



TEAM CHALLENGER FC NORTH



"2023/24 - DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE"

Hello TCFC North U15, U16 and U17 families,

As the high school season begins to wind down and our high school aged teams get back together, we wanted to take a moment to not only outline the general calendar of events, but also review some other important topics heading into the 2023/24 season.

We are extremely excited about the coaching staff that has been selected to work with these groups.

Lead Coaches

Team Challenger G09 Black (Girls)

Samantha Potoczak – Coach Sam Potoczak was a 4-year starter and captain at Division 1 Lafayette College, so she knows exactly what it takes to make it to the next level. Sam is the current Head Coach for the Shaker Heights Girls Varsity team and is the Director of Girls Programming at OPFC and a welcome addition to our staff. The girls are very fortunate to have Coach Same over see this group along with Coach Kyle (below).

Kyle Milner – Coach Kyle Milner is the current Head Coach for the Midview HS Boys Varsity soccer team and is in his 2nd full year as a member of the TCFC North coaching staff. Kyle has a wealth of experience, previously serving as the Director of Soccer Operations and Student Assistant Coach for the Bowling Green State University Men's Soccer program between the years of 2017-2021. Coach Milner has a Bachelor of Science in Middle Childhood Education and is a true leader, mentor, and great coach that we are proud to have on our staff.

Team Challenger B09 Black (Boys)

Eric Reed – As a player, Eric played collegiately for University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and later as a professional played for the California Victory (USL 1st Division), Cleveland City Stars (USL 2nd Division), Carolina RailHawks (USL Pro), Charlotte Eagles (USL Pro) and the Syracuse Silver Knights (MISL Pro Indoor).

His coaching career has been equally as impressive. He was a former GK Coach at the University of San Francisco, GK Coach at Davidson College, Assistant Coach at Bowling Green State University, Head Coach at Malone University and most recently the Assistant Coach at UCLA.

A blessing that Coach Eric Reed is now on staff at TCFC North. Coach Eric Reed received a BA in Religious Studies from UCLA.

Team Challenger B08 Black (Boys)

Louie Rolko – As a player, Coach Louie played college soccer at Baldwin-Wallace College and was elected to the Baldwin Wallace Hall of Fame. Following his time playing collegiately, Louie turned professional when he signed and spent two seasons with the Charleston Battery of the USL First Division. He then signed with the Pittsburgh Riverhounds of the USL Pro League before making the decision to retire and seek a full-time career in coaching.

Rolko has been the head coach of the Lake Erie men's soccer team since 2017, and over the course of there, the team has risen to prominence. His coaching ability is undeniable and his wealth of knowledge when it come to college recruiting in almost unmatched in our area.

Coach Louie Rolko received a sport management and business administration degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and a master's degree in Educational, School and Counseling Psychology with a focus in Positive Coaching from the University of Missouri.

Team Challenger G07 Black (Girls)

Jake Lagania – Coach Jake Lagania has been a member of the TCFC North coaching staff since 2017 and now going strong into this 3rd season

as the leader for the 2007 girls. Jake has developed great experience training teams and coaching in high level competitions such as National League Pro, GLC Premier 1 as well as many Showcases and Tournaments. He has a tracked record of proven success, and we are fortunate that Jake has committed to the demands that this group requires.

Team Challenger B07 Black (Boys)

Kyle Milner – Coach Kyle Milner is the current Head Coach for the Midview HS Boys Varsity soccer team and is in his 2nd full year as a member of the TCFC North coaching staff. Kyle has a wealth of experience, previously serving as the Director of Soccer Operations and Student Assistant Coach for the Bowling Green State University Men's Soccer program between the years of 2017-2021. Coach Milner has a Bachelor of Science in Middle Childhood Education and is a true leader, mentor, and great coach that we are proud to have on our staff.

IMPORTANT: Getting Recruited by Colleges (for U16 and U17 players)

TCFC North Recruiting Team/Resources – the above coaches as well as I, Chris Dore, Director Coaching and Matt Kutner, Technical Director will be the team of staff coaches available to assist in helping get our aspiring college athletes into the school that best suits them. We plan on scheduling a parent meeting to discuss the College Recruiting Process and there is not a staff more qualified to assist than the one you have here

at TCFC North. We will help guide you through this process which will simplify your search and save you time, money and energy all along the way.

LEAGUES, SHOWCASES, CUPS AND ALL MATCHES

Our teams will be participating in a wide variety of matches OSSL, National League GLC and National League PRO and exhibition matches to help us stay sharp during the cold weather months.

Scheduling for leagues does not begin for a little while, but once schedules are set they will be forwarded along to each age group.

State and Regional Leagues

[OSSL](#) – Team Challenger G09 Black

[National League Great Lakes Conference \(GLC\)](#) – Team Challenger FC B09 Black, Team Challenger FC B08 Black, Team Challenger FC B07 Black and Team Challenger FC G07 Black.

State and Regional League Brackets

OSSL GU15 Premier I

CUSC CUP 09G Silver

FOSC G09 Elite

Mercury Soccer Mercury G09 Red

OSA Independents Elite FC U15 Girls Blue 1

Polaris Soccer Club Polaris SC 09G Navy

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GLC B15U Premier I

FWSC 2009B Osnabruck (IN) (IN)

Indy Phoenix FC 2009B (IN) (IN)

MI Burn 09 Black (MI) (MI)

MVP B09 Gold (KY) (KY)

Owensboro United 2009 Boys Yellow (KY) (KY)

Polaris SC 09B Navy (OH) (OH)

PSC 09' Gold (OH) (OH)

St Francis Premier 2009B Blue (IN) (IN)

Team Challenger FC B09 Black (OH) (OH)

GLC B16U Premier I

Alliance Fire 2008B (IN) (IN)

BGFC Golden Lions Academy 2008 Gold (KY) (KY)

Club Ohio Dayton 08B Elite (OH) (OH)

Columbus United B'08 Lions (OH) (OH)

Liverpool FC-IA North Oakland 08 B Academy (MI) (MI)

MI Burn 08 Black (MI) (MI)

Nationals Union 08 Boys Black (MI) (MI)

PSC '08 Gold (OH) (OH)

Team Challenger FC B08 Black (OH) (OH)

GLC B17U Premier II Blue

Club Ohio Dayton 07B Elite (OH) (OH)

DPA Cobras 07 Boys Showcase (OH) (OH)

Eastern Elite Soccer Academy (KY) (KY)

Elite FC 07 Blue (KY) (KY)

FC Dayton B07 Elite (OH) (OH)

Team Challenger FC B07 Black (OH) (OH)

TFA B07 Elite (OH) (OH)

GLC G17U Premier I

Club Ohio Dayton 07G Elite (OH) (OH)

Columbus United G'07 Lions (OH)

FC Dayton G07 Elite (OH) (OH)

IFA North 2007G I (IN) (IN)

KHA1 Cincinnati North G07 (OH) (OH)

Salvo 07G Navy (MN)

Team Challenger FC G07 Black (OH) (OH)

WSU Girls U17 Elite (IN) (IN)

National League PRO - for Team Challenger FC G07 Black

Important NL PRO Links

<https://www.usysnationalleague.com/usys-national-league-introduces-enhanced-format-for-national-events/>

https://www.usysnationalleague.com/assets/134/6/nl_23-24_format_conferences_4-3.pdf

NL PRO GUARENTEED EVENT

Dec 8-Dec 11, 2023 - ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (Orlando, Fla)

NL PRO MUST QUALIFY THROUGH DECEMBER EVENT

***Feb 23-Feb 26, 2024 | Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay – Tampa, FL

Potential Showcases/Events

09 Girls

POTENTIAL EVENT LIST

Ohio Elite Girls College and Junior Showcase
Blue Chip Showcase - Girls
US Club State Cup
USYS State Cup
USYS Regionals-If Qualify

DATES/LOCATION

2/23-2/25, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
4/19-4/21, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
May 2024 (Cleveland, OH/Columbus, OH)
5/25-5/27, 2023 & 6/1-6/2, 2024 (West Chester)
6/21-6/26, 2024 (Overland Park, KS)

09 Boys

POTENTIAL EVENT LIST

Ohio Elite Boys College and Junior Showcase
Jefferson Cup Boys Showcase
*Crossroads of America Showcase - Boys
*Blue Chip Showcase - Boys
USYS State Cup
USYS Regionals-If Qualify
USYS Nationals-If Qualify

DATES/LOCATION

3/1-3/3, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
3/22-3/24, 2024 (Richmond, VA)
4/19-4/21, 2024 (Westfield, IN)
4/26-4/28, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
5/25-5/27, 2023 & 6/1-6/2, 2024 (West Chester)
6/21-6/26, 2024 (Overland Park, KS)
7/23-7/28, 2024 (Orlando, FL)

08 Boys

POTENTIAL EVENT LIST

*2023 Disney Boys Soccer Showcase
Elite 64 Playoffs – Orlando, FL - If Accepted
National League P.R.O. – Tampa, FL - If Qualify
Ohio Elite Boys College and Junior Showcase
Jefferson Cup Boys Showcase
*Crossroads of America Showcase - Boys
*Blue Chip Showcase - Boys
USYS State Cup
USYS Regionals-If Qualify
USYS Nationals-If Qualify

DATES/LOCATION

12/27-12/30, 2023 (Orlando, FL)
1/26-1/30, 2024 (Orlando, FL)
2/23-2/27, 2024 (Tampa, FL)
3/1-3/3, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
3/22-3/24, 2024 (Richmond, VA)
4/19-4/21, 2024 (Westfield, IN)
4/26-4/28, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
5/25-5/27, 2023 & 6/1-6/2, 2024 (West Chester)
6/21-6/26, 2024 (Overland Park, KS)
7/23-7/28, 2024 (Orlando, FL)

07 Boys

POTENTIAL EVENT LIST

Ohio Elite Boys College and Junior Showcase
Jefferson Cup Boys Showcase
*Crossroads of America Showcase - Boys
*Blue Chip Showcase - Boys
USYS State Cup
USYS Regionals-If Qualify
USYS Nationals-If Qualify

DATES/LOCATION

3/1-3/3, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
3/22-3/24, 2024 (Richmond, VA)
4/19-4/21, 2024 (Westfield, IN)
4/26-4/28, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
5/25-5/27, 2023 & 6/1-6/2, 2024 (West Chester)
6/21-6/26, 2024 (Overland Park, KS)
7/23-7/28, 2024 (Orlando, FL)

07 Girls

POTENTIAL EVENT LIST

National League P.R.O. Playoffs
National League P.R.O. TAMPA
Ohio Elite Girls College and Junior Showcase
Jefferson Cup Girls Showcase
Blue Chip Showcase - Girls
Crossroads of America Showcase - Girls
USYS State Cup
USYS Regionals-If Qualify
USYS Nationals-If Qualify

DATES/LOCATION

12/8-12/11, 2023 (Orlando, FL)
2/24-2/27, 2024 (Tampa, FL)
2/23-2/25, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
3/15-3/17, 2024 (Richmond, VA)
4/19-4/21, 2024 (Cincinnati, OH)
4/26-4/28, 2024 (Westfield, IN)
5/25-5/27, 2023 & 6/1-6/2, 2024 (West Chester)
6/21-6/26, 2024 (Overland Park, KS)
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TRAINING DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS will be released soon!

Looking forward to the full 2023/24 season. Here are our estimated start/end training dates for each session.

Winter 1 2023 - Start Date - November 6, 2023: End Date – December 21, 2023

Winter 2 2024 - Start Date – January 8, 2024: End Date – March 21, 2024

Spring 2024 - Start Date - April 8, 2024: End Date – May 30, 2024 (or whenever season ends)

THERE IS A LOT OF PLANNING TO BE DONE SO PLEASE REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS TODAY IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO YET.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT, CHRIS DORE, DIRECTOR OF COACHING at cdore09@hotmail.com WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE!