players, coaches, referees and other volunteers to continually progress to achieve its goals within its overall club vision
- Continue **professional development and education** for parent coaches
- Develop **educational standards** for all professional trainers
- Enhance **strategic partnerships** with area college coaches
- Enhance **strategic partnerships** with local recreational programs
- Enhance **strategic partnerships** with area high school coaches

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We offer the following programs:

- Junior Kickers Program for 6 and 7 year old boys and girls
- Travel soccer, divided by age group, offering competitive soccer in leagues U-8 through U-19
- Boys and Girls Premier Teams (U15-U19)
- Player development programs and clinics run by professional trainers in addition to team training

We have expectations of commitment: Playing on a NHSC travel team requires a year-long commitment by the player and the family. Training begins in August. Fall league play typically involves 10 games (5 home and 5 away) and runs from September through November. Spring league play also typically involves 10 games and runs from March through early June. More competitive teams may enter more tournaments, state cup, etc based on the goals of the team and agreed to by parents, coaches and the club.

NHSC utilizes professional trainers for all travel teams. The NHSC training staff is employed by the Club and assigned to teams. The parent manager/coach assures good communication between the club, team members and training staff.

The club has established structures to deal with situations to accommodate issues: In order to deal with issues that arise over the course of the year.

- **The Administrative Committee** handles administrative issues including finance, rosters and registration, uniforms, equipment, and others. The committee includes the club president, club treasurer, club webmaster, and others as required by the specific issues.
- **The Technical Committee** handles issues related to soccer, training, try-outs, strategy, team and player development. The committee includes the club president, director of training, director of boys' soccer, director of girls' soccer, and others as required by specific issues.
- **The Tryout Committee** determines approach, communicates appropriately, organizes try-out, and determines placement on teams. The committee is composed of club president, manager of player development, director of boys' soccer, director of girls' soccer, director of premier soccer (three points of reference).

Issues are managed as well as possible to balance desire for transparency with desire to keep privacy considerations for individuals involved in issues, and general limits of volunteer time.

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We follow a general team structure:

- Professional Trainer - two training sessions per week (provided and selected by club, sessions are age appropriate in curriculum)
- Parent Coach/Manager for game day – required to have “F” certificate and attend other club held coaching clinics (some teams may choose to have a trainer as the game day coach)
- Parent Coach/Manager for game day –and attend other club held coaching clinics (Premier, MAPs, JAG teams require to have “D” license). Some teams may choose to have a trainer as the game day coach).
- Parent Coach/Manager - will facilitate the team registration as well as communication with opponents regarding times, locations and field directions
- Tournaments – One tournament fee paid by the club

Expectations of NHSC coaches: The Board of the Directors of your club has the responsibility to administer the By-Laws, develop policies and procedures, and conduct the on-going business of the NHSC in the best interest of its membership, particularly the children. In order to carry out these responsibilities; the Board has the following expectation of its coaches:

- Coaches serve the Club and the Board of Directors and can be removed or replaced at anytime during their tenure. Coaches must formerly apply each year for their position
- Manage his or her assigned team including players and parents
- Ensure that SAGE is supported and that team has identified representative that attends appropriate SAGE training and acts as representative
- Be responsible for the conduct of the team at games, practices, tournaments and all team activities
- Be the conduit between the Board and the team in terms of information flow
- Participate in the various skill training and development programs.
- Provide players opportunity to experience different aspects of the game and positions of play
- Take responsibility for creating an environment which shows respect for officials and higher authority
- Work hard to send the kids the message of sportsmanship. Win with modesty and lose with grace. Do not define your team’s success in the win/ loss column
- Make the parents a part of the team. Players, coaches and parents have roles which the coach must take the time to define
- Respect your opponent even if they are not worthy. Remember the children are listening

2009 - 10 Fall/Spring Player Registration:

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Fees: U8 – U10 \$575 (\$300 paid by July 1, \$275 paid by January 15), U11 – U14 \$650 (\$350 paid by July 1, \$300 paid by January 15). Fees are subject to 15% delinquency for payment beyond due date.

Items included in fees: (Training - 2 x per week with professional trainer, League registration fees, Referee fees, 1 Tournament allowance (\$500/ team/year), all field usage fees, Team equipment - balls, flags. Etc., Indoor winter training - 6 weeks (3 foot skills with trainer), Goalkeeper training sessions through season, Training Shirt (1 per player per year)

Uniforms: Uniforms must be purchased approximately once every 3 years and typically cost approximately \$100 for 2 shirts & 2 shorts (home/away) socks

More competitive teams may have additional costs based on trainers as game day coaches, additional winter training, tournaments, state cup, etc. based on the goals of the team.

The North Hunterdon Soccer Club is a not-for-profit corporation organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and as a non-profit corporation qualifying under Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated. The club was founded in 1978 and is run by a Board of Directors.

Current Board of Directors: Karl Reed, President; Warren Searles, Director of Player Development; Rich Wolf, Director of Boys Soccer; Jens Duerr, Director of Girls Soccer; Tom Hoban, Director of Finance; Pete Ashe, Director, Premier Soccer Programs and Director, Community Relations; Vinette Klisch, Director, Communication and website; Pete Marra, Club Attorney; Chip Kalfaian, Director, Fields and Equipment; John Zieniuk, Director, Youth Protection and Sportsmanship; Mark Deeming, Secretary; Linda Walling, Registrar; Colleen Duerr, Website Manager