

Orchard Park Soccer Club News

Orchard Park Soccer Club players earn Varsity Soccer Honors

Four Orchard Park Soccer Club players won All-Western New York Varsity Soccer Honors

Girls: Tara Hanlon

Boys: Ati Mraz, Ryan McMaster, & Connor Saeli

The following Orchard Park Soccer Club players earned ECIC Section VI Class AA soccer honors:

Girls:

First Team - Janee Deck, Tara Hanlon, & Emily Janiszewski

Second Team - Kathleen Cooley & Hayley Flannery

Honorable Mention - Hind Alamari, Rami Major, & Allie Metzger

Boys:

First Team - Ryan McMaster, Connor Saeli, Noah Kohl, & Ati Mraz

Second Team - Zach Alamari, Matt Reilly, & Tommy Roder

Honorable Mention - Adam Hansgen

Major Changes to the Orchard Park Soccer Club House Soccer Program



This Fall the Orchard Park Soccer Club made several major changes to our House soccer program based on feedback from our members.

- Enhanced Schedule we expanded the program to two days per week. Games will continue to be played on Fridays/Saturdays with an additional day of practice during the week.
- 2. **Improved Coaching** We are instituting a standardized and proven coaching curriculum that will expedite player development, and provide a framework of weekly practice plans. These plans will be simple to follow, even for parents with no coaching experience, and the club will provide guidance as needed. The House program cannot function without parent volunteers; coaching is easy to learn and rewarding please consider coaching your child's team!
- 3. **New Uniforms** as pictured above, the club moved to new colored team jerseys. Each player will be assigned to a team and will receive a new jersey each season.

OPSC and GPS-NY Partnership

The Orchard Park Soccer Club (OPSC) has partnered with GPS-NY to provide a professional structure and focus on the development of all players and coaches involved within OPSC. The vision for this partnership is to maximize the resources available to help develop the players and coaches as students of the game, to help them develop both on and off the field! Through this partnership, GPS-NY will provide on and off field support for both players and coaches through;

- GPS Curriculum & Technical Documentation
- Player Evaluations
- Constant Communication between GPS staff and OPSC coaches
- Coaching Symposiums and Clinics to help develop coaching throughout the club.

Please see our website for further information.

Orchard Park Soccer Club is now on Facebook & Twitter



The Orchard Park Soccer Club is now on

Facebook at https://facebook.com/ OrchardParkSoccerClub



Please also follow us on

Twitter at <u>https://twitter.com/</u> <u>opsoccerweb</u>

The Orchard Park Soccer Club Academy Training Program

The Orchard Park Soccer Club is pleased to announce the start of a new OPSC Academy Training program. The training program is run by Jim Harrigan who holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Director of Coaching Diploma, a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) C coaching license, and is currently a coach on the staff of New York State West Soccer Association's Olympic Development Program (ODP).

The OPSC Academy Training program is sponsored by the club at no cost to our travel players, and is broken out into two different age groups:

<u>Age Group</u>	
8 - 12 year olds	,
13 -19 year olds	

Day Tuesdays Thursdays

<u>Time</u> 7:30pm-9:00pm 7:45pm-9:00pm

The training for both groups will be held on their respective days on field #5 at Sahlens Sports Park in Elma, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday starting Tuesday January 6th and going through Thursday April 23rd except during school break weeks of February 16th and March 30th. Players will need to bring a soccer ball and wear indoor soccer shoes/sneakers and shin pads.

This additional training is ideal for players looking to improve their technical skills and knowledge of the game in a challenging and fun training environment. Please come out and see what the OPSC Academy Training program has to offer!

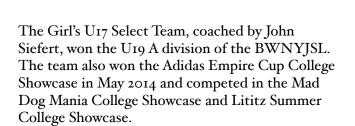


Orchard Park Soccer Club Team Highlights

Coaches and Managers - Please send in your team's league, tournament, or off-field highlights with pictures to <u>info@orchardparksoccer.org</u> for inclusion in future Orchard Park Soccer Club newsletters!

The Orchard Park Soccer Club had four teams win their league championships in the 2014 club season. We also had tournament champions and finalists in multiple tournaments. The club entered nineteen teams between the NYS West Thruway League and the Buffalo Western New York Junior Soccer League

The Boy's U17 Select Team, coached by Dan Krzyzanowicz, won the U17 Presidents Division of the Thruway league. The team also won the Pocono Premier Soccer Tournament in July 2014.





The Boys U17 Travel Team, coached by Jon Gruchala and Craig Hanlon, won the U17 BS Division of the BWNYJSL.



The Girl's U14 Select Team, coached by Mike Graffeo, won the U14 BS Division of the BWNYJSL. The team also won the Wilson Soccer tournament and the Clarence Classic Soccer Tournament.



Thank You to Orchard Park Soccer Club Board members

The Orchard Park Soccer Club Board would like to recognize three outstanding board members who recently retired from the board after many years of dedicated service to the children in our community:

Dave Schuler - President

Anne Roder - Uniform Coordinator

Brian Drainville - Field Coordinator

Orchard Park Soccer Club Officers and Board Members

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Orchard Park Soccer Club Board looking for volunteers

The Orchard Park Soccer Club is always looking for volunteers to join the board to help us continue to deliver a quality soccer program for the children in our community. If you would like to find out how you can help with our program, please contact us via email at <u>info@orchardparksoccer.org</u>.

Please visit our featured Sponsors who help us to provide our soccer program



