



Penn Fusion **Soccer Academy**

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Informational Sessions

For Members of West Chester United SC & Spirit United Soccer Club

Rustin High School Auditorium
Thursday, April 2, 2009
7:30pm

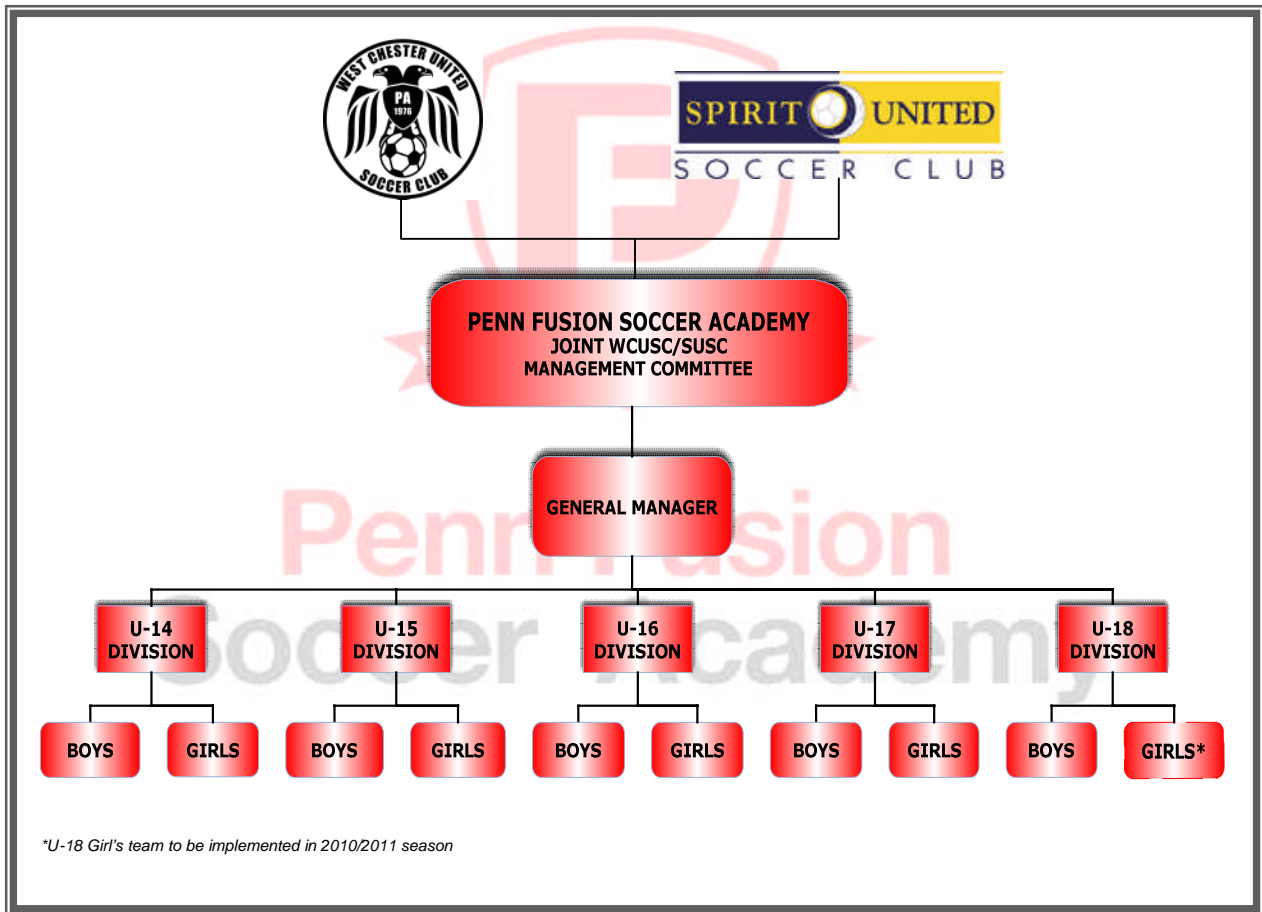
United Sports Training Center
Sunday, April 5, 2009
7:00pm



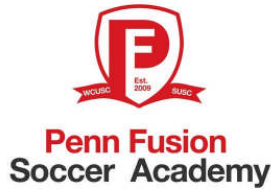
Introduction—Penn Fusion Soccer Academy

Penn Fusion Soccer Academy will be located in southeastern Pennsylvania, and will be comprised of boys and girls teams from the U-14 to U-18 age groups. Penn Fusion Soccer Academy will provide a professional environment for elite players to develop their skills and compete in the highest levels of soccer currently available, both regionally and nationally. The primary goal of the Academy will be the development of the youth player with an emphasis on extensive training time and participation in competitive matches.

The Academy Structure—



Information pertaining to the Penn Fusion Soccer Academy can be found on the following pages. The information is presented as bullet points and reflects a summary compilation of the inquiries forwarded by the members of WCUSC and SUSC. The actual questions have been omitted to save space and to limit the number of pages to be reproduced.



Age Divisions

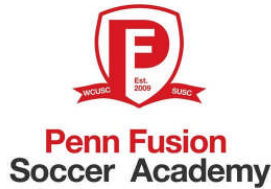
- The Penn Fusion Soccer Academy will consist of five (5) age divisions—U-14 through U-18 (boys and girls)
- Age divisions will be determined by seasonal calendar—August 1st through July 31st (i.e., players with birthdates from August 1, 1995 to July 31, 1996 and later will be eligible for the U-14 divisional teams).

Tryouts

- Tryouts for the Penn Fusion Soccer Academy will be by invitation. All current WCUSC/SUSC Premier teams (players) are encouraged to tryout. Other current WCUSC/SUSC players will be invited to try out based on the recommendation of their respective club's Director(s) of Coaching (D.O.C.).
- Tryouts will be open to players outside of the current WCUSC and SUSC organizations, but all outside players will be required to pre-register with the Academy and submit an application for review by the Academy General Manager and/or a designated representative (individual or committee) of the General Manager.
- The Penn Fusion tryout schedule is being finalized. The U-14 age division will be the first group to tryout with two tentative dates scheduled in mid-May. The U-15 to U-18 tryouts will be held in late May/early June.
- Tryouts for the Penn Fusion Academy will be held **prior** to the WCUSC and SUSC tryouts for the respective age divisions. Players at all levels are encouraged to tryout for their respective club's travel teams.
- Determination of player placement on a Penn Fusion Academy team will be made by the General Manager with input from the tryout evaluators, the respective Academy coaches and the D.O.C.s of WCUSC and SUSC.
- Current WCUSC and SUSC team coaches may have input regarding the players seeking positions with the Penn Fusion teams.
 - Candidates who wish to limit the input of their current coach are advised to discuss any issues with the respective club's Director of Coaching prior to tryout
- No player will be penalized for refusing a roster position with a Penn Fusion team; electing to stay with their current club team, as selected following tryouts.

Academy Structure (Protocol/Policies/Procedures)—

- The Penn Fusion Soccer Academy will be affiliated with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA).
- Depending upon the division, Penn Fusion teams will be playing at regional and national levels with respect to leagues and tournaments.
- Roster size for any Penn Fusion team will not exceed 18 players.
- The Academy will be a separate program and will wear the colors and the uniform kit selected by the Penn Fusion management committee. Negotiations with respect to the uniform are still in progress and will be finalized shortly.
- Once rostered, Penn Fusion players will not be dropped from a team during the seasonal year (unless it is mutually determined that it would be in the best interest of the player to do so) .
- Penn Fusion Soccer Academy coaches will generally be assigned to a team for a 2 to 3 year term.
- It will be the policy of the Academy to promote from within the player pool of the WCUSC and SUSC organizations when roster positions become available on a Penn Fusion team, where the skill level and commitment of a player are in-line with the needs of the team.



Training Time and Commitment—

- Depending upon the age division all Penn Fusion teams will train 2 to 3 times per week within their season (i.e., the U-14 division will begin training in June and should expect to train 2 to 3 times per week. U-15 to U-18 teams will begin their training year at a later date as determined by the respective team coaches, but should expect to train 2 to 3 times per week within that designated season).
- Training sessions and schedules will be determined by the team's season, tournaments, events, etc.
- Penn Fusion teams will practice at both WCUSC facilities and SUSC facilities.
- Penn Fusion players are expected to make soccer and their commitment to the team the priority with respect to other extracurricular sports and activities, as dictated by their team season and schedule.
- Tournaments and other event schedules for the Penn Fusion teams are being reviewed and will be finalized at a later date.

High School Soccer and Other Sports—

- For divisions U-15 through U-18 the Penn Fusion training schedule will be adjusted to allow for participation in high school soccer. Priority, however, will be given to the Penn Fusion team by the player when in season (i.e., for the U-15 and older teams beginning their leagues in November the expectation will be that players will dedicate their time and priorities to the training and game/event schedule of Penn Fusion over other extracurricular activities, including other sports).

Academy Coaches and Staff—

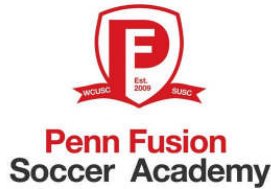
- Coaching assignments for the Academy have been finalized and will be posted on the Penn Fusion website (www.pennfusion.org).
- Profiles for all Penn Fusion coaches will be posted on the Penn Fusion website

Expenses/Costs—

- Player fees and other team expenses are being reviewed at this time. Expenses will be dependent upon the division and the training and events scheduled for that division/team.

Benefits for West Chester United SC and Spirit United Soccer Club Teams/Players—

- The current team structure at the affiliated clubs (WCUSC/SUSC) will remain intact.
- The premier level teams at the respective clubs will continue to play at the premier state level.
- There will be a high level/frequency of interaction between the respective club coaches and staff and the Penn Fusion coaches and staff. This interaction will take place throughout the season and will include joint meetings and coaching workshops/education sessions.
- Training opportunities will be made available to WCUSC/SUSC players designated by their club D.O.C and/or the Penn Fusion coaches with the Penn Fusion teams.
- Guest playing opportunities will also be made available for players within the respective WCUSC and SUSC teams with Penn Fusion., as those opportunities arise.
- Penn Fusion coaches and trainers will conduct player workshops and lead training sessions for travel teams within WCUSC and SUSC travel programs.



Sample* Overview of Penn Fusion Divisional Schedules and Events—

U-14 Division (Boys and Girls)

- Training sessions to begin in June 2009
- League play: Teams will be participating in MAPS and Region 1 leagues
- Tournaments may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - West Chester Summer Classic
 - Spirit United Kick-Off
 - WAGS
 - YMS
 - Bethesda
 - Jefferson Cup
 - PDA
 - FC Delco Player's Cup
 - Nike Cup

U-15 through U-18 Divisions (Boys and Girls)

- Training sessions to begin in the late fall and/or as determined by the coaching staff (with consideration given to high school programs)
- League play: Region 1 League and National League (as determined by the coaching staff)
- Tournaments may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - WAGS
 - Bethesda
 - Raleigh
 - Disney
 - Jefferson Cup
 - Potomac

**This is a sample representation of schedules, leagues and events. Final schedules will be determined following coaches planning session.*