

## Why Play Club Soccer?

We asked some area high school and college coaches to comment on the value of competitive soccer. Here are their responses:

Travel soccer allows for young players to prepare for the more competitive levels of soccer at the high school level. In addition to the level of competition, the mentality of travel soccer prepares players to more successfully compete for spots on JV and Varsity soccer teams. High school coaches are looking for players who are tested, physically, mentally, and skill wise. Playing travel soccer allows for all that. A primary focus of playing competitive soccer is player development. With this experience, players can better adapt to different styles of play while increasing their skill level, mental and physical toughness, and raises their player IQ.  
James Hunter — West Lafayette Girls Soccer Varsity Coach

Travel clubs expose young players to competition and opportunities rarely available at the local or recreational levels. The most committed athletes need the weekly challenge offered by the various state and regional leagues in order to reach their full potential. Premier or travel soccer is highly recommended -- and is almost a necessity -- for those wishing to pursue the game beyond their high school years.

G. David Bokhart — Head Men's Soccer Coach, Saint Joseph's College

Playing competitive soccer can provide many opportunities for kids to grow and learn. The more challenging the environment they compete in, the more they will be forced to step up their level of play. They will face some failure along the way as well as some success. Healthy competition can prepare a child not only for the challenges they will face in sport, but also in many other facets of their lives.

Susan Moynihan — Former Assistant Coach, Purdue University Soccer

All three of my kids played for Tippco and benefited greatly from the experience. They had fun carpooling to games with their friends, even though the travel time from Lafayette to Indy is usually longer than from one Indy Suburb to another. All the top high school players have had experience competing at a higher level, which, in the USA, means travel soccer. The only exceptions I can think of at our school were kids who played overseas before coming to Indiana. Being in an environment with more serious players and practicing with them regularly gives a huge boost to player development in terms of fitness, mental toughness, ball skills, and tactical awareness.

Charlie Babbs — Former West Lafayette High School Girl's Varsity Coach

From my experience as the boy's varsity coach at Harrison, it is obvious that players entering our program who have played travel soccer are better prepared to meet the challenges of High School Soccer. One of the main reasons for this is the higher level of competition travel teams compete against. Travel players are usually more serious and committed to playing and practicing. This helps create a productive practice environment where players are working toward the same goals, to improve individually and as a team. If playing High School soccer is your goal, joining an area travel club is the best way to make this happen.

Coach Ron Brown —Former Harrison Boy's Soccer

Kids who participate in travel soccer are able to perform at a higher level in high school because highly competitive games force them to improve their skills and intensity. Travel soccer has elevated the level of play at area high schools.

Mick Lyle —Former West Lafayette High School Girl's Junior Varsity Coach



### Upcoming Events

**Chicago Fire Soccer Camp—June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**U8 Rec Academy Callout—June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Club Team Tryouts—June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**MSA Rec Soccer Camp—July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**MSA Travel Soccer Camp—July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Visit [tippco.org](http://tippco.org) for more information**

**All events take place at Tippco Lindberg Fields,  
located on Lindberg Road, just west of  
McCormick Road, West Lafayette**

**E-mail us at [soccer@tippco.org](mailto:soccer@tippco.org)**

## About Tippco Soccer Club

Since 1978, Tippco Soccer Club has been organizing soccer in Tippecanoe and surrounding counties. We are a non-profit organization, providing a variety of opportunities for boys and girls to participate in the sport we love. Our goal as a club is to develop players and prepare them for play at the high school level and beyond. We believe that participation in a team sport and commitment to mastering that sport carry benefits that last a lifetime.

We are pleased to announce that the club will continue our relationship with Midwest Soccer Academy for another year. MSA has provided us with Rens van Oostende, an outstanding trainer from Holland with many years of playing and coaching experience, both in Europe and the U.S. Rens has worked with all of our teams this spring as well as holding regular ball skills sessions open to all members.

This past spring we were also fortunate to have Rob Klatte (Purdue soccer coach) and Jim Daugherty (Purdue assistant coach and goal-keeper specialist) working with our players. In addition to working with the teams on a rotating basis, they also held regular skill sessions on ball handling, shooting and goalkeeping. We plan to continue these sessions next spring.

## U8 Rec Academy Callout

Our rec academy is geared for boys and girls ages six and seven who are interested in taking their game to the next level. We will train one evening per week, ending each training session with organized, small-sided scrimmages. This format (one evening per week) enables players to also participate in the GLRSA league if they desire. New players will receive a ball and uniform. If you would like your child to train with some of the area's most experienced youth coaches, this is the program for you. The callout is at 11:00 am on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 10:30. July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm is reserved as a rain date, if needed.

## Club Team Tryouts for Fall 2009

Tryouts for teams for the fall of 2009 will be held at Tippco Lindberg Fields from June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins thirty minutes prior to each tryout session. New players should bring a small photo to registration.

<u>Girls Tryouts</u>	<u>U9 to U11</u>	<u>U12 to U14</u>
Friday, June 26	5:30 – 7:00 pm	7:00 to 8:30 pm
Monday, June 29	5:30 – 7:00 pm	7:00 to 8:30 pm

<u>Boys Tryouts</u>	<u>U9 to U11</u>	<u>U12 to U14</u>
Saturday, June 27	9:00 to 10:30 am	10:30 to noon
Tuesday, June 30	5:30 to 7:00 pm	7:00 to 8:30 pm

It is recommended that players attend two tryout sessions. July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are reserved as rain dates and/or makeup days. Players may tryout as individuals or entire teams will be accepted. There is no charge for trying out.

## Chicago Fire Camps

Major League Soccer's Chicago Fire, in conjunction with Tippco Soccer Club, will once again be offering the MLS Soccer Camp at Lindberg Fields during the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. Camp will run from 9:00 until noon, Monday through Friday. This camp is open to boys and girls ages 6 through 14. This camp is recommended for rec players. Cost is \$109. More information is available at [tippco.org](http://tippco.org).

## Midwest Soccer Academy

Midwest Soccer Academy (MSA) will hold camps at Tippco from July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, a challenging camp for travel players will be held. The cost of this camp is \$159. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm there will be a camp for rec players. Cost of the rec camp is \$85.

MSA hand picks coaches from across Europe to deliver their unique camp curriculum. Their innovative "Dutch Touch" coaching method provides each and every player with a unique developmental soccer experience. More information is available at [tippco.org](http://tippco.org) and at [www.midwestsoccer.net](http://www.midwestsoccer.net).