

To All Players, Parents, Coaches, and Family Members of South County Youth Soccer Club:

The Mission of South County Youth Soccer Club (SCYSC) is to provide opportunities for all Club members to excel and grow to the best of their abilities. To allow our most skilled and dedicated players the chance to learn from the best coaches and to participate at the highest level of competition, SCYSC established the Elite Program in 2014.

As part of the growth and maturity of the Elite Program, we are delighted to announce that SCYSC has established a new Elite Program partnership with New England FC (NEFC), New England's Premier Elite Soccer Club. NEFC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with over 150 soccer teams and 2000 soccer player members based in 8 regional locations. More information on NEFC can be found in the attached handbook.

The new partnership between NEFC and SCYSC represents a significant upgrade to our current Elite Program and provides many more opportunities for SCYSC players and coaches. More importantly, the new NEFC / SCYSC partnership focuses on building a very strong community club and working collaboratively with all the towns in central and southern RI.

NEFC's player development model, coaching education programs, and college preparation programs are second to none:

1. NEFC's primary focus is player development, and it reinvests income to raise player and coach performance.
2. NEFC has a clearly defined pathway for skilled players seeking to play at the highest levels of soccer offered in New England, including the US Development Academy, Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), National Premier Leagues (NPL), and New England Premiership (NEP). NEFC is also the only club with official working club partnerships with both the New England Revolution and Boston Breakers.
3. NEFC's talent ID program is exceptional, and players are constantly monitored and assessed through constant coach communication, as well as training and club passing opportunities with higher-level teams.

Important Information about the new NEFC / SCYSC Program for Players and Families

* Tryouts for boys and girls (birth years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008) will occur as

scheduled -- next week starting MONDAY, June 6th. Visit our website www.scysc.org for times, locations, and registration.

- * The fee for a player to participate in the new Program will be approximately \$800 (the exact amount will be determined once negotiations with NEFC are complete). *This player fee is remarkably affordable - at least 50-60% cheaper than other regional premier programs.*
- * The fee will include: NEFC IDP Program, NEP League Play, 3 Tournaments, High-Level Coaching, Outdoor Fields for Training and Games, Indoor Training (Nov-Mar), registration and other administration costs.
- * All Program players will be invited to attend 3 'Talent Identification' events - training/competition dates when all NEFC teams come together and players have opportunities to meet players from other regions and to receive training from other coaches.
- * All Program players will also have an option to supplement training with the New England Revolution - Regional Development School (RDS) and the Player Developmental Program (PDP) and Goalkeeper Academy.
- * Teams will compete as NEFC Southeast teams in the New England Premiership (NEP).
- * NEFC Southeast teams will play in at least 3 tournaments: 2 NEFC Tournaments - Fall Kick Off (August) and Spring Kick Off (March) and the SEASIDE CLASSIC. Other indoor and outdoor tournaments will be discussed with parents.
- * NEFC Southeast teams will wear the NEFC Nike uniform. (NEFC are in the final year of the current Nike uniform; the entire club will change to a new uniform in 2017/18. Parents will need to order a base pack with an option to buy tracksuit, bags, etc.)

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