

# ANTHRACITEFC SEASON PREVIEW 2024-2025





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# Foreword Executive Director



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I could not be more excited for the year to come as Anthracite FC. We had an incredible run as Riverfront United and I am thankful for the support that Riverfront Sports offered us as we grew in our early stages. The next step for this club is to serve more players, utilize more facilities to sustain our growth, and make our impact on the community felt in the widest sense possible. If you told my 9 year old self, who used to hand out to teammates documents I had typed up detailing proper technical execution, that I would become the Executive Director of a Soccer Club, I would have thought that sounds like a dream come true. Coaching young players and leading a soccer club like ours feels like a lifelong calling, and I am honored to serve our players and families.

When I see what our club has achieved, I am incredibly proud. We have grown from 4 teams to 17 teams. We have helped those who suffer food insecurity, cleaned up our public parks, and served those who fall on hard times in our community. We have placed players in NCAA programs to further their playing career and continue their education. We have sent players to one of the best professional academies in the country. We have partnered with local businesses to drive commerce in the area and better serve our club members in the process. The most exciting part is, we are only getting started!

AFC has assembled a Board of Directors, hired a staff full of qualified coaches, and created a club full of people that are ready to drive this Club forward to incredible heights. Our aim is to fortify our player pathway from U5 to U23, to provide more access to high-quality soccer opportunities, and to further our impact on our players, families, and the community. We are not only creating soccer players. We are creating problem solvers, leaders, kind teammates, hard workers, and a generation of people who enjoy what they do and pursue excellence every day. This club has made my dream come true. It's my turn to return the favor.

Kind regards

Coach Brendon

# Foreword Director of Coaching



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It is with great pride and gratitude that I welcome you to the Club for our first season together under a new, uniting banner and organization. I am honored to be a part of this new endeavor and am excited to work more closely with our coaches and players in an official capacity.

For those who don't know me, I am an NEPA native and began my soccer journey as a nine-year-old playing for local travel teams. Two years into this journey, I sought a greater challenge and started traveling to New York City and Philadelphia 4-5 times weekly until I was 16. The travel eventually took its toll - so much so that it made more sense for my family to send me overseas to play.

When I returned to NEPA in 2021 after more than ten years, I noticed many of our region's most talented players were still traveling as I once had in search of higher levels of coaching and competition. Thus, it immediately became a priority of mine to help build an elite program to ensure families weren't spending hours daily traveling to training and matches. Three years later, and evident by the growth of our Club and the quality of our teams, it is clear that we have made immense strides in providing our players with the conditions required to develop and compete at the highest levels while staying close to home.

This growth in the past 2-3 years lends itself to the tireless work Brendon and former DOC Mike Pryor have put in. The potential and commitment of our region's soccer players has never been in question, though the right environment for them to gather and develop together has never existed...until now.

While we are proud of how far we've come in such a short period, we recognize there is still work ahead. I look forward to collaborating with our coaches, players, families, and community as we continue to build on the strong foundations laid in the past three years. Together, let's #RaiseTheAxe and put NEPA soccer on the map!

Warm regards

Coach Zack

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

## **Anthracite Football Club**

**#RaiseTheAxe**



### **August 5-8**

*Team Camp*

*2011 Arsenal, 2011 Sounders, 2012 Celtic, 2013 Ajax,  
2013 Barca, 2013 Timbers, 2014 Santos, 2015 Milan,  
2015 Valencia*

### **August 12-15**

*Team Camp*

*2011 Arsenal, 2011 Sounders, 2012 Celtic, 2013 Ajax,  
2013 Barca, 2013 Timbers, 2014 Santos, 2015 Milan,  
2015 Valencia*

### **August 17-18**

*Spirit United Kickoff Classic – Boys Weekend*

*2011 Arsenal, 2012 Celtic, 2013 Ajax, 2014 Santos*

### **August 24-25**

*Spirit United Kickoff Classic – Girls Weekend*

*2013 Barca*

*Gettysburg Battlefield Blast*

*2011 Sounders, 2013 Timbers, 2015 Milan*

### **September 2**

*Labor Day No-School Clinic – 2014-2019 Birth Years*

*Fitzpatrick Field, University of Scranton*

### **September 7**

*League Play Begins – Team Schedules TBA*

\*Match days and times are subject to change

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

## **Anthracite Football Club**

**#RaiseTheAxe**

**August 17**

### **2011 Boys Arsenal**

*v Old Line FC Black – 9:15 AM*

*v FC Delco ECRL – 2:15 PM*

### **2012 Boys Celtic**

*v PA Classics NAL – 8 AM*

*v Match Fit Academy FC ECRL – 1 PM*

### **2013 Boys Ajax**

*v West Ottawa SC – 8 AM*

*v Washington United SC Elite – 11:45 AM*

### **2014 Boys Santos**

*v FC Delco White Conshy – 9:15 AM*

*v West Ottawa SC White – 2:15 PM*

**August 18**

### **2011 Boys Arsenal**

*v Coppermine SC – 9:15 AM*

### **2012 Boys Celtic**

*v Saints International Academy – 8 AM*

### **2013 Boys Ajax**

*v FC Delco Black D'Town – 9:15 AM*

### **2014 Boys Santos**

*v TBA – 8 AM*



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# AFC NIGHT OUT



June 6th marked our end-of-year AFC Night Out and fundraiser at Dave & Busters. It was incredible to see over 200 people from the Club spend time together after the season. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated to support AFC. The proceeds will enable us to further invest in our players and teams as we prepare for the upcoming season. We hope everyone had a great night, and we look forward to more events like this in the future!



 **August '24**  
**Fundraiser**



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# ANTHRACITE FC ELITE TRAVEL CAMP



**Weiss Field**

The Hazzouri Group  
Morgan Stanley

**July 8-11**



# ANTHRACITE FC

## ELITE TRAVEL CAMP

### 2024



With over 70 players in attendance, we kicked off our inaugural Elite Travel Camp on July 8 at the University of Scranton's Weiss Field. Despite the heat, the players put in a shift all week and battled each other in a variety of intense exercises and games while showcasing why they are the top players in our region. Thank you to the players for your focus, intensity, and competitiveness the entire week. We look forward to seeing you at camp again next year!

#### World Cup Champions

**2010-12 - Brazil**

(Aidan, Angie, Blake, Bryce A., Colin M.,)

**2013-15 - Portugal**

(Ben H., Cam S., Jason L., Kharis F., Levi F.)

#### Skills Challenge Champions

Dribbling, Passing, Shooting

**2010-12 - Ethan F.**

**2013-15 - Tori L.**

**2016-17 - Brooklyn T.**

#### Campers of the Week

Attitude, Teamwork, Citizenship

**2010-12 - Carter D.**

**2013-15 - Derek F.**

**2016-17 - Bodhi M.**







# WORLD CUP WINNERS

## ELITE TRAVEL CAMP

2024



The Hazzouri Group  
Morgan Stanley





# LABOR DAY SOCCER CLINIC

**2014-2019 Birth Years**

Fitzpatrick Field, Scranton

Girls

Boys

2014-2016: 9-10:30 AM    2014-2016: 12-1:30 PM

2017-2019: 10:45-12 PM    2017-2019: 1:45-3 PM



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**\$20 (2014-2016)**

**\$15 (2017-2019)**

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# STATE CUP RECOGNITION NIGHT

2010 Girls Lyon



Our 2010 Girls Lyon team was invited by the Philadelphia Union to Subaru Park on August 4th to be honored for their EPYSA Challenge Cup victory last Spring. Thank you to the Union for the invite and for highlighting the achievements of our team and all the other EPYSA State Cup Champions!



# SEASON PREVIEW

2024-2025

## Youth Teams

2011 Arsenal  
2011 Sounders  
2012 Celtic  
2013 Ajax  
2013 Barca  
2013 Timbers  
2014 Roma  
2014 Santos  
2015 Milan  
2015 Valencia  
2016 Juventus  
2017 Cityzens

## Showcase Teams

2006 Wolves  
2006 Spurs  
2008 Dortmund  
2010 Bayern  
2010 Lyon

*\*Showcase teams begin competition  
in Late Fall*



# SEASON PREVIEW

**2024-2025**

## **2011 Boys Arsenal (11v11)**

After a successful Spring season which culminated in EDP IV League and FC Delco Players Cup championships as well as an appearance in the EPYSA Challenge Cup finals, Arsenal starts the 2024-25 season at the Spirit United Kickoff Classic where they finished second last year. Following promotion from the EDP IV league and a greater implementation of the club's philosophy and intended style of play in the Spring, the team will be tasked with navigating stronger competition in EDP III with the target of promotion to the USYS National League.



## **2011 Boys Sounders (11v11)**

In their first year together as a team, Sounders hit the ground running and had an exceptional year of development. Many players who were new to the club adapted

quickly to our training and standards and saw great strides throughout the year. Sounders kicks off their season at the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast where the team will look to go back-to-back after winning the championship last year. After an undefeated season and championship in the LVYSL Gold Division in the Spring, the team will promote to the EDP League to seek a greater challenge and further growth.



## **2012 Celtic (11v11)**

Celtic heads into their first season of 11v11 after a challenging, but successful year. Matches against top PA clubs like PA Classics, LVU, PSC, and West-Mont provided immense challenges the team needed to continue their growth. Championships at the FC Europa Turf Cup and CRUSA/FC Bucks Adidas Classic are proof that Celtic belongs at this level. The team will begin their season at the Spirit United Kickoff Classic where they finished as finalists last year. After placing mid-table in the EDP 2 division, having taken points off both PA Classics' Pre-MLS Next team and



eventual league and EPYSA Challenge Cup champions Bensalem Celta Vigo Academy, Celtic will continue to push the level and become the club's first youth team to compete in the USYS National League this upcoming year.



### **2013 Boys Ajax (9v9)**

Ajax began last year winning their Fall LVYSL division before making the jump to the EDP Premier III division for the Spring. There, the team stepped up to the greater competition to finish in a strong 3rd place highlighted by a noteworthy win vs. Hex FC. In addition to the league successes, Ajax also won a trophy at the FC Europa Turf Cup to cap off their year on a high note. This Fall, Ajax will compete in EDP Premier II and looks to build on last year's achievements by making a run to promotion into EDP Premier I.



### **2013 Girls Barca (9v9)**

Following an incredible first year together as a team highlighted by EDP Premier II, EPYSA Indoor State Cup, and EDP Spring Kickoff championships, our 2013 Girls Barca were excellent in embracing and applying our club philosophy to dominate opponents throughout the year. Hungry for more, the team will kickoff their season at the Spirit United Kickoff Classic and again compete in EDP Premier I – the highest EDP division for U12 girls in the Mid-Atlantic region.



### **2013 Boys Timbers (9v9)**

Timbers heads into the new season after making immense strides of development last year in their first campaign as a team. The boys will start their season at the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast tournament this August and compete in the LVYSL White division this Fall. We are excited to see Timbers continue their path forward and reward themselves this upcoming season for the hard work they put in building a strong foundation last year!





### **2014 Girls Roma (9v9)**

Roma heads into its first season together as a new team eager to develop and make waves locally. The team will kick off their season in the LVYSL White division in September. We look forward to this team's growth this year and are excited for their future!

### **2014 Boys Santos (9v9)**

After two second-place finishes in the LVYSL North division and a cup win at Buckingham United's Spring Fling last year, Santos looks to build upon a solid year of development as they move up to the 9v9 format. The team will kick off their season this August at the Spirit United Kickoff Classic and compete in the LVYSL Red division with an eye toward working for promotion into the EDP leagues!



### **2015 Boys Milan (7v7)**

Milan also heads into its first competitive season together as a new team. With a mixture of some familiar faces and new ones, the team will look to bond quickly before their first tournament in Gettysburg this August. Milan will kick off their season in the LVYSL Red division in September.

### **2015 Boys Valencia (7v7)**

Like Roma and Milan, Valencia starts its first competitive season together as a new team and is motivated to get their season started! Valencia will begin their season in the LVYSL Blue division in September and compete in their first tournament together in November at the Welsh Cup.

### **2016 Girls Juventus (7v7)**

### **2017 Boys Cityzens (7v7)**

Our 2016 Girls Juventus and 2017 Boys Cityzens have been training hard together as a group this past year and are eager to start competing this year! Both teams will test themselves in the LVYSL league this Fall. We look forward to continuing watching the development of these young ones!

### **Showcase Teams**

Our five showcase teams will begin training after Labor Day with competitions starting after the high school soccer season. Their team previews will follow in November.



# TEAM INFORMATION

Full-Sided  
2024-2025

Team	League	Coach
2006 Boys Wolves	USYS National League 2	Zachary Shiposh
2006 Boys Spurs	EDP Premier IV	Thomas Knox
2008 Boys Dortmund	EDP Premier IV	Craig Wilkinson
2010 Boys Bayern	EDP Premier III	Carlos Perez
2010 Girls Lyon	EDP Premier IV	Carlos Perez
2011 Boys Arsenal	EDP Premier III	Zachary Shiposh
2011 Boys Sounders	EDP Premier VI	Gerard Borosky
2012 Boys Celtic	USYS National League 2	Zachary Shiposh

\*Showcase teams (2006-2010) display Spring 2024 league placing



# TEAM INFORMATION

**Small-Sided**  
**2024-2025**

Team	League	Coach
2013 Boys Ajax	EDP Premier II	Ryan Heins
2013 Girls Barca	EDP Premier I	Brendon Weinhardt
2013 Boys Timbers	LVYSL White	Richard Fuchs
2014 Girls Roma	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt
2014 Boys Santos	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt
2015 Boys Milan	LVYSL Red	Zachary Shiposh
2015 Boys Valencia	LVYSL Blue	Richard Fuchs
2016 Girls Juventus	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt
2017 Boys Cityzens	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt





# MVYS Camp

July-August 2024



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Fern Hill Park



# MVYS Camp

July–August 2024



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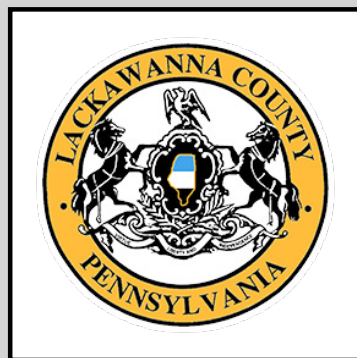
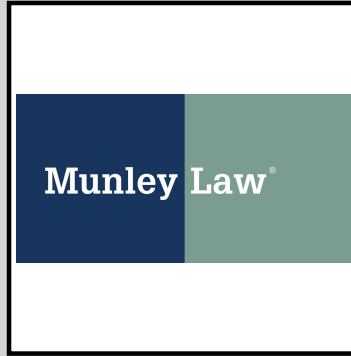


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