



SEACOAST UNITED MAINE

Player/Parent Information Night

June 14, 2010



Agenda

- Introduction and Ground Rules
- Presentation
- Questions & Answers
- Breakout Conversations



Introduction

- In the last 90 days Seacoast United Maine has announced two major combinations. The additions of Odyssey Sport 97 and Maine Metro FC have the potential to dramatically improve soccer in Maine
- While we at Seacoast are very excited by the news, it is certainly understandable that many are curious as to what this means and how they are affected



Goal

- Simply put – our goal is to provide the right situation for every soccer player who wants to play this amazing sport
- Due to the remarkable level of club density in southern Maine – there has traditionally been widespread distribution of a small number of players over a large number of clubs – many players have found themselves in situations where their development is delayed or stopped entirely because of team composition
- By combining with Maine Metro FC and Odyssey Sport 97– Seacoast United Maine is able to provide playing conditions that maximize development opportunities for kids all over southern and central Maine

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STRUCTURE



Club

- Upon completion Seacoast United Maine will exist as two inter-connected departments, Seacoast United Maine “North” and Seacoast United Maine “South”
- The primary reason for two departments is to conveniently serve our wide geographic base
- Because it is still one organization - coaches will work together as well as with players/families to decide the best fit for each player



Facilities

- Beginning in November 2010 Seacoast United Maine will have ongoing access to three indoor facilities. They are:
 - Seacoast United Maine Indoor Arena – Topsham
 - The Armory – Portland
 - Your Space – Gorham
- While we are thrilled to have access to these soccer centric indoor training grounds we're sure many are wondering which facility they will be using
- In order to better understand how that will work we first must introduce Seacoast's new team structure



Seasons

- Seacoast United Maine provides opportunity for fun, competitive play in both fall (U9-U14) and spring league seasons (all age groups)
- The fall season begins in August and will consist of league play in the New England Premiership (NEP)
- Spring begins in November with league play determined by the team tier. Most teams will compete in NEP, Maine Premier League or the Pine Tree League
- State Cup play is available for teams U12 and above
- Seacoast United also has opportunities for play in Super Y* and with the US Development Academy*



Seacoast United Program Pyramid



A Program for Every Player

Elite Team Programs

US Development Academy

U14B, U16B & U18B

Super Y Teams

U13-U17, U20 – Boys/Girls

Elite In-State Teams

U12-U18 – Boys/Girls

Core Team Programs

Premier Teams

Select team play, U12-U19 – Boys/Girls

Classic Teams

Classic team play, U8-U19 – Boys/Girls

Junior Academy

Developmental skills training, U8-U11 – Boys/Girls

Early Player Development (EDP)

Developmental skills training, 7-10 years – Boys/Girls

Grassroots, Skills & Scrimmages

Developmental skills training, 3-10 years – Boys/Girls

Developmental



Team Tier System

- As stated previously our primary aim is to develop soccer players by providing them the right opportunity. We place players in situations in which they can most effectively develop, succeed and meet their own individual goals. We believe a three tier system of teams for all competitive level age groups most efficiently meets this goal
- The Coaching/Technical Directors will be responsible for determining to which tier a particular age group or team, as well as which coach, will belong. We expect to provide team options in multiple tiers and multiple geographies. In some cases we might even have multiple teams in the same tier in the same geography
- The three tiers are as follows:
 1. Elite
 2. Premier
 3. Classic



Elite

- These teams are comprised of players who have a proven level of performance consistent with the very best players in their age group
- They will compete against like teams from across the US. The commitment level demanded is High. These are proving grounds for the US Development Academy and the Seacoast United top Super Y teams

PLEASE NOTE: As with all team levels – the teams will be primarily housed in the facilities that are most convenient for the player base. We anticipate fielding multiple Elite teams in each age group representing the north and south provided the player skill levels are met.



Premier

- Premier teams are the foundation of Seacoast United Maine's competitive age groups. Players in this tier are extremely capable and will compete for roster spots on the Elite level (if desired & applicable). It is expected that some players will choose Premier instead of Elite based on geography, commitment, etc
- These teams will compete against like teams from across the US. The commitment level demanded is Moderate to High
- We anticipate fielding multiple Premier teams in each age group



Classic

- Classic teams are constructed primarily for individual skills development as well as convenience. It is expected that many players in this tier will focus on fundamentals
- All non-competitive age groups will fall under this designation as well as teams comprised of players who are still working towards a Premier level or have chosen to play Classic due to a less stringent commitment
- Geography is a primary determinant for our younger players. We will attempt to form teams in U8-U11 based on location and convenience. Parents/Players will, in some instances, have the opportunity to “opt-out” of a certain geography if they desire



Tryouts U11-U14

Group	U11-U14 North Tryouts			
	Date	Check-In	Tryouts	Location
Girls	Sunday, 7/11	8:30-9:00 AM	9:00-10:30 AM	North Yarmouth Academy
Boys	Sunday, 7/11	10:00-10:30 AM	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	
Girls	Tuesday, 7/13	4:30-5:00 PM	5:00-6:30 PM	
Boys	Tuesday, 7/13	6:00-6:30 PM	6:30-8:00 PM	

Group	U11-U14 South Tryouts			
	Date	Check-In	Tryouts	Location
Boys	Saturday, 7/10	8:30-9:00 AM	9:00-10:30 AM	Fitzpatrick Stadium
Girls	Saturday, 7/10	10:00-10:30 AM	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	
Girls	Thursday, 7/15	4:30-5:00 PM	5:00-6:30 PM	
Boys	Thursday, 7/15	6:00-6:30 PM	6:30-8:00 PM	



Tryouts U15-U18

Group	U15-U18 North Tryouts			
	Date	Check-In	Tryouts	Location
Girls	Tuesday, 7/6	4:30-5:00 PM	5:00-6:30 PM	North Yarmouth Academy
Boys	Tuesday, 7/6	6:00-6:30 PM	6:30-8:00 PM	
Girls	Sunday, 7/11	4:30-5:00 PM	5:00-6:30 PM	
Boys	Sunday, 7/11	6:00-6:30 PM	6:30-8:00 PM	

Group	U15-U18 South Tryouts			
	Date	Check-In	Tryouts	Location
Girls	Thursday, 7/8	5:30-6:00 PM	6:00-7:30 PM	Fitzpatrick Stadium
Boys	Thursday, 7/8	7:00-7:30 PM	7:30-9:00 PM	
Boys	Saturday, 7/10	11:30AM-12:00 PM	12:00-1:30 PM	
Girls	Saturday, 7/10	1:00-1:30 PM	1:30-3:00 PM	



Tryouts

- The coaches for the applicable age group will be present at both tryouts (North/South) and then convene in a coaching summit to select the teams based on the tier system previously articulated
- Players can attend both North & South evaluations if they desire
- Player preferences will be taken into consideration where possible
- Tryout details can be found at www.seacoastunitedmaine.org



Coaches & Staff

- One of the unique aspects about Seacoast United Maine is the full time staff that is dedicated to the players, programs and teams that make up the club
- We are justly proud of the remarkable stable of Seacoast United coaches – including 13 college coaches
- Coaching Assignments are being slightly reworked and we anticipate an updated announcement soon



Staff





Team Tuition & Fees

Team Programs	Season		Includes
	Fall	Winter/Spring	
U11-12	\$350	\$975-\$1,175	Apparel/Equipment: Training kit, match kit, back pack, \$25 Player or Supporter gift card, Ball
U13-14	\$450	\$975-\$1,175	
U15-18	NA	\$1,100-1,200	Core: training sessions, tournaments, league play

[Click here](#) to view the full Tuition Handout with details for each specific age group.



PROGRAMS



Early Development Program

- Seacoast United in partnerships with various town/travel & recreation associations
- 6-week training based program
 - 90 minute sessions (30 minute skill session, 1 hour game play)
 - SUSC EDP Festival Night (including players from the SUSC-NH EDP)
- Non-tryout based program
- Does not conflict with Town/Travel or Recreational programs



Junior Academy

- Accelerated soccer training/playing program which prioritizes skill development
 - Groups are trained by gender and age (7&8 and 9 through 11)
- 24 week program located conveniently in Portland, Topsham and Gorham
- Players can transition (if desired) to Seacoast United teams for Winter/Spring play
- Coaches are selected specifically for their proven ability to work with and develop younger players



Foot Skills

- Beginning in November Seacoast's top instructors, led by noted speed coach Dawn Strout, will run two 10 week sessions devoted to improving:
 - Explosive dynamic athletic activity
 - Agility
 - ball-handling skills in an evasive and defensive manner – 50%
- 1 coach per 10-11 players
- Sessions will be held at YourSpace in Gorham, the Armory in Portland and the Seacoast United Indoor Arena in Topsham



Specialty Training

- Seacoast understands that one size rarely fits all. That is why we offer instruction for specialty positions as well as training to create a well rounded player
- At Seacoast United the lonely figure between the posts is NOT forgotten. We continue to increase our programs devoted to keeper training. Seacoast provides in-season training, as well as camps to develop the future Tim Howards and Hope Solos
- For players looking for that edge in performance we also provide “Speed, Agility & Quickness” programs



Camps

- Seacoast offers a variety of camps for players of all ages, sizes and abilities
 - Advanced Day Camp
 - SUSC Maine's premier camp during the summer months for players age 7-16
 - Goalkeepers will also receive goalkeeping-specific training during the technical session each day
 - Held at North Yarmouth Academy in Yarmouth, Maine
 - All players receive a Nike soccer ball and t-shirt
 - Seacoast United Maine Community Camps
 - Our coaches come to you!
 - Each and every community camp is unique in that an entirely new curriculum is created within our daily framework to give every camper a special experience
 - All campers receive a Nike soccer ball and Nike t-shirt
 - All of our Community Camps offer a Grassroots class for 3-4 yr olds from 9-10am each day



Camps, continued

– Specialized Skills Camps

- **Finishing & Keepers' Academy:** Seacoast United Maine will be hosting two weeks of Finishing & Keepers' Academy, aimed at fine-tuning these specialist positions
- **Futsal Training** - Our camp will introduce players to the skills, techniques and concepts used in Futsal and show how they can relate to and benefit them in an 11v11 world
- **Passing & 1st Touch** - This camp will specifically focus on players first touch, passing accuracy, decision making, technique and movement off the ball

– Maine Metro FC Coerver Summer Camp

- Focus on ball mastery, receiving, passing, 1v1 moves, finishing, group attack, & small sided games
- Specialized Keeper training & Speed & Agility training
- Includes t-shirt and ball. More details at http://www.mainemetrofc.com/Summer_Camp_Brochure_2010.pdf



Tournaments

- Odyssey Winter Freeze
 - Christmas Vacation
 - Portland & Topsham
- Maine Metro FC - Seacoast United Indoor Tournament
 - **February Vacation**
 - **Gorham**
- Coastal Summer Challenge
 - Father's Day Weekend (June)
 - Brunswick & South Portland



Program Tuition & Fees

Other programs	Cost	Includes
Early Development Program (EDP)	\$75	6 weeks of training (1.5 hours per session; 30 minutes of skills, 1 hour of scrimmage), End of Season festival
Junior Academy	\$700	24 Weeks (1.5 hours per session), Training Gear, Ball, \$25 gift card, Indoor League Play
Footskills	SUSC-Maine players: Included with tuition / Non SUSC-Maine players: \$225 / Travel Club Rate: \$150 per player (15 minimum)	Two 10-week sessions starting Nov '10. Program provides speed, agility, strength, foot skills, and fundamentals development training to all registered & non-registered SUSC-Maine players. This specialized program focuses on improving the player's individual ball handling skills, speed/agility, and quickness.

Program & Camp details available at www.seacoastunitedmaine.org



Conclusion

- We do hope the information is helpful to you. We are always available to assist in answering any questions that might arise
- Seacoast United understands that this is a confusing time. You are concerned about your teammates, coaches, and club that you have served so loyally. We want you to know that our primary concern and focus is YOU. Without YOU none of this works
- Our goal is to create opportunities for soccer players in Maine. By combining with Maine Metro FC and Odyssey Sport 97 we believe that Seacoast has exponentially increased development, structure, flexibility and convenience for players. After you experience it – we believe you will agree with us!



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