



NIAGARA INTERNATIONAL
FOOTBALL CLUB

About NIFC



OUR HISTORY

NIFC is a privately owned club, formed in 2019 by André Pacheco, the club owner. Formed with a vision of offering a fun and competitive environment, while providing development and opportunities for boys and girls in the Niagara Region and Western NY Region. NIFC acquired the academy from Elite Soccer Development in 2019 and rebranded; injecting new business strategies and ideas to grow soccer in the region, and improve the development of players.

The club works closely with our partner club in the USA, Kenmore Soccer Club, which allows us to register and play in the US.

Our first year on the pitch has proved both successful and demanding with the Covid-19 Pandemic halting the season. Tough times don't last but tough people do. Our players, parents, staff and club as a whole have adapted during the pandemic and have come out even stronger than before. We look forward to getting back out on the field.

Why NIFC?

WHAT WE OFFER

- Full year-round program for boys and girls: Train and compete all year in both Canada and the USA.
- Training 3 times a week, including technical training, strength and conditioning training.
- Indoor facility: From November - March- Niagara Falls SportsPlex, (3710 Sinnicks Ave, Niagara Falls).
- Outdoor training: From April- October, Club Italia.
- Licensed UEFA, NCAA, CSA, USSF Coaches.
- International Team Tours (Parents are welcome to travel with the team).
- Celtic Soccer Academy affiliation.
- Only club in the Niagara Region that offers player performance monitoring to track, develop and implement strategies to increase player performance.
- Only club in the Niagara Region to offer match video analysis which players and parents can access to showcase to college and pro coaches.
- Compete in highly competitive leagues such as the National Premier League (NPL) in the USA.
- College visits.

Club Mission



OUR MISSION

The NIFC mission is to create a fun, inclusive, creative and professional soccer experience at the youth level for boys and girls. We cannot promise opportunities such as college scholarships or pro trials; however; we do provide all the tools necessary to help young athletes develop on and off the field, while guiding them in the process.

Club Methodology



ID

- Identify Niagara Region/WNY players at an early age. Invest in their development as a player and person.

Development

- Create short term development cycles. Players receive an individual development plan which is then assessed twice a season. The player and coaching staff reflect and implement strategies based on the individual goals and development needs. As the player gets older the development cycles can then be converted to long term (i.e.), College opportunities.

Competition

- Competition is used as a development tool. It is important players get the appropriate level of stimulus across different age groups. If coaches place the player at the appropriate level, they will continue to develop.

Opportunities

- Create opportunities for success. Players are encouraged to use all the tools in our program such as video analysis to foster responsibility and professionalism. These tools can be used to enhance the players profile for college or professional opportunities.

Pathways



CANADIAN PATHWAY

We offer players from U8-U11 the opportunity to train and compete locally and in Canada. To lessen the travel to the USA, players can compete in indoor leagues, friendly matches and festivals.



USA PATHWAY

From U8-U18 we offer players the opportunity to compete in the USA. The U.S. has a natural progression of youth leagues, with no added fees to play at a higher level:

- House League (i.e. intra-club play)
- Area League (i.e. Buffalo/Western New York Junior Soccer League)
- Thruway League (teams from western and central New York)
- National Premier League (area division is Great Lakes Alliance - teams from western New York, western Pennsylvania, northern Ohio)
- Teams automatically progress to National championships by winning the National Premier League division for their area.
- Eligible for ID2, the Olympic Development Program, which provides added high-level training opportunities
- Clubs oversee their operations and determine where their teams should play, not an administrative governing board
- Higher level of competition due to larger player pool in the United States
- Easy access to tournaments throughout the U.S. (no travel forms)
- Increased exposure to college coaches

Staff

The staff at NIFC care about the well-being and development of each player. Each coach provides a certain expertise and experience. Together we offer multiple streams of coaching to enhance the knowledge of players as well as coaches. Our staff continually strive to be better through professional development such as coaching education courses, coaching seminars, conventions and learning from one another.



André Pacheco

- Owner of NIFC/ President
- Girls Academy Director / Coach
- UEFA C License/ Completing UEFA B



Vito Colangelo

- Boys Academy Director/Coach
- CSA National B License
- Experienced College Coach



Nick DeMarsh

- Buffalo State College Women's Soccer Head Coach (NCAA D3)
- NIFC NPL Girls Coach
- USSF A License



Victoria Colotti

- Buffalo State College Women's Soccer Assistant Coach (NCAA D3)
- Former college soccer player with Buffalo State College
- NIFC NPL Girls Coach



Franz Diaz Romero

- Goalkeeper Coach



Clayton Rosario

- Technical skills coach
- USSF D License



Richard Pettay

- Coach



Lexi Cummings

- Former NIFC player & Captain with Buffalo State College (D3)
- NIFC Girls Coach

Mark Presutti

- Coach



Academy

The NIFC Academy is geared toward players who love the game and want to learn and develop year-round. The academy offers a one-of-a-kind experience in the Niagara Region, with players training and competing all year round in both Canada and the USA. The season starts in September and finishes in August with players playing an average of 40-60 games during the season.

Each team is coached by qualified coaches who have experience and care about the development of the players.

All academy players are immersed into a professional environment to develop on and off the field. Players have full access to all the amenities and perks of the program such as player performance monitoring, video analysis, development plans, international tours and college tours.

Club Affiliates

CELTIC FC

We are excited to be partnered with Celtic Soccer Academy through its International Partnership Programme. NIFC enjoys a number of exclusive partner benefits. This includes access to the online coaching curriculum, trips to Celtic Park and Glasgow to work with Celtic Soccer Academy coaches, and the visit of the Soccer Academy's coaches to Niagara for camps with NIFC's players and coaches.

Senior International Soccer Academy Manager for North America, Willie McNab, added: "We have spoken with NIFC about our International Programme for some time and we are delighted to welcome such a well-organised club into our partnership programme."
"Through this partnership, it will see NIFC gain coach and player development opportunities and also allow Celtic Soccer Academy to grow its partnership across North America. We are looking forward to establishing a long-term relationship with NIFC which will benefit both organisations." <http://www.celticfc.net/news/16929>



Club Affiliates

West Lincoln Youth Soccer Club



NIFC is pleased to announce a partnership with West Lincoln Soccer. The partnership will help in offering both a Canadian pathway and a USA pathway for players in the Niagara Region. Both clubs will benefit from each other's offerings such as local leagues, premier US leagues, showcases and tournaments, international tours, coaching curriculum and staff.

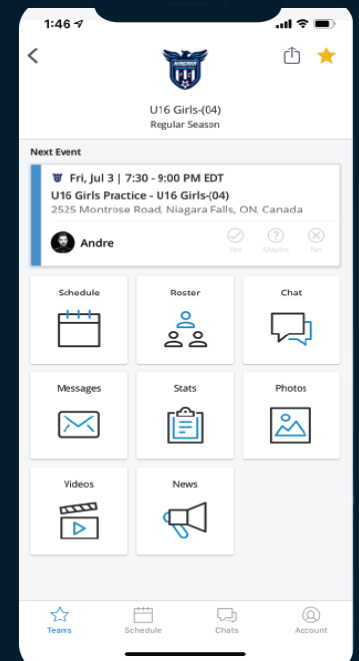
Technology

SPORTSENGINE



To communicate effectively with our players, parents and coaches we use the platform SportEngine. SportsEngine mobile puts all the tools needed to manage our teams and leagues right from a mobile device, for free. You can access all your SportsEngine tools on the go—create and share schedules, generate rosters, chat and message with families, share photos, check RSVPs, and more.

The free team management app is fully integrated with our SportsEngine platform, keeping you in control and connected—no matter where you happen to be.



Team Messaging

Keep everyone up-to-date and connected with free team text, live chat, messages, and notifications for coaches, families, athletes, and team managers.



Team Schedules

Add a practice, game, or meeting with all the details. Invite your entire roster or specific athletes all at once.



Personal Event Schedule

Events for multiple teams can be combined on one convenient calendar, giving families with multiple athletes and league admins a quick glance of their entire week.



Availability Tracking

Get RSVPs from athletes for scheduled events—letting coaches know who will be there, and who won't.



Live Scoring

Enter scores in real-time and post results for team followers as soon as they're final.



Rosters

Quickly add individual athletes to rosters and save player data, including photos and stats.



Guardians

Multiple guardians can be added to an athlete's account and can communicate, RSVP, and interact with the team.



Activity Feed

The latest team and organization news, content, and photos are all in one place to keep everyone engaged and up-to-date.

Academy Technology

VEO

Veo is a portable and affordable solution that enables sports teams to record and analyze matches and training sessions without the need for a camera operator.

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TRACE (U12-U18 Teams)

Trace uses a robot camera, sensors, and Ai to automatically film the game and create clips for every player. With Trace, coaching, player development, and recruiting is hassle free and effortless.

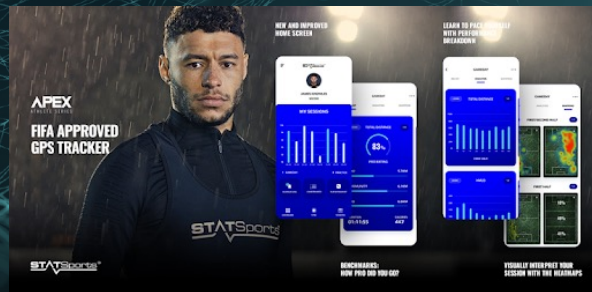
TRACE



STATSPORTS

Apex Athlete Series, the revolutionary Football GPS tracker for a player with ambition. Understand your stats to improve your game and avoid injuries.

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Competitions

LEAGUES

NPL



The NPL is a national competition platform created to elevate and change the competitive youth soccer landscape by:

- Extending developmental principles espoused by U.S. Soccer into more age groups and clubs
- Linking competition with player development and identification platforms
- Providing meaningful weekly competition culminating in the NPL Finals



BUFFALO & WESTERN NEW YORK JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

The Buffalo & Western New York Junior Soccer League (B&WNYJSL) was created to foster the development of youth soccer in the Western New York area. The organization provides the administrative structure necessary for the conduct of organized competitive youth soccer commensurate with players' interest and ability. As such, the League is a Classic League offering entry level travel soccer competition as defined by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).



NEW YORK WEST CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE

NIFC teams compete in a number of indoor winter leagues as well.

Competitions

TOURNAMENTS

NIFC teams compete in a number of fun, competitive tournaments (festivals for the younger age groups) such as :

- Nike Cup- (Dublin, OH)
- The Robbie- (Toronto, ON)
- Hershey Cup- (Hershey, PA)
- Lakefront Classic- (Rochester, NY)
- Clarence Classic- (Clarence, NY)
- Adidas Warrior Memorial Day Classic- (Dayton, OH)
- CASA Season Finale Tournament- (Ohio)
- Buffalo State College Futsal Tournament- (Buffalo, NY)
- Cobras FC Summer Classic- (Rochester, NY)
- Greece United Tournament- (Rochester, NY)
- Blue Chip Invitational – (West Chester, OH)
- The Epic Cup- (Oxford, OH)
- Ti-Amo Festival-(St. Catharines, ON)
- USA Cup-(Blaine, MN)
- Dallas Cup- (Dallas, TX)



College Showcase



NIFC carefully selects college showcase tournaments which offer value to the player and parents. At the start of the season for teams U15-U18, we assess each player's school of interest and major, then select showcases based on their criteria. By narrowing down the selection our NCAA staff can also provide their input and expertise of what college coaches are looking for and how to stand out.

Showcase events we have attended or plan to attend:

- Disney's Soccer Showcase- (Orlando, FL)
- Umbro Showcase- (Oakville, ON)
- National Elite Women's Soccer Showcase (N.E.W.S.S)- (Long Island, NY)
- Kings Hammer Blue Chip Showcase- (Cincinnati, OH)
- Champions Showcase- (Ottawa, ON)
- Mad Dog Mania College Showcase- (Saratoga Springs, NY)

Camps/Clinics

NIFC offers camps and clinics for all skill levels. We offer the following:

- Fall Shooting and Skills Clinic
- Winter Shooting and Skills Clinic
- Spring Shooting and Skills Clinic
- Summer Shooting and Skills Clinic
- Summer Soccer Camp
- Celtic Summer Soccer Camp



Tours

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD GAME

Our tours are tailor made to include professional training with clubs and coaches, games, stadium/academy tours, live matches (depending on schedule) and cultural experiences. All tours include travel, hotel, meals and excursions.

SCOTLAND

Train, learn & compete with our affiliate partners Celtic F.C.

ENGLAND

Travel to London & Manchester to experience the home of football. Tours include training at academies such as Manchester United, West Ham, Chelsea, & Man City.

HOLLAND

Travel to Amsterdam to experience the home of total football. Tours include training at the Ajax academy.

SWEDEN

Compete in the worlds largest youth tournament, the Gothia Cup.

DENMARK

Compete in one of Europe's largest youth tournaments, the Dana Cup.

GERMANY

Travel to Munich, Cologne, Stuttgart and Berlin to train with the academies at Bayern Munich, Dortmund, FC Koln

ITALY

Travel to Milan, Rome, Bologna & Turin, to experience calcio and a rich history of culture and food.

FRANCE

Travel to Paris, Nice & Lille to play local clubs and compete in French tournaments.

SPAIN

Travel to Madrid, Barcelona, Majorca, Alicante and Valencia

PORTUGAL

Travel to Lisbon, Porto & Algarve. Train with the Benfica and Sporting Academies and compete with local clubs. The Iber Cup tournament is also a world renowned youth tournament which players can participate in.

BERMUDA

Compete in North Americas biggest youth tournaments such as the USA Cup, Dallas Cup, & Surf Cup.

NORTH AMERICA

Soak up the sun and explore the pink sand beaches on the island of Bermuda. Play local teams in the National stadium and explore a true hidden gem in the Atlantic ocean, only a 2.5 hour flight from Toronto.

Success Stories



RORY SCHAEFFER- ST. FRANCIS, PA
NCAA D1



LEXI CUMMINGS
BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE, NY
NCAA DIII



MEGAN PERSICO
GANNON UNIVERSITY, PA
NCAA DII



ALYSSA ARCAND
NIAGARA COLLEGE, ONTARIO
OCAA



FRANCESCA KOBEE
D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE, NY
NCAA DII



LAURA COHN
BARRY UNIVERSITY, FL
NCAA DII

Success Stories



YULISA TOSADO-MUÑOZ-MEDAILLE
COLLEGE
NCAA DIII



ELLA HURRE
PRO TRYOUT WITH ATLETICO
PORTUGAL
BPI WOMENS PREMIER LE




BEATRICE ALLAN
PRO TRYOUT WITH ATLETICO CP-
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