



2004 U16 Boys: Blue Demons Premier

2019-20 Team Plan

The Blue Demons will continue with a Premier designation in the 2004 (U16) age group for the 2019-20 and will continue to be led by Head Coach Sal Carbone, Assistant Coach Vinnie Carbone and Team Manager Jen Halfpenny.

Goals and Expectations for the 2019-20 Season

Last year's squad played in the EDP league during the Fall and Spring Seasons. Over the coming year, the Blue Demons will look to continue their exponential growth and pursue the highest levels of competition. The Blue Demons will look to EDP for league play, and will focus on highly competitive tournaments.

Player development will emphasize player movement/rotation and quick ball movement within a possession-based game. Reducing touches while under pressure from opposition, switching the field appropriately, and building smartly and patiently from the back, will be primary areas of in-possession focus. Out-of-possession focus will be on maintaining sound defensive shape while aggressively pressing the opposition.

From the standpoint of the individual, our expectation is that each boy on the Blue Demons will be in proper condition to play competitive soccer. Proper conditioning is something that each boy needs to attend to on their own, as we will not be using valuable training time to get the boys in "shape".

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 Premier travel team requires a higher level of commitment from both the player and their parents. All players are required to prioritize soccer over other activities in order to participate in the following events:

Event	Dates (tentative)
May/June Tournament	Dates TBD
July Tournament	Dates TBD
August Tournament	Aug 2 – 4 (tentative)
November/December Tournament	Dates TBD
Spring Tournament	Mar 2020
State/President's Cup	Mar-Apr 2020
Spring League	Mar-May 2020

Anticipated Playing Calendar

Summer: May 6 – August 4

Training	2x per week with professional team training staff		
Friendlies	TBD		June – July
<p><i>Summer friendlies are an important part of individual <u>and</u> team development and growth, and help prepare us put our best foot forward at forthcoming tournaments and the league slate.</i></p> <p><i>We recognize that some players are involved in spring/summer sports. If a player cannot participate in some friendlies due to conflicts, it is understandable and will not be held against him.</i></p>			
Tournaments	TBD TBD West Chester Summer Classic	TBD TBD West Chester, PA	Memorial Day/Early June June/July Aug 2-4, 2019

Fall: September – October 18

Training	No Team Training due to High School soccer commitments		
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Late Fall/Winter: October 21 – February

Training	2x per week outdoor (through December tournament) 1x per week indoor Futsal training with team training staff 1x per week indoor turf training with team training staff		Nov – Dec Dec – Feb Dec – Feb
League Games	YSC Winter League 2	Wayne, PA	Mid-Jan to Mid-Mar
Tournaments	November/December tournament	TBD	Nov

Spring: March – May

Training	2x per week with team training staff		March – May
League Games	EDP Spring League		Mar – May
Tournaments	March tournament EPYSA State Cups (select weekends only)	TBD	Mar Mar-May

NOTE: Because we are planning for events several months in advance, dates and tournaments may be changed based on tournament schedules, player availability, or a change in the level of play of the team. Further, our expected training nights will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional sessions scheduled as needed. These too are subject to change.



Expected Financial Commitment

All of our teams at Methacton United value the commitment that our players, parents, and coaches make to our program. As such we do our best to project full year costs at the outset of the “season”. Currently we estimate that the fully loaded cost per player – including training, games and tournaments outlined above – will be between \$1,800 and \$2,200 depending on the number of players rostered (estimates assume between 14 and 18 players). You will have the option of paying the initial estimated cost all at once, or over several installments once you accept a roster spot for your son. We also anticipate a “true up” assessment in March of 2020 should the estimate be low and we are short on funds, or high and we have an excessive surplus (which means money will be returned).

