

Armonk United Soccer Club AYSO and Castleford Rovers Soccer Club merge under Byram Hills Soccer Club

An Exciting Announcement Regarding Youth Soccer in Byram Hills

Byram Hills Parents,

For the past year, Castleford Rovers Soccer Club and Armonk United Soccer Club AYSO have been working collaboratively to create an inclusive and unified soccer program for our youth athletes. We are excited to announce that both boards have voted to merge and become the Byram Hills Soccer Club (BHSC) for the 2021 fall season. BHSC, a non-profit soccer organization for the youth of the Byram Hills Central School District in Armonk, NY, will manage and deliver all of Armonk's youth soccer programs through its affiliations with both the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and the Westchester Youth Soccer League (WYSL). The BHSC remains committed to offering our players the best environment to develop toward their desired goals, from the recreational level to the competitive level, while fostering a love for soccer.

BHSC is offering all levels of development and competition from ages 4 to 18. All practice sessions will be led by qualified, experienced professional coaches, who follow the club's professionally designed curriculum that will develop both the player and the person. The club's curriculum is designed to challenge and evolve the player, while being taught in an age-appropriate way.

There are many benefits of moving to a unified soccer club, such as:

- A single, bonded soccer community for Byram Hills youth soccer athletes that will foster more camaraderie, pride, confidence and a longer lasting enjoyment of soccer.
- An expanded club opens up more opportunities to all players such as increased clinics, breakout skill sessions, pre/post season practices, as well as longer term player movement within the programs.
- A club-wide player development model ensures all youth players have an opportunity to grow and develop their skills to the highest level.

BHSC will continue to deliver the same AYSO and WYSL programs that are offered today:

BHSC AYSO

Consistent with the current Armonk United program, BHSC will continue to offer an AYSO program geared to players of all abilities, ages 4-18. BHSC AYSO teams practice

on Saturdays and play games on Sundays. AYSO play is open to all players and there is no tryout process. The Saturday practices are delivered by professional trainers and the Sunday games are delivered by parent coaches. BHSC AYSO also offers a Westchester based travel program.

BHSC WYSL

Consistent with the current Castleford program, BHSC WYSL will continue to offer a travel soccer program in the WYSL for ages 8 to 18. WYSL play involves teams who are selected through a tryout process. These travel teams will practice two days per week in addition to games on Sunday. All practices and games are delivered by professional coaches. Most of the travel is within Westchester, although there may be teams from Manhattan and Rockland in our divisions as well. In addition, where appropriate teams have an opportunity to play at higher levels of competition in NY Club State Cup or other Premier Leagues.

We are excited about moving forward together in our collaboration around our players and community. We feel in many ways this will bring Byram Hills soccer to the forefront of player development and experience.

All parents are invited to an information zoom session next week to discuss any questions you may have about the merger or any of our programs of play.

March 23 at 8PM: U9 – U18 (3rd Grade through HS)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84412916786?pwd=T3RoRmVwZDNpY0NreGswVVFEd0crZz09>

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March 24 at 8PM: U5 – U8 (Pre-K through 2nd Grade)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4850363186?pwd=dGt2bkloQUpmQWt0ZFZKSERuWXUxdz09>

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Please visit our new website for more information on BHSC, including FAQs, announcements and all program related information: www.byramhillssoccer.org.

If you have any questions about the new organization, please feel to contact us at info@byramhillssoccer.org.

Lastly, we plan on celebrating the new BHSC, as soon as COVID protocols allow us to.

Sincerely,

Castleford Rovers Soccer Board

Armonk United Soccer Club Board