

## Why Portage Soccer Club . . .

Our professional soccer club is well respected throughout Michigan. Our staff of dedicated coaches will provide your child with quality coaching so they learn how to play and enjoy the great sport of soccer. Our commitment is developing youth soccer players. The younger player programs focus on maximizing development and transitioning to a competitive travel program for older boys and girls. We draw players from all over the Kalamazoo – Portage area.

Players compete at appropriate levels within the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program and West Michigan Youth Soccer Association Elite & Select levels.

## Register to Tryout

[www.PortageSoccer.com](http://www.PortageSoccer.com)

Does this sound like the place for your child? Interested in playing on one of our teams? Follow the instructions listed on our Tryout Page and join us at our tryouts in June.

## Academy . . .

Do you have a 6 or 7 year old (birthdate August 2003

— July 2005) with a passion to play soccer? The past two years, PSC has participated with the WMYSA

Academy Program. Our website has detailed information on how the program works. Academy players are asked to register on our Tryout Registration Online form, but do not need to come to tryouts.



For complete details, visit our website:

[www.PortageSoccer.com](http://www.PortageSoccer.com)

For More Information  
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**PORTAGE SOCCER CLUB**

**2011 - 2012**

**TRYOUTS**



Dedicated

to the development  
of youth soccer players!



Where: Portage Soccer Complex  
4422 Bishop Road  
Portage, Michigan 49002

### U15 Boys Premier

Sunday, June 19th: Register 3:00

### Select/Elite Teams

Girls Tues., June 21st: Register 5:30  
Tryout 6:00

Boys Wed. June 22nd: Register 5:30  
Tryout 6:00

Thurs. June 23rd: Girls 5:30  
Boys 7:00

Fees:

**Premier \$205**  
**Select/Elite full year \$195**  
**High School \$155**

Players are encouraged to attend both sessions of tryouts.

Bring with you: Registration form, cleats, shin guards, ball and water.

**Corrected Dates**

## Portage Soccer Club History . . .

Over 25 years ago, Portage Soccer Club (PSC) started with only four boys' teams playing in the West Michigan Youth Soccer Association (WMYSA). Today, PSC is one of the largest clubs in WMYSA, fielding a combination of twenty-one boys and girls teams playing from U9 all the way to U19.



Although PSC has changed in size over the years, our philosophy of emphasizing player development over winning has remained and our teams have performed very well on the field in terms of both skill and results. Our belief is players, parents, the club, and the community will always "win through development" supporting youth to their maximum potential.

PSC owns and maintains the Portage Soccer Complex at 4422 Bishop Road (east of Sprinkle and south of Bishop/Romence) where home games are played. This nine field complex opened in 2002 and is now recognized as one of the foremost soccer complexes in Michigan.

In 2008, PSC opened an eight field practice facility which also includes two training grids. This

allows teams plenty of space and at least one goal to shoot on which is convenient for the team. The practice facility also enables other development activities such as common goalkeeper training.

The Club hosts the Portage Soccer Classic tournament the second weekend in June. Families are expected to volunteer four hours during the event. The club is now preparing for the next tournament which is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year; which makes it one of the longest running tournaments in the state.

## Alumni of PSC . . .

PSC is proud of the accomplishments of our players. Many players have developed skills to achieve honors at high school, college, state and beyond.

Former PSC players include: BJ Snow, two time NCAA Champion and now Head Coach UCLA Women's Soccer; Jacob Peterson, MLS Toronto FC; Eric Alexander, MLS FC Dallas and Lindsay Tarpley, two time Olympic gold medalist; & WPS Boston Breakers; and Paige Wester, Portage Central 2009 Miss Michigan Soccer.



## \*PSC Coaches & Trainers...

<b>Frank Rodin</b>	<b>03 Boys</b>
<b>Tony Berkley</b>	<b>02 Boys</b>
<b>Jeff Merasco</b>	<b>01 Boys</b>
<b>Dan Lesko</b>	<b>00 Boys</b>
<b>Mark Murry</b>	<b>99 Boys Green</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>99 Boys White</b>
<b>David Rice</b>	<b>98 Boys Green</b>
<b>Melissa LaFave</b>	<b>98 Boys White</b>
<b>David Rice</b>	<b>97 Boys Green</b>
<b>Wayne Harpenau</b>	<b>97 Boys White</b>
<b>Brent Zeitler</b>	<b>95 Boys</b>
<b>Mark Verburg</b>	<b>94 Boys</b>
<b>Mike Cattell</b>	<b>93 Boys</b>
<b>Wayne Harpenau/TBD</b>	<b>03 Girls</b>
<b>Wayne Harpenau</b>	<b>02 Girls</b>
<b>Keith Kroll</b>	<b>01 Girls</b>
<b>Melissa LaFave</b>	<b>00 Girls</b>
<b>David Rice</b>	<b>99 Girls</b>
<b>Jerry Orwin</b>	<b>98 Girls</b>
<b>Paul Knight</b>	<b>97 Girls</b>
<b>Vu Le</b>	<b>96 Girls</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>95 Girls</b>
<b>David Rice</b>	<b>94 Girls</b>
<b>Mark Murry</b>	<b>Academy</b>

\*Please visit our website to read more on our coaching staff.