



# MYS SWEEPER

McLean Youth Soccer Association  
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June 8

## Calendar

Fall Registration begins on June 15!

Register soon for early bird discount!

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Date	Event	Location	Time
June 15	Fall Registration Begins	www.mcleansoccer.org	
June 21	Spring Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony	Spring Hill Recreation Center Field	9 a.m.
June 28-29	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Ambassador Cup	Lewinsville Park	

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### **MYS Premiere Summer Camp**

More than 300 players have already registered for MYS summer camp sessions! The camps are designed for all ages and abilities:

- First Touch Ages 5-6
- Pass and Move Ages 7-8
- Junior and Advanced Player Development Ages 9-16
- Goalkeeper Academy Ages 9 and older

If you have not already signed your child up for one of these sessions, please click here for more information and to register:

<http://www.mcleansoccer.org/page/show/39807>

Please email Eileen Hopkins, MYS Administrator [admin@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:admin@mcleansoccer.org) or call the MYS Office (703) 506-8068 if you have any questions.

### **Home Grown!**

Congratulation to Julia Roberts, Jenna Richmond and Caroline Miller who were placed on the U-17 National Team! Good luck to all of three of the girls who hope to make the final squad that will participate in the U17 World Cup in New Zealand later this year.

### **McLean News From US Youth Soccer National Championship Series**

**McLean Freedom** swept the U16-U18 Girls championships in Virginia. **McLean Freedom** (U17G) are the returning 2007 US Youth Soccer Region I Champions and hope that their experience in the 2007 US Youth Soccer National Championships will pay dividends in 08...Joining the Freedom, will be two other McLean teams with the **Dragons**

(U16G) and **Freedom Elite** (U18G)...McLean also picked up a boys title with the U15B.

### **Local Teams Ranked**

Below are the Potomac Soccer Wire rankings of the local teams based on results from the Virginia Youth Soccer Association State Cup Tournament. For more detailed information on the ranking system, go to [www.potomacsoccerwire.com/news](http://www.potomacsoccerwire.com/news).

#### **Top 10 Boys Clubs**

1. McLean/McLean MPS (10 points)
- 2T. Annandale Boys and Girls Club (7 points)
- 2T. Springfield Youth Club (7 points)
- 4T. Great Falls Soccer Club (6 points)
- 4T. Prince William Soccer Incorporated (6 points)
- 4T. Richmond Strikers (6 points)
- 4T. Team America Football Club (6 points)
- 8T. Richmond Kickers (4 points)
- 8T. Roanoke (4 points)
- 8T. Virginia Legacy Soccer Club (4 points)

#### **Top 10 Girls Clubs**

1. McLean/McLean MPS (19 points)
2. Chantilly Soccer Club/FC Virginia (15 points)
3. Braddock Road Youth Club (14 points)
- 4T. Northern Virginia Soccer Club (7 points)
- 4T. Virginia Beach Travel Soccer (7 points)
- 4T. Virginia Independent Soccer Team Association (7 points)
7. Loudoun Soccer (4 points)
8. Chantilly Youth Association (3 points)
- 9T. Seven clubs tied for 9th with 1 point

#### **All Clubs (boys and girls)**

1. McLean/McLean MPS (29 points)
2. Chantilly Soccer Club/FC Virginia (15 points)
3. Braddock Road Youth Club (14 points)
4. Annandale Boys and Girls Club (8 points)
- 5T. Northern Virginia Soccer Club (7 points)
- 5T. Richmond Strikers (7 points)
- 5T. Springfield Youth Club (7 points)
- 5T. Virginia Independent Soccer Team Association (7 points)
- 9T. Great Falls Soccer Club (6 points)
- 9T. Prince William Soccer Incorporated (6 points)
- 9T. Team America Football Club (6 points)

#### **Fields Update: Spring Hill Fields Groundbreaking Ceremony on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.**

The County has approved the designs for Spring Hill Park Fields 2 & 3. The storm water management plan has also been approved and construction permits issued. The construction bids have been received and negotiated and will be finalized over the next few days. The schedule calls for the fields to be turned over for construction on June 16 and returned to MYS on November 3. However, we are confident that this schedule is a worse case scenario, and with favorable weather this summer, we will get the fields for most of the fall season. At this point, it appears we have cleared all the major obstacles.

After two years of effort, we are eagerly awaiting the results.

An email was sent by the Park Authority to a citizen who was concerned about the condition of EC Lawrence Park's turf field, which is worth sharing with our membership:

*"MYS has selected the elite monofilament synthetic turf which has a vertical memory and is most attractive besides being a premier surface to play soccer. MYS was able to afford a superior turf over what the Park Authority could stretch dollars at Poplar Tree and certainly over the EC Lawrence field. I am confident that all we will very pleased with the appearance and longevity of the fields and certainly the youth will find the playability of the field excellent! We do expect the fields to last 10 or so years with proper maintenance. We have an 8-yr. warranty."*

At our last meeting, the Park Authority expressed a desire to begin Phase 2 of converting park fields in McLean. We anticipate the design and engineering phase of the next two fields will overlap with the construction of the fields at Spring Hill Park.

In addition, MYS was awarded two grants for this project:

- A Mastenbrook Grant from Fairfax County Park Authority for \$10,000.
- A United States Soccer Foundation All Conditions Fields Grant of \$100,000.

We are delighted to have the financial support and expression of confidence from these two organizations. We are also grateful to the MYS members who include a contribution with their registration fee and to those travel program members who generously supported the Travel Team Fundraiser. The generosity of our membership is never taken for granted and always appreciated.

Finally, MYS is very close to signing an Agreement to provide significant debt capacity to finance the design and construction of several new fields. This method of financing is attractive because it provides fields earlier to our current membership rather than waiting until we have accumulated sufficient capital. The debt will be serviced from the registration fees of our members, as well as any surplus funds from other programs.

### **Chairman's Corner: Soccer Options Besides Travel**

One of the most frequent questions from MYS parents these days is "what are my options besides travel soccer" At MYS, the objective is to provide an opportunity for every player based on their ability, interest and commitment level. This includes a variety of training and playing options.

From U5 to U8, the Recreation Program provides a great opportunity for young children to learn the basics of soccer at a developmentally appropriate level. MYS augments parents and volunteer coaches with professional staff as part of our U5, U7 and U9 Academy programs as well as a number of optional training programs for U6 to U8 players. After U8, many parents are not sure if joining the MPS Academy Program makes sense for their child. The good news is that continuing in Recreation/House still provides players with training programs with the same MPS staff for a small seasonal fee without the broader commitment. This can also be augmented with Summer and Winter Camps also offered by McLean Premier Soccer Academy.

These same opportunities exist from U6 to U12 to enable players to continue to develop their technical skills.

From U12 to U18, the Suburban Friendship League (SFL) provides players an opportunity to continue to play soccer on an organized team but with very limited travel (neighboring towns only) and time commitment. The SFL teams are the fastest growing segment of our club and provide a great experience for players of multiple sports who also love to play soccer.

Also from U12 to U18, a number of Travel-related options exist, each with different levels of skill, time and financial commitment – ranging from MPS teams to parent coached teams in Old Dominion Soccer League (ODSL). At any age from U9 to U18, players from Travel and Recreation teams are allowed to tryout for Travel teams, as desired.

To help, parents of next fall's rising U9 players can follow the blog and on-line radio shows by Bill Delaney at <http://www.mcleansoccer.org/page/show/41335> to better understand the MPS Academy program. Please contact [traveladmin@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:traveladmin@mcleansoccer.org) regarding travel soccer options or [house@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:house@mcleansoccer.org), and [sfl@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:sfl@mcleansoccer.org) for more information about their respective programs. Also, remember to check out the training options available for field players and goalkeepers on the MYS website at <http://www.mcleansoccer.org/page/show/37922>. For questions regarding registration please contact [admin@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:admin@mcleansoccer.org).

### **Reminder to Travel Parents**

Please fill out the coach evaluations that were email recently. The information received is anonymous and a very valuable and important tool to help us to manage our professional staff and continue to improve the program for your children. We appreciate your time in offering us this feedback.