

# Welcome to Black Watch Premier Soccer



Black Watch Premier's mission is to develop a youth soccer player strong and resilient in character, technically and tactically proficient, and physically able to meet the demands of the modern game of football through a soccer environment that is rich with technical and professional instructors and mentors, highly motivated youth players, supportive families, routine and rigorous training, and competitive contests.

The Black Watch Premier membership, which draws players from a 120-mile radius of the Capital Region, includes numerous players who have achieved their goal of playing at the next level. Seven of the Club's members have participated in the US Soccer National Team Program and almost all members have gone on to play college-level soccer. The Club has graduated over of 250 athletes, both boys and girls, and nearly 230 of them have gone on to play collegiately. Of those graduates, 60 of them played at the NCAA Division I level. In addition, in the past 14 years, Black Watch Premier graduates have garnered *significant* athletic aid toward their higher education. For many graduates, their Black Watch Premier experience created college educational opportunities that their academic record would not have allowed.

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The growth and development of these players is supported by the Club's technical staff, which is comprised of professional staff coaches, who are former professional players; National Staff members; collegiate coaches; and nationally-licensed youth coaches. The Black Watch Premier technical staff provides the necessary environment for players to be tested, pushed, assessed, trained, and re-tested over and over again in a variety of environments.

***The Club is also one of only 32 teams nationwide that are sponsored by Nike and our affiliation has provided our players with the best gear and equipment available.***

Over the course of 18 years of operation, the Club has developed programming for youth of both genders, ages 6-23 years old. This programming is fluid and ever-changing, allowing the Club to meet the demands of the modern game of football. Through on-going professional development and daily experience in the soccer landscape, the entirety of the technical staff is constantly evaluating Club practices to best enhance the overall training as well as match environments.

Driving all of these efforts is a commitment to the Black Watch Premier core principles: Competence, courage and character.

***As they grow and develop through our program, our players are given every opportunity to maximize their potential in a vibrant and supportive club environment.***



**U20**

**NATIONAL**  
**U15 - U18**

**REGIONAL**  
**U13 - U14**

**LOCAL**  
**U11- U12**

**GRASSROOTS**  
**U5 - U10**

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## Accomplishments

Black Watch Premier has positioned itself in the Northeast Region as one of the top Clubs in the Region and even in the entire United States. Black Watch Premier was recognized as one of the Top 11 Clubs in the entire US by SYL and Directors of each of the 125 competing Clubs around the US.

## Club Highlights:

- 2006-07 – 1 team to SYL Nationals, 1 ENYYSA State Cup semi-finalist, 11 graduating players went on to play in college.
- 2007-08 – 2 teams to SYL Nationals, 1 ENYYSA State Cup finalist and three quarterfinalists, 22 out of 24 graduating players went on to play in college.
- 2008-09 – Three teams to the SYL Nationals, 1 ENYYSA State Cup finalist-champion, 4 semifinalists and 2 quarterfinalists, all 23 graduating players went on to play in college. First player in Club history to be drafted in Major League Soccer: Paul Gerstenberger to the Columbus Crew.
- 2009-10 – 2 teams to SYL Nationals, 1 ENYYSA State Cup finalist, 22 out of 24 graduating players went on to play in college.
- 2010-11 -- 2 teams to SYL Nationals, 1 ENYYSA State Cup champion and 3 quarterfinalists, 23 out of 26 graduating players went on to play in college.
- 2011-12 – 2 teams to SYL Nationals, 1 ENYYSA State Cup finalist, 5 of 6 teams placed 1st in Jefferson Cup, 1 Potomac Cup champion, 18 out of 20 graduating players went on to play in college.
- 2012-2014 - Boys U13 won Potomac Cup and Boys U15 won both the Manhattan and Jefferson Cup. Boys U16 were finalist in the San Diego Surf Cup (one of the largest tournaments in the country).  
50 out of the 60 Club graduating players went on to play in college.



# Our Local & Grassroots Program

## Grassroots (U5-U10) & (U11/U12)

Black Watch Premier programming is designed to develop all players to their fullest potential. To do this, our technical staff creates programming that is fluid and flexible, and supported by on-going professional development, in order to meet the demands of the modern game of football. We constantly evaluate our practices and day-to-day interactions with our players to provide them with the best training and match environments.

### **BWP GRASSROOTS PROGRAM BOYS U5-U10**

The Grassroots Program provides our youngest players with the opportunity to get involved with our Club and staff in an educational and enthusiastic environment. The primary goal of this program is to foster the enjoyment of soccer. Within the program we offer three different age groups: Under 5/6, Under 7/8 and Under 9/10. The Grassroots Program has been very well-received by the community and has become one of the Club's more popular programs.

*\*The Club offers the Under 5/6 program for free.*

### **BWP GRASSROOTS LOCAL FLIGHT U11 - U12 BOYS**

The Local Flight focuses on improving and increasing technical skills. Training is twice per week and includes Futsal to enhance technique and speed of play. The programming will teach players to be more specific and clear on the field, to deal with the ball in a variety of situations, and to want and enjoy the ball. The training-to-match ratio is 2:1 and the flight will play locally in an 8v8 and will compete in four to six tournaments throughout the 9 month season.

### BWP Grassroots Flight (U5-U10)

- Educate & inspire
- Technique, technique, technique
- Fun Games
- Recognizing the potential for substantial daily improvement
- Train 1 time per week
- Local matches to experiment and grow

### BWP Local Flight (U11-U12)

- Technique remains primary focus
- Introduce small sided tactics
- Encourage creativity, expression & experimentation
- Increase in frequency & repetitions
- Train 2X per week
- Local matches to experience outside opponents

## Investment

At Black Watch Premier we view our program costs as an investment in a player's development and ability advancement. We realize this is a significant investment for you to consider and try to be as transparent as possible so you understand the value of your investment.

Our program investment includes:

- All Professional Coaching
- Professional/Collegiate Technical Staff
- Indoor/Outdoor Facilities
- Focused on development and learning of techniques for U5-U6
- 1 Practice/Training Sessions Per Week (U5-U8)
- 2 Practice/Training Sessions Per Week (U9-U12)
- CDYSL League (U7-U12)
- Participate in local indoor leagues (U7-U8)
- 4-6 Tournaments (U9-U12)
- Futsal Training (U9-U12)

*Sponsored by Nike*

# Our Local & Grassroots Program

## Last Year's Investment by Age Group

Rising U5-U6:	FREE
Rising U7-U8:	\$275 per season*
Rising U9-U10:	\$325 per season*
Rising U11-U12:	\$1350

*\*Tuition subject to change based on enrollment and facility costs*

*\*\*U7-U8 & U9-10 is offered in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Investment is per season and most players register for all three (\$825 per year – U7-U8 | \$975 per year U9-U10)*

### Uniforms: (\$118)

The Club will be on a two year cycle in regards to uniforms. For the first year of the cycle, players will be provided a uniform kit which includes:

- White Game Jersey, Shorts, Socks
- Black Game Jersey, Shorts, Socks
- Training Shirt

**Note: goalkeepers are provided with a separate uniform kit which will consist of a home and away jersey, a pair of keeper pants, and a pair of keeper shorts. This kit will replace the home and away field player uniform listed above.**

For the second year of the cycle, players will use the uniform kits from year one and will be provided a warm-up suit kit which includes:  
-Warm-up suit (jacket and pants)  
-Training gear

*\*U5 & U6 do not have uniforms and are given a free training shirt*

*\*additional tournaments may be added (subject to change)*

## What is Team Account?

(Applicable to U9-U10 & U11-U12 Only):

Team Account covers expenses such as league and referee fees, tournament applications and coaches reimbursements for travel. These expenses are not part of your Black Watch Premier tuition.

Because each teams commitments vary based upon age, acceptance and choice of tournament levels to attend, number of players, etc., each team has their own individual travel account and budget.

We have provided you with an estimated team account by age based upon a roster of 15 players. Please note that this is only an estimate and can vary + or - based on the factors outlined above.

## ESTIMATED

RISING U9-U10: \$600-\$700  
(combined for all 3 seasons)

RISING U11-U12: \$700 - \$800

## Leagues

- CDYSL

## Tournaments

- Clifton Park Soccer Classic or Candy Cup Tournament
- Thanksgiving Tournament
- Christmas Tournament
- Oakwood MLK Tournament
- Presidents Day Tournament (Pending)
- Greater Binghamton March Madness
- Guilderland Memorial Day Tournament
- Lakefront Classic

# Our Local & Grassroots Program

## Sample Schedule\*

September – October

- Training (limited training due to scholastic involvement)
- Registration Picnic
- Fall U9/U10 Sessions Begins
- Clifton Park Soccer Classic or Candy Cup Tournament (U9/U10, U11/12)

November – December

- Training (2 times per week for U9-U12, 1 time per week U5-U8)- combination of indoor and outdoor training
- Winter U9/U10 Session Begins
- Thanksgiving Tournament (U9/U10, U11/12)
- Christmas Tournament (U9/U10, U11/12)

January- February

- Training (2 times per week for U9-U12, 1 time per week U5-U8)
- Futsal Training (U9/U10, U11/12)
- MLK Tournament or Presidents Tournament (U9/U10, U11/12)

MARCH- APRIL

- Training (2 times per week for U9-U12, 1 time per week U5-U8)- combination of indoor and outdoor training
- Spring U9/U10 Session Begins
- Greater Binghamton March Madness Tournament (U9/U10, U11/12)
- League Play

MAY-JUNE

- Training (2 times per week for U9-U12, 1 time per week U5-U8)- combination of indoor and outdoor training
- Guilderland Memorial Day Tournament (U9/U10, U11/12)
- Lakefront Classic (U9/U10, U11/12)

## Questions or Notes that I may have?

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## BLACK WATCH PREMIER FACILITIES

### BWP Training & Match Facilities

Black Watch Premier is proud to partner with local schools and organizations to host training sessions, practices and games.

Our facilities are conveniently located and give the Club flexibility with scheduling. Our goal is to ensure we have access to the best facilities and field conditions possible for our players.

Facilities include:

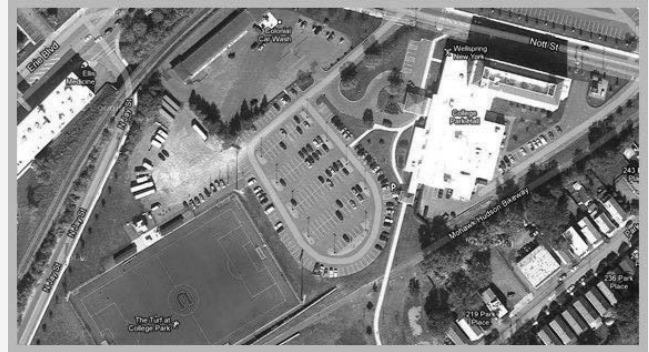
Union College (Outdoor Training / Matches)  
450 Nott Street Schenectady, NY  
Type: Turf Field | Restroom: Porta-poddy only)

Front Street (Indoor Training Facility)  
17 Mohawk Avenue, Schenectady, NY  
Type: Turf Field | Restroom: Yes

Frank Bailey Field (Outdoor Training / Matches)  
807 Union Street, Schenectady, NY  
Type: Turf Field | Restroom: Yes

Garis Field (Outdoor Training / Matches)  
807 Union Street, Schenectady, NY  
Type: Grass Field | Restroom: No

Brown School - Futsal Training



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## Staff & Coaches

At BWP, our Technical Staff and Club Personnel collectively work together to provide a better overall experience and delivery of our services for all our members, the players and the families.

## Coaching Staff

U11/U12

**Associate Staff Coaches:** Chuck Assini, Mike Boland, Andrew Hart, Joe Sorriento and Ryan Stevens

BOYS U5 - U10

**Technical Staff Coach:** Jake Boland, Director of Grassroots

**Program Technical Staff Coach:** Trevor Gorman, Director of Coaching (UAlbany Soccer Head Coach)

**Associate Staff Coaches:** Chuck Assini, Mike Boland, Andrew Hart, Kirk Sinkins, Joe Sorriento, Jordan Flores and Ryan Stevens

## Administrative Staff

The BWP Administrative Team main objectives are to support the BWP Technical Staff, the implementation of our programming and the needs of our Club membership. BWP executes the day-to-day operations of the Club's business.

Currently, the BWP Administrative Team consists of:

- Larry Jasenski, Chief Financial Officer, 14 years with BWP
- Steve Freeman, Director of Programming, 19 years with BWP
- Shanic Fingar, Director of Operations, 8 years with BWP
- Frank Romeo, Creative Director, 8 years with BWP
- Phil Sidoti, Marketing Director, 1 year with BWP

## Board of Trustees

Black Watch Premier (BWP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization recognized in New York State. The BWP Board of Trustees meets regularly to give guidance, create policy and give general oversight to the programming of the Club's business.

The BWP Board of Trustees consists of:

- Dr. Jeffrey Rockmore, BWP President, 8 years with BWP
- Dr. Daniel Esper, 14 years with BWP
- Shaun Mahoney, 4 years with BWP
- Christopher Rosetti, 3 years with BWP
- Michael Whalen, 3 years with BWP



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