

Dear Current U-6 to U-12 coach,

Several years ago, The City of Dublin entered into a new agreement with the Dublin Soccer League. As part of this agreement, the City authorized the creation of the Dublin Middle Tier Soccer Organization (DMTSO). The DMTSO is now called Dublin United. It is being positioned as a program that is designed for the player that is looking for a stronger program than the DSL Recreation Program, while requiring less commitment and resources than the Elite Club Programs.

The DMTSO/Dublin United has grown from well under 10 teams in 2004-05 to over 50 teams -- that's right FIFTY teams!!! -- in 2008-09. The DMTSO/Dublin United places its teams in leagues that are appropriate for the level of each team. These leagues include the Greater Outerbelt Youth Soccer League (GOYSL) program, the Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL) and will likely expand to other leagues this coming season. Dublin is one of the founding communities in the GOYSL program. GOYSL teams currently play out of Hilliard, Marysville, Powell, Worthington and Dublin. These teams play 10 - 12 regular season games, participate in a season-ending tournament, in addition to practicing one to two times each week. The DMTSO/Dublin United also currently sponsors eight teams that participate in MOSSL (the Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League). MOSSL teams play 8 - 10 regular season games in addition to a season-ending tournament. In addition, DMTSO/Dublin United teams have the opportunity to participate in other local tournaments. Other leagues participate in similar areas in Central Ohio. Some of our more experienced teams can travel to out-of-town tournaments within the State of Ohio. These programs are more expensive than the recreation program due to the expanded offerings while being less expensive than the Elite Club programs due to the fact that the DMTSO/Dublin United teams are coached by licensed parent volunteers rather than paid professionals. Due to an improved relationship with the local clubs, we expect that we will be able to offer additional training opportunities for our players by professional coaches. In addition, we have forged partnerships with the Super Kicks Training Facility (who offer soccer-specific speed and agility training and other programs specifically for DMTSO/Dublin United players) and the Locker Soccer Academy (who offers programs for very young players and other programs for DMTSO/Dublin United players). In addition, we are in the process of entering in formal agreements with other local organizations as well. Please see the table below for a comparison of the various options available for our Dublin soccer community. **The goal is to get 4 to 6 teams for each gender and each age group (U-7 through U-12).**

The ideal player will be one who has experienced success in the recreation program, has parents who are committed to getting the player to practice and games on a consistent basis, and is looking to play with other players of similar abilities. In addition, if you have any questions or are potentially interested in coaching one of the DMTSO/Dublin United teams, please contact Ken McMahon (402-9916).

Item	Typical Club or Travel Soccer	DMTSO/Dublin United	DSL Soccer
Coaching	Paid trainers	Licensed Parent Coaches	Parent Coach
Team Selection	Comp. Tryout	DMTSO/Dub. United Team Assignment	Random
Competition Level	Strongest Competition Level	Consistent Solid Competition	Wide Variance
Commitment Level	Highest Level of Commitment	Consistent Attendance is expected	No Attendance Requirements
Contacts Per Week	3 or 4	3 or 4	2
Games/season	10	10-12	7 or 8
Game locations	5 home, 5 away	5 - 6 home, 5- 6 away (some of the away games are in Dublin vs. Dublin Teams)	All 7 or 8 in Dublin
Day(s) of game	One weeknight and one weekend – scheduled by MOSSL	Scheduled by Coach -- Usually one weekend and one weeknight MOSSL teams' games are scheduled by MOSSL	Saturday
Tournaments/season	MOSSL Tournament plus others that will vary based on team	League Tournaments each Season in Dublin area in addition to other tournaments as desired	0
Travel	Dependent upon Team and Level -- Most MOSSL teams are within 45 Minutes of Dublin -- Tournaments Local to Out of State Travel	Local Northwest Quadrant Teams -- Dublin, Hilliard, Olentangy, Worthington and Marysville -- MOSSL teams can travel further	None
Training	Full Time Trainer	Provided by Parent Coach with additional training available	Parent Coach
Team Camp	Club Team Camp	DMTSO Team Camp	No Team Camp
Approximate Cost/year (two seasons)	\$700 - \$1500+/year Contact Clubs for Costs	Under \$400/year including uniform and three total tournaments and our Team Camp	\$85 per year

Thank you for helping to make our DSL program strong by coaching in our program!!!

**ATTENTION: U-6 to U-12 Players who have experienced success in the DSL!!!
The DMTSO/Dublin United wants YOU!!!**