



Hartford United Soccer Club Newsletter

March/April 2024



Save The Date & Reminders!

April

Weather & field conditions pending, outdoor practice hopefully will be starting! Watch your emails and texts for messages from your Team Manager or Coach!

April 17th

Micro Registration ends

May 1st

2024/2025 Season registration opens!

May 6th & 7th

Juggle-A-Thon Fundraiser

June 10th & 11th

Tryouts U11-U15 boys

June 11th

Academy Night U7-U10 Boys & Girls

June 12th & 13th

Tryouts U11-U15 Girls

June 17th & 18th

Tryouts U16-U19 Boys & Girls

Beer & Wine Tasting Recap

The Club would like to thank everyone for making our 2nd Annual HUSC Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser a huge success! Even when Mother Nature tried to throw us another curve ball! Thank you to the parents and club supporters that helped promote this event and purchased tickets! Thank you to our Coaches for being our servers for the night! Thank you to the volunteers for filling in where needed! And a huge thank you to all the teams, businesses and families that made donations! We had an amazing selection of raffle and silent auction items! Definitely had something for everyone! Congratulations to all the winners! Some of the moments were captured in pics below. We look forward to next year!

Micro Program (Ages 3-6)

Registration is open until 4/17/24

Cost \$55

8 Weeks starting 5/1/24

[Click Here](#) To Register

Your little ones will be on the field learning while you as a parent get to watch! In this program they will begin to engage with coaching staff and work on their listening skills and following directions. It can look chaotic but trust us, we are making progress through fun! Spread the word!

Questions? Email tl.dob.husc@gmail.com

Spring Season & Practice Shirts

Weather & field conditions pending, outdoor practice hopefully will be starting! Watch your emails and texts for messages from your Team Manager or Coach! **You will also have opportunities to purchase new practice shirts 4/8 & 4/9 from 5pm - 6:30pm.** Shirts are \$12ea.

Juggle-A-Thon Fundraiser

Our 3rd Annual Juggle-A-Thon will be held this Spring on May 6th & May 7th! The aim of the Juggle-a-thon is to provide a chance to raise money while promoting a skill that will better our players! Juggling provides practice for first touch, controlling balls out of the air, and gives our players the familiarity of all surfaces needed in the game. Start practicing now! Players will be asked to obtain pledges either per juggle or a flat dollar amount. Players will have 5 opportunities with the highest juggle out of the 5 being recorded. **NEW this year!** Every player that raises \$50 - \$100 will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card! Every player that raises over \$100 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card! In addition, the team with the largest overall donations (averaged) will win a pizza party!! More details to follow. Pledge sheets will be handed out at practice the week of 4/22/24.

Camps and Clinics

Want to improve your skills this summer?

Check out the list of available Academy, Competitive and College ID Camps throughout Wisconsin and surrounding states. All of which are being run by college coaches and above. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Note: Watch the dating as to not overlap your Club practices and games.

Team Photographers

Game pictures needed for our social media! As the outdoor Spring Season starts please continue to submit horizontal game shots! Email to huscphotos@gmail.com within 24 - 48 hrs of game end.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Yard Signs

Earn 1 hour of volunteer time while spreading the word of our club and tryouts! Put a yard sign in front of your house or business for the month of May. Pick

up will be at the shed at Independence Park on 4/30/24 from 5-6:30pm.

Community Event - May 19th

Looking for booth volunteers to work alongside staff members for the Annual Hartford Craft Fair, located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Help us spread the word about HUSC!

Shifts:

8:30am - 11:30pm - 1 slot

12:30pm - 3:30pm - 1 slot

Players 16 & up can volunteer

Email volunteer.husc@gmail.com if interested!

Spring Field Line Painters -

Two volunteers are needed to paint lines on fields 6 & 7. Training to be provided. Players 16 and up can volunteer

Email: tl.dob.husc@gmail.com

Don't forget your volunteer checks are set to be cashed at the end of the Spring Season if your family's hours have not been met.

Volunteer Hours Submittal

Please fill out the Google Doc [here](#). This will automatically get sent to our Director of Volunteers.

Questions email volunteer.husc@gmail.com

Coach's Corner

Why are HUSC Coaches sitting on the bench, instead of pacing the sidelines during the game - why aren't they coaching instructions (I call it "joysticking") to our players while they're playing? Soccer is intended to be a player centered sport. Most other sports are coach centered, with timeouts, huddles, play callers, base coaches, etc. In those sports players rely heavily on coaches to tell them what to do, they typically solve their problems during the game. No, I'm not bashing other sports, I love American football, the NCAA tournament, etc...

In soccer, the game flows from kick-off to half-time and again until the end - minimizing a coach's impact during the game. Everyone is the quarterback (when they have the ball), everyone attacks, everyone defends... This creates an environment where players must rely on their training to read the game, process information (e.g.: where's the space to attack, do I drop to defend or press). Players get to explore problem solving on their own... As a result, coaches are leveraged to create an environment where they observe and provide some individual feedback on the bench but the majority of information/intervention really needs to happen in training/practice. When topics come up (from game observation) where players show us what they need in a training topic (eg., how to create an overload in attack or how to defend 1v2 in the flank), coaches then make a concerted effort to recreate those moments into their training environment. The trick here is to show it for the visual learners, coach it for the auditory learners while everyone goes through it, as most are kinesthetic learners. US Soccer utilizes this methodology, and the HUSC Mission Statement is a reflection of those beliefs: "To instill a love for the game while developing character, self-thinking, skilled players and tactically aware teams in a competitive environment."

#PlayerDevelopmentIsaJourney

-Jim Schrot | Director of Coaching

