



College Assistance Program

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The CAP program is offered to each of our high school club players, as part of their regular player fees. We try to help keep player / parents informed and educated about the college recruiting process.

The Cook County area has a rich tradition of soccer excellent and many current and former collegiate players played for the Palatine Celtic club teams.

We are happy to offer a program to our players to further their playing careers at the college level.

Once players are playing in college, we have a natural progression into our u23 College Developmental Program, [FC Twente3](#).

The u23 CDP gives all of these former Palatine Celtic youth players an opportunity to come home every summer and play during this time to help prepare them for the college preseason.

Derek Niepomnik - CAP Co-Director

- United States Soccer Federation A license
- Director of Coaching ~ Palatine Celtic SC
- Former NCAA Collegiate coach & recruitment coordinator (1997 – 2009)
 - Head Men's Coach (D3) – Benedictine University (IL) / Lake Forest College (IL)
 - Assistant Men's Coach (D1) – St. Bonaventure Univ. (NY) / Northern Illinois Univ. (IL)
 - Assistant Women's Coach (D1) – Univ. of Cincinnati (OH) / Northern Illinois Univ. (IL)
- IYSA Coaching Education Staff
- Former professional player (1996-1998)
 - Rockford Raptors / USISL D3 Pro
- Former Collegiate Player (1991-1994)
 - Northern Illinois University

Brian Colicchia CAP Co-Director

- United States Soccer Federation A license
- US Youth National License
- u11 to u14 Program Director ~ Palatine Celtic
- Former NCAA Collegiate Coach (2002-2006)
 - Assistant Men's Coach (D3) – Ithaca College (NY)
 - Assistant Women's Coach (D1) – Syracuse University (NY)
- Former Professional Coach (2008-2010)
 - Chicago Storm (MISL/XSL)
- Former U23 Head Coach 2010
 - Chicago Inferno (Regional Champion 2010)
- IYSA Coaching Education Staff
- Illinois ODP Staff Coach