



## An Introduction to Our Staff and Family

For twelve years, the Bob Smith Soccer Academy has provided the top trainers in the area. Our professional staff has passion for the game of soccer and strives to pass on this knowledge to future generations of the game.

- **Directors: Bob Smith & Joe Donigan—** Hiring and scheduling while accommodating coaches and families needs.
- **Coaches / Trainers :** Dan Donigan, Darron Brown, Brian Rostron, Dylan Smith, Bryant Knibbs, Scott Loesser, Rob Johnson, Dave Boggs, Eric Epstein and Mike Brennan (GK Trainer).
- **Referee Staff:** 8 to 10 licensed referees with specific training for our programs all lead by director Mike Lee.
- **Introducing exciting new additions to our staff:** Jamie Tobolski, Cassandra Fisher, Kristina Fisher, Jessica Babice, Christie Fink and Kyle Nuel.

Please read our featured trainer article in every newsletter to learn about their incredible careers

## Programs at Bob Smith Soccer Academy

- Academy Skill Training (5 - 18 Year Olds)
- Goalkeeper Training (8 - 18 Year Olds)
- Individual Training (1-on-1)
- Recreation League (5 - 12 Year Olds)
- Little Bitti Kickers (3 - 4 Year Olds)
- Travel Team Training
- PDA Training Program
- Co-Ed Open Soccer Pickup Games
- Birthday Parties (with Coaches)
- Men's Open and Over 30 Leagues



**\*\*\* NEW — Little Bitti Kickers:** A new program to educate your child and instill in them the love of soccer. We hope every child leaves with a smile on their face and of course a little more knowledge of the game. Our staff will strive to teach the basic skills of soccer, teamwork, and sportsmanship while building confidence. Their self-esteem will grow while developing their gross and fine motor skills through a variety of fun activities.

- April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018—June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Upcoming News at Bob Smith Soccer Academy

We are happy to announce the launch of a new website. The new website will be launched in April 2018 - Our goal for the website will be to provide an improved user experience as well as additional functionality for teams, players and parents.

## BSSA Announces Dates for Summer Programs - Air Conditioned Indoor Turf Field!

We are excited to announce the dates of our 2018 Summer Programs. Our summer camps are structured to encourage a fun-filled experience while instilling values and sharpening athletic skills. Camps are held in our indoor air-conditioned field-house with no direct sunlight, no sunscreen & no rain.

**Soccer Camp:** Bob Smith Soccer Academy's summer program is physically challenging for players of all skills levels and instills the values and techniques of the game. The trainers are focused on the needs of each individual player ranging from beginners to highly skilled players. Included in our camps is before and after care, t-shirts and lunch.

- July 23<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
- August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**All-Sports Camp:** Brand New this year, we are pleased to announce the addition of All Sports Camp. Coached by physical education teachers, the focus of this camp will be an exciting, fun day, full of many different sports with organized pick-up games everyday. Campers will improve their existing athletic abilities and apply them to various sports. Some of the sports included will be dodgeball, softball, soccer, European style handball, baseball, capture-the-flag, flag football and many more. Included in our camps is before and after care, t-shirts and lunch.

- August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018



### Trainers Spotlight – Dylan Smith

This month's trainer spotlight is on Dylan Smith of Bob Smith Soccer Academy. As a local athlete at Steinert High School, Dylan recently completed his first year with the Philadelphia Fury of the American Soccer League where they completed their season in Spain. Dylan has been chasing his soccer dreams since playing at Rowan University. He has played internationally in such places such as Argentina as well as locally for Mercer and Rowan.

Please look for Dylan at the field house where he provides both one-on-one training as well as Academy Training to players. Feel free to ask him about these accomplishments which we are all proud of.

### Monthly Tips to be an Effective Soccer Player

Although soccer is a sport played on a field, many of the aspects of being an effective soccer player begins with your activities off-the-field. While at the fieldhouse, our training sessions primarily focus on skills and drills, our staff understands the commitment which needs to be made and therefore we want to emphasize a tip each month for all players and skill levels:

- Focus – Achieving complete focus on the game is often difficult for many players. With so many distractions in life (schoolwork, friends, etc.) it is often challenging to focus. Preparing your mind however will help with this in the long-term. While playing the game or even practicing, challenge yourself to visualize making a pass, scoring a goal, or blocking a shot. The anticipation and focus will help your game. This will not only help with the activity you are attempting at that time but it will also help you focus on the game instead of outside distractions.

