



Parents and Coaches,

Spirit United Soccer Club (SUSC) is proud to announce that we have signed an agreement with East Brandywine Youth Association (EBYA) to merge our Developmental League with their Recreation League. This is exciting news and we wanted to share it with you. We are confident that the program will have approximately 600+ participants this spring. The playing experience will be more enjoyable for everyone because the participants will play against many different teams and players.

We are pleased that our professional trainers will have a much larger player pool to work with during the spring and fall seasons, as well as during the winter, with our U6 and U8 Academy/Player Development Program. This will enable us to promote the SUSC Travel Program to a larger number of players who would like to participate in travel soccer and continue to give professional training to the players who are happy to compete at the recreational level. Our goal is to provide professional training for all of the children.

The SUSC Travel Program begins at U9 when a child is eight years old. Here is a list of the important changes that will take place and that everyone needs to be aware of:

- SUSC will no longer run a Developmental League.
- SUSC will promote and assist the EBYA Recreational League in any way to ensure the league and training continues to run in a positive manner.
- All registrations will go through the EBYA Recreational league website ~ www.ebya.org.
- I've attached the online registration link for your convenience. <http://www.sportssignup.com/East-Brandywine-Youth-Athletics-Online-Registration.start>.
- All Recreational League games will be played at the EBYA fields off of Route 322. The address and directions can be found on EBYA website.
- EBYA Recreational League Director, Bob Karpovich,, will be responsible for assigning players to teams, getting uniforms/shirts to players, and setting up the game schedule.
- SUSC will be responsible for running the mid-week training sessions just as we have done for the Developmental League in the past. The players will continue to receive the professional training throughout the spring and fall seasons as well as the training from their assigned parent coach. We encourage our Developmental League coaches to once again step up and coach their son or daughter's team when possible.
- SUSC will be responsible for setting up additional winter indoor training, such as the U6 and U8 Academy/Player Development, for players that want to continue to train with the SUSC professional coaches and improve their game during the off season.
- SUSC will constantly watch league games and monitor player development and communicate to all participants regarding the SUSC try-out dates and times.

We encourage everyone to register for the spring EBYA Recreational League. Registration is now open. We are confident that this will be a great partnership between the two organizations and a more positive experience for all players involved.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: sean@spiritunited.org.

Thanks,
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