



## **CAPITAL AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION (CASA) & PA CLASSICS HARRISBURG ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**Harrisburg, PA — [February 4, 2026] —**

Capital Area Soccer Association (CASA) and PA Classics Harrisburg are pleased to announce a new strategic partnership beginning with the 2026–2027 season. This collaboration is designed to strengthen local recreational soccer while providing clear, intentional pathways into competitive and elite-level travel soccer programming.

This strategic alignment brings together two organizations with a shared commitment to player development, community involvement, and the long-term growth of the game in Central Pennsylvania. PA Classics Harrisburg will continue to lead the region’s competitive and elite development model, while CASA will remain focused on delivering strong, community-based recreational soccer experiences.

### **Program Alignment & Player Pathways**

Beginning with the 2026–2027 season:

- Lower Dauphin Soccer Association (LDSA) recreational programming will become a part of CASA’s recreational programming structure.
- CASA travel players will integrate into PA Classics Harrisburg’s travel program.
- LDSA will continue to support and offer a TOPSoccer program for local, young athletes with special needs.

This alignment creates a streamlined development pathway that begins at the recreational level programming at CASA and progresses through competitive travel soccer with PA Classics Harrisburg, with opportunities for advancement into MLS NEXT and Girls Academy platforms through PA Classics Harrisburg’s continued partnership with PA Classics.

A dedicated Director of Recreational Development will serve as a liaison between the two organizations, ensuring curriculum alignment, coaching collaboration, and a seamless transition for players as they progress from recreational soccer into travel programming.

A Pre-Academy pathway will serve as a structured transition for U7-U8 players expressing early interest in travel soccer. Players will participate in Pre-Academy programming with CASA during the fall and winter seasons before transitioning into PA Classics Harrisburg travel teams in the spring, providing age-appropriate development and clear expectations for families.

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## **Coaching Continuity & Technical Oversight**

Following the partnership, coaches from both organizations will remain actively involved with both coaching travel soccer teams at PA Classic Harrisburg and in the training of recreational players at CASA. PA Classics Harrisburg's technical leadership will provide oversight and guidance to ensure consistent development principles across all levels, while maintaining continuity and trusted relationships within the local soccer community.

## **Building on a Proven Development Model**

This partnership keeps recreational soccer rooted in the local community with CASA, with their proven success in recreational soccer programming for decades and then builds on PA Classics Harrisburg's continued growth and recent alignment with PA Classics, further strengthening the overall player development ecosystem. Together, the organizations are committed to creating a clear, intentional pathway for players of all ages and aspirations.

Leadership from both clubs will work closely in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition. Additional details regarding programming, tryouts, and team and coaching assignments will be shared ahead of the 2026–2027 season.

***For updates and additional information, please visit:***

**PA Classics Harrisburg:** [www.paclassicsharrisburg.com](http://www.paclassicsharrisburg.com)

**CASA:** [www.casasoccer.org](http://www.casasoccer.org)