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Glenview Soccer Club
FC-1Academy

Implementation of
US Soccer Federation
Development Initiatives

Agenda

- GSC and FC-1 Program Overview
- US Soccer Federation Developmental Initiatives
- GSC's Plan for Implementing US Soccer Initiatives
- FC-1's Plan for Implementing US Soccer Initiatives
- Questions and Answers

About Our Club

- Founded in 1980, we are one of the oldest competitive travel soccer organizations on the North Shore
- We are organized as Glenview Youth Soccer Association, a not-for-profit club, with an all-volunteer board of directors
- We operate Glenview Soccer Club for U8-U11 players and FC-1 Academy for U12-U19 players from Glenview, Northbrook, Wilmette and surrounding communities

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a community-based, competitive soccer program that emphasizes excellence through the development of individual skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a constructive environment.

Our goal is to provide the technical foundation and development opportunities for our players to achieve the highest level of competition they aspire to reach.

Program Highlights

- **GSC and FC-1 Programs currently serve over 700 players across 48 teams**
  - Multiple teams at nearly every age group, with record high numbers of boys and girls HS Teams
  - Healthy representation from Northbrook, Wilmette and surrounding communities
- **Access Top Notch Facilities**
  - Fall and Spring practice/game locations in Glenview and Northbrook at West Park (grass fields), Techny (turf fields) and Athletico Center (turf fields)
  - Winter practice/games at Athletico and HP Dome
- **New Lights**
  - Agreement in place with Glenview Park District to install additional field lights at West Park, targeted for completion this fall

Program Highlights

- **Player Development / Success on the Field**
  - Added new coaches with excellent qualifications to our existing staff
  - Increased emphasis on goal keeper training and development
  - Added “homework” sessions to encourage extra touches during winter training
  - FC-1 teams played in higher level leagues, including MRL and State Premiership
  - U15 Girls Elite Team was a State Cup semi-finalist last Fall
- **Building new Relationships**
  - Strong affiliation with Wilmette Wings at FC-1 HS Level
  - New affiliation with Little Legends at GSC Level

Your Community Club

US SOCCER FEDERATION (USSF) PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- US Soccer Player Development Initiatives are being introduced and adopted by all USSF member states and leagues within the US
- The Initiatives where developed by US Soccer Technical Staff
- The Initiatives are meant to help promote and develop players with more individual skill, intelligence, creativity and confidence
- The new player development initiatives are being adopted by IYSA (Illinois Youth Soccer Association) beginning in the fall of 2016
- The leagues our teams play in, including YSSL, IWSL NISL and MRL, will be implementing the new standards for the fall of 2016

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ONE TEAM.

Key USSF Development Initiatives

The two key initiatives being introduced:

- Birth (Calendar) Year Team Formation
- Small Sided Game Standards

Calendar Year Team Formation

- Currently teams are created based on school year age groups from August 1st through July 31st
  - For example, current U8 teams are formed with players born Aug 1st, 2007 through July 31st, 2008 (second graders)
  - Current U18 teams are formed with players born August 1st, 1997 through July 31st, 1998 (seniors)
- Next year's calendar year teams will be created based on birth year age groups from Jan 1st through Dec 31st
  - Beginning in Fall 2016, U9 teams will be 2008 teams formed with players born Jan 1st, 2008 through Dec 31st, 2008
  - This year's younger U8 players born Jan 1st, 2008 through July 31st, 2008 will join new club players born Aug 1st, 2008 through Dec 31st, 2008 at the new birth year 2008 (U9) age group
  - This year's older U8 players born Aug 1st, 2007 through Dec 31st, 2007 will join current U9 players born Jan 1st, 2007 though July 31st, 2007 to form teams at the new birth year 2007 (U10) age group

USSF Calendar Year Age Groups

Age Group	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Season														
2016-17	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
2017-18	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
2018-19	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
2019-20	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
2020-21	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2021-22	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
2022-23	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
2023-24	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
2024-25	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006

How Will This Impact GSC Teams

- Beginning with the upcoming Fall 2016 season, GSC will be moving to calendar year based age groups for all players.
- Teams will be formed based on the year your child was born. For example, players born during calendar year 2008 will be attending tryouts for next year's 2008 teams. Under the new rules, those born in 2008 are in the age group U9 as they are "Under 9" as of Jan 1st.

Next Year's Age Group Grid for our Younger Players

Player's Current Soccer Age Group (2015-2016)	Player's Birthday	US Soccer Age Groups Players Grouped by Birth Year (2016-2017)	FC-1 and GSC Age Groups for Tryouts & Next Year's Teams (2016-2017)	
U12	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2003	2003	U14 (2003)	FC-1
U12	Jan 1 - July 31, 2004	2004	U13 (2004)	FC-1
U11	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2004	2004		
U11	Jan 1 - July 31, 2005	2005	U12 (2005)	FC-1
U10	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2005	2005		
U10	Jan 1 - July 31, 2006	2006	U11 (2006)	GSC
U9	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2006	2006		
U9	Jan 1 - July 31, 2007	2007	U10 (2007)	GSC
U8	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2007	2007		
U8	Jan 1 - July 31, 2008	2008	U9 (2008)	GSC
U7	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2008	2008		
U7	Jan 1 - July 31, 2009	2009	U8 (2009)	GSC
U6	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2009	2009		
U6	Jan 1 - July 31, 2010	2010		

switch to calendar year

Why is GSC Making the Transition Now

- To begin the process of transitioning our organization to into full compliance with all USSF initiatives
- To move forward in competitive alignment with other youth programs in our area
- We believe at the youth level it is important for kids to play with others of the same age for their own development, safety and confidence

Impact on Future FC-1 Teams

Beginning with tryouts and the upcoming Fall 2016 season, FC-1 will be phasing in the transition to calendar year age groups

Younger FC-1 Age Groups will make the Transition Next Year

- Current and incoming U12 age groups will move to calendar year team formation
  - Current U10 & U11 players with 2005 birthdays will be attending tryouts for next year's FC-1 U12 (2005) age group
  - Current U11 & U12 players with 2004 birthdays will be attending tryouts for next year's FC-1 U13 (2004) age group
  - Current U12 players with 2003 birthdays will be attending tryouts for next year's FC-1 U14 school age group
- FC-1's U12 (2005) teams will play 9v9
- FC-1's U13 (2004) and older teams will play 11v11

Older Age Groups will continue with School Year Age Team Formation

FC-1 will retain a school year age group registration system for our current U13-U18 age groups.

These school year teams will have to play at the calendar age group of the oldest player on the team (the year they were born). The leagues and tournaments we play in will follow the USSF calendar year mandate in 2016-17.

FC-1 School Year Age Teams Will Play in Leagues Using Calendar Year Age Groups

For example, our current U14 players have birthdays in 2001 and 2002, but will all attend tryouts for next year's U16 (2001) age group.

- This year's older U14 players *(birthdays between Aug 1st to Dec 31st, 2001)* will fall into the U16 (2001) age group under USSF's new age groupings next year.
- To keep the school age groups, this year's younger U14 players *(birthdays between Jan 1st to July 31st, 2002)* will play "up" a year at U16 (2001) with their school age classmates next year.
- If an opposing team follows calendar year age groups, our youngest U14 players born in July 2002 may be playing against players born in Jan 2001 in the 2016-17 season.

Next Year's FC-1 Age Group Grid

Player's Current Soccer Age Group (2015-2016)	Player's Birthday		US Soccer Age Groups Players Grouped by Birth Year (2016-2017)	FC-1 and GSC Age Groups for Tryouts & Next Year's Teams (2016-2017)	
U17 - U18	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 1998		1998	U19 (will play 1998)	FC-1
U17 - U18	Jan 1 - July 31, 1999		1999		
U16	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 1999		1999	U18-U19 (will play 1999)	FC-1
U16	Jan 1 - July 31, 2000		2000		
U15	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2000		2000	U17 (will play 2000)	FC-1
U15	Jan 1 - July 31, 2001		2001		
U14	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2001		2001	U16 (will play 2001)	FC-1
U14	Jan 1 - July 31, 2002		2002		
U13	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2002	remain school year	2002	U15 (will play 2002)	FC-1
U13	Jan 1 - July 31, 2003		2003		
U12	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2003	switch to calendar year	2003	U14 (2003)	FC-1
U12	Jan 1 - July 31, 2004		2004	U13 (2004)	FC-1
U11	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2004		2004		
U11	Jan 1 - July 31, 2005		2005	U12 (2005)	FC-1
U10	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2005		2005		

Why Phase in the Transition?

- After a year of significant change at the FC-1 level, we believe that most of our players will benefit from the stability of retaining our current school year age groupings
  - Players at many age groups have been together for years
  - Other age groups are just getting to know this year's teammates

How Does this Effect the Current U12 Age Group?

- We recognize this decision results in a smaller player pool for our current U12 players with Aug 1 to Dec 31, 2003 birthdays, but we have enough players in the system for our players to have a team, with a little flexibility in next year's team formation.
- A variety of factors, including the number of players and the player composition of our current age groups, were considered before reaching the decision to begin the club's transition with the U12 age group.
- An important motivation was to align with US Soccer within a reasonable time frame.

GSC/FC-1 Transition Management

- Calendar Year training session during this Spring season will allow the players and coaches to get acclimated with upcoming changes to teams
- Tryout registration for next year's U8-U14 teams will be based on USSF Birth Year Age Groups and players will be expected to tryout within their Birth Year
- GSC's Director of Coaching, Albert Gudmundsson, and FC-1's Director of Coaching, Issac Moushi, will host Calendar Year Age Group meetings throughout the Spring to help answer any additional questions

Our Resources to Manage The Transition

- Professional Coaching Staff
  - Two full-time decided Directors of Coaching
  - Accredited coaching staff holding multiple state and national license levels
- Over 700 players currently within the GSC and FC-1 system
  - We have strong numbers throughout the full competitive spectrum at all age levels
  - We continue to have a strong affiliation with Wilmette Wings, who have over 400 players within their club
  - We have developed a new affiliation with Little Legends to be a feeder program for our Glenview Soccer Club program
- Over 30 years worth of volunteer experience working with youth soccer in the north shore area

At GSC and FC-1 . . .

- We remain committed to:
  - Developing players at all levels
  - Creating a positive environment to encourage players to find success on the field and in life
  - Helping players rise to the highest level of play that they aspire to achieve
  - Retaining our commitment to the communities and families we serve with a strong, community based soccer program

Questions

- With the new USSF calendar year age groups, will a player be allowed to play down?
  - No, players will not be allowed to play down in a younger birth year. This has never been allowed based on league rules. There are no waivers or exceptions.
- With the new USSF calendar year age groups, will a player be allowed to play up?
  - For GSC and FC-1 teams making the transition, we will generally be requiring players to play in their new birth year age groups.
  - For FC-1 teams who are retaining school year age groups, about half the players on average in an age group will play up.

Questions

- How will players be selected for teams next season?
  - Tryouts will not change, every current and new player will tryout for our 2016-17 season teams
  - As always, players will be selected for teams based on a comparison to other players in their age groups. Qualities we look for include:
    - Overall soccer skills & ability
    - Athleticism and coachability
    - Commitment & attitude
  - Team placement will continue to be based primarily on our evaluation of our players over a full season, along with additional evaluation in relation to other players at tryouts

Questions

- If a player is currently on a certain team, will he/she still be on that team next season?
  - Like always, players may move up or down between teams based on both performance during the season and our staff's evaluation of the player pool during tryouts
  - Our decision to retain certain school age groups at the FC-1 Level does not mean that we have decided to keep all players on all teams together. We will form the most competitive teams within each calendar or school year age group

Questions

- What are the teams sizes for each age group next year?
  - U8, U9 & U10 (2009, 2008 & 2007) will play 7v7 with a roster of 10-12 players per team
  - U11 & U12 (2006 & 2005) will play 9v9 with a roster of 13-14 players per team
  - Players born in 2004 and earlier (U13-U19) will play 11v11 with a roster of 16-18 players per team

Questions

- How many teams per age group will GSC and FC-1 field next season under the transitional age groupings?
  - We will continue to field a similar amount of teams per age group.
  - GSC and FC-1 will look to field between 2-4 teams per age group.
  - For the older age groups playing 11v11 we will look to field 2-3 teams per age group.
  - With additional lighted field space projected for next season, we have the capacity to form additional teams based on community interest in the programs.

Questions

- Will players be at a disadvantage at tryouts for having to try out for an older age group?
  - Calendar Year Age Group Example:
    - The older half of current U10 players (those born in 2005) will be trying out for U12 teams. Players will be competitive because the USSF's age groups consist of players born within one year of each other. Next year's U12 Age Group will consist of players born in 2005.
  - School Year Age Group Example:
    - All of our current U13 players (born in late 2002 and early 2003) will be trying out with their school year classmates. Players will be competitive at tryouts because our school year age groups will still consist of players born within one year of each other. These FC-1 teams will play at the USSF's U15 level (2002) but our club's School Age Group will still only consist of 8th Graders.

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"Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."
John F. Kennedy

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U10	Jan 1 - July 31, 2006		2006	U11 (2006)	GSC
U9	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2006		2006		
U9	Jan 1 - July 31, 2007		2007	U10 (2007)	GSC
U8	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2007		2007		
U8	Jan 1 - July 31, 2008		2008	U9 (2008)	GSC
U7	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2008		2008		
U7	Jan 1 - July 31, 2009		2009	U8 (2009)	GSC
U6	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2009		2009		
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FC-1& GSC Age Group Grid for 2016-17 Season

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