



Are you a coach with a great group of youth players? Want to keep them together from now on? You can, and here is how: FC Rockville will help you.

Seven Steps to Your Own Travel Team

- 1.** Congratulations! If you have selected your own group of players (whether or not you have actually held public or private tryouts), you have left the realm of recreational and entered the realm of club soccer.
- 2.** Although it is technically possible to be an independent club team and do everything yourself, from a practical standpoint, this isn't an option for a "newbie" coach. In order to use city fields, get referees, and join a playing league, you'll probably want to join an existing organization with administrative infrastructure. If your players are in Montgomery County, MD or the surrounding areas, you may be able to bring a group of players into **FC Rockville**
- 3.** Know what age group your team will be in. The age categories for club soccer may be different from what you are used to. Some of the players you are thinking about may be too old.
- 4.** Know the difference between Premier and Classic levels of competition, as they are defined by United States Youth Soccer (USYS)
- 5.** Have some idea about which league you'd like to play in and what the playing seasons are. There are several leagues in the immediate Washington-Baltimore area that play soccer during the fall and spring season. The most common leagues are NCSL, WAGS, BBSL, SAM, CMSSL/OBSL, ODSL, and MSI. For the older and more competitive teams, there are Region1 premier league, Colonial League, and Super Y. Furthermore, there are indoor and Futsal leagues during the winter months; Rockville Sports Plex winter league, Germantown Discovery Zone Leagues, Magic Futsal, Frederick indoor, Soccerdome of Howard County, etc.
- 6.** Learn about coaching licenses. There are two organizations that offer coaching license. USSF and NSCAA are great organizations that offer different levels of coaching license.
- 7.** Get your "newbie" questions (about registration and other paperwork, cost, travel, fields, referees, MSYSA carding, etc.) answered by the FC Rockville staff.