



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What other organizations is Martinez Pleasant Hill Futbol Club (MPHFC) associated with?

MPHFC is a member of Norcal Soccer. When our teams sign up for league play, we play against other teams who are Norcal members. Norcal organizes league and State Cup play. MPHFC is also a member of US Club Soccer. US Club Soccer provides player cards for players to participate in club soccer games. US Club soccer also requires all coaches and trainers to have cards. All coaches and trainers go through a background check by US Club Soccer in order to obtain card.

How is Club soccer different from recreational soccer?

Club soccer is a more competitive experience. Our coaches and trainers make every effort to develop players' skills individually and to give as much play time as possible to each player. There are no everyone plays rules in club soccer.

Why does Club Soccer cost so much?

Unlike recreational soccer that relies on volunteers, club soccer pays coaches, trainers and referees. Another large expense for our club is field rental. Parent volunteering is encouraged but not required.

What do my \$1175 club fees cover?

Club fees cover participation in Spring league, Fall League and State Cup and a one week half day summer camp. Teams that opt out of playing spring league receive a team credit back from the club to use for Tournaments.

What time frame do the fees cover?

MPHFC fees cover January 1st through December 31st (Spring/Fall) including any continuing state cup games in the following calendar year.

Are there any additional costs?

Uniforms are additional and cost about \$120-\$140. MPHFC tries to keep the same uniform for 2 years. Any other items such as sweatshirts and soccer bags are up to the team to order and the cost would be additional to the parent through the team. Teams are free to fund raise to keep the cost down. Teams may elect to enter tournaments. Tournament fees are not covered by the club fee.

Does my child have to try out every year?

MPHFC keeps teams together from year to year. There are try outs to start new teams or add players to existing teams if there is space.

Where are the practices held?

MPHFC has practice fields reserved at the Adventist Academy on Grayson Road in Pleasant Hill and College Park High School.



Where are home games played?

Home games are typically at College Park High School or Wilder Fields in Orinda. Other local fields may be rented if needed.

Is there a lot of travel?

The majority of Norcal league and State Cup games are in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. However, some games will be as far as Sacramento or Stockton. Teams may elect to go to tournaments that require overnight travel.

What is the difference between league games and State Cup games?

When the club registers a team for Norcal league play, the coach and Director of Coaching select the bracket they want to enter the team (Bronze/Silver/Gold/Premier). The team remains in that bracket during the season. State Cup can be thought of as a season long tournament where the team level is entered as a suggestion. State Cup games are played as seeding games. The outcomes of seeding games determine the brackets for further games. State Cup continues until the team is eliminated or victorious in the finals.

How do I find out more about the MPHFC Board?

Come to a board meeting. The board meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7pm. The location can change vary, so email the board secretary to find out the location at secretary@mphfc.com.

My child plays other sports, does MPHFC encourage other sports?

MPHFC encourages players to play other sports. We hope that you chose to make MPHFC a priority in juggling your schedule.