

# NORTHERN UNITED FC

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## UPCOMING DATES

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| • December 13, 2023 | NUFC Board Meeting (Raymond's Bowl – 6:30 p.m.)               |
| • December 29, 2023 | NUFC Board of Director Elections – Nominations Due Date       |
| • January 10, 2024  | NUFC Board Meeting (Raymond's Bowl – 6:30 p.m.)               |
| • February 13, 2024 | NUFC Board Meeting (Raymond's Bowl – 6:30 p.m.)               |
| • February 13, 2024 | NUFC Board of Director Elections (Raymond's Bowl – 6:30 p.m.) |
| • March 13, 2024    | NUFC Board Meeting (Raymond's Bowl – 6:30 p.m.)               |
| • April 10, 2024    | NUFC Board Meeting (Raymond's Bowl – 6:30 p.m.)               |
| • April 13, 2024    | YSSL Spring Season Starts (Boys Travel)                       |
| • April 14, 2024    | IWSL Spring Season Starts (Girls Travel)                      |

## NUFC “REFEREE APPRECIATION WEEKEND” CELEBRATION

Over the past decade, the number of soccer referees in youth sports has been on a steady decline. There are many reasons for the decline; however, many referees cite poor sportsmanship, verbally abusive coaches, parents and spectators, inadequate training, and poor pay as the major reasons for not returning to officiating the game we all love so much.

On Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th, NUFC executed our very first “Referee Appreciation Weekend” celebration. Appreciation “goodie bags” were passed out to game officials in our recreational and travel soccer programs as a way of saying “thank you” for officiating our youth soccer games! On behalf of all NUFC members, thank you referees for all that you do for our children and for our organization!

In 2022, NUFC created and implemented a formal referee training program for the youth in our organization who have expressed interest in learning to become a soccer referee. In the past year, over thirty (30) children, young adults, and adults have successfully participated in the training program and are actively officiating soccer games in our Recreational Soccer Program. Furthermore, over twenty (20) young adults and adults have successfully completed the formal US Soccer grassroots referee certification program and are actively officiating YSSL and IWSL sanctioned travel soccer games.

For more information, please visit our website and click on the “Home” tab followed by the “Referee” tab.

## NUFC ELECTIONS

The following Northern United FC Board of Directors positions are open for nomination:

1. Vice-President (2-year term starting in March 2024) currently filled by Paul Boentges  
Incumbent: Paul Boentges (not re-running)
2. Director of Recreational Soccer – U10 through U14 and Adults (2-year term starting in March 2024)  
Incumbent: Open (new position)
3. Director of Travel - Boys (2-year term starting in March 2024) currently filled by Matt Dabrowski  
Incumbent: Matt Dabrowski
4. Secretary (2-year term starting in March 2024) currently filled by Kim Marak  
Incumbent: Kim Marak

You may nominate yourself or another NUFC member for any of the open positions by sending an email to Paul Boentges at [pwboentges@gmail.com](mailto:pwboentges@gmail.com) and Kim Marak at [secretary@northernunitedfc.org](mailto:secretary@northernunitedfc.org) with the following information:

- (a) Name of Nominee
- (b) Interested Position

Nominations must be received no later than Friday, December 29, 2023. Following the closing of the nomination process and acceptance from the nominees, each nominee will be asked to attend the January 10, 2024, Board of Directors meeting to share a brief biography with the board. Formal elections will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

## WISCONSIN HARVEST CLASSIC SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Northern United FC participated in the Wisconsin Harvest Classic Soccer Tournament in Racine, Wisconsin on November 4-5, 2023. A total of six (6) teams representing the Northern United FC travel program participated in the tournament. A special thank you to our coaches and training staff for all their hard work and dedication in teaching our children the technical aspects of the game. As a result of this hard work, all of our teams performed extremely well in the tournament, and our U9 Boys, U13 Boys, and U13 Girls travel teams finished first in their divisions! Congratulations!





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*"You owe it to yourself to be the best you can be"* Christian Pulisic

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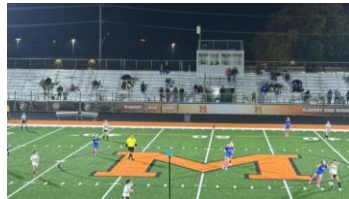
As we wrap-up the fall "Recreational" and "Travel" soccer season, let's take a quick look around the league...





















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