

MORRIS COUNTY COLONIALS

Press Release



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Morris County Colonials commit to YPSL

The New Jersey Soccer Group is proud to announce the acceptance of the Morris County Colonials and the Millburn Magic to compete in the inaugural season of the Youth Premier Soccer League (YPSL).

The YPSL is the official youth league of the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) and the men's National Premier Soccer League (NPSL). Both leagues represent the highest level of amateur soccer in the United States, featuring players from some of the nation's top collegiate soccer programs. Membership to the YPSL limited to the youth programs of WPSL and NPSL teams, meaning the Colonials and Magic youth programs are the sole league representatives for Northern New Jersey.

The aim of the YPSL is to combine the best elements of current summer options, and promote a structure which best reflects the interests of youth soccer players. This is achieved by maximizing quality playing time and competition whilst minimizing the travel and scheduling issues synonymous with other competitive summer opportunities. The YPSL schedule runs in conjunction with those of the WPSL and NPSL resulting in no conflicts occurring between year round travel soccer and summer play.

The Colonials and Magic have over 300 players playing in their youth teams this year, representing every age group from U9 through U16 boys and girls. The teams are composed of talented players from their local areas, demonstrating their commitments from the clubs to developing strong links within their soccer community. Both organizations are also running U9 and U10 Pre-Y teams that will prepare and enable players to advance into the YPSL. U10 teams will also have the opportunity to play 11v11 games in preparation for the upcoming fall season. YPSL teams will compete in twelve games, at premier soccer facilities, scheduled over four weekends, followed by a finals weekend. This structure provides players with regional competition against teams such as the New England Mutiny, Philadelphia Liberty and Boston Aztecs, reversing the current trend of repetitive tournaments at the same locations against the same teams. An added bonus of the competition is that standout players have the prospect being recognized as part of US Club Soccer id 2 player identification program, a national system of talent identification and development.

The YPSL is one of the many ways the Colonials and Magic are looking to create links and develop relationships with local youth soccer programs. Through the senior teams competing in the WPSL and NPSL, YPSL players will have the opportunity to progress from youth to senior soccer within one club structure. "We are in a unique position to offer continuity as players progress through the age groups" remarked Denise Gosling, Head of Youth Programs for the Millburn Magic, "and we hope players recognize this and remain committed to developing through our program".

The Millburn Magic and Morris County Colonials are part of The New Jersey Soccer Group, a management company representing a family of soccer based organizations offering a full range of soccer services in northern New Jersey.

More about the Morris County Colonials at

www.colonialsoccer.com

More about the NPSL at

www.nationalpremiersoccerleague.com

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www.njsoccergroup.com