

PALATINE CELTIC SOCCER CLUB



"INSPIRING EXCELLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY"

2018-2019 Season

CELTIC HISTORY

The Palatine Celtic Soccer Club was founded in 1968 by Bill Hughes and Jimmy Kinsella, a transplanted Scotsman. Together, they were the first people in Palatine to organize local children into teams to play the game of soccer. Jimmy named the club after his home club, Glasgow Celtic, now Celtic FC- one of the most famous clubs in the world.

The club is affiliated with the Palatine Park District and provides youth soccer programs for girls and boys ages 3-23. Many of the players on the Palatine and Fremd High School varsity soccer teams have, at one time or another, played either recreational and/or travel soccer under the Celtic banner. Celtic is also home to The Celtic Cup, our Labor Day tournament, which features over 400 teams.

As we march into the 2018-19 season, Palatine Celtic will have celebrated 50 years as one of Illinois' largest and oldest soccer clubs. For questions, please contact Celtic Director of Soccer Operations, JJ Ruane at jjruane@palatineceltics.com.

CELTIC MOTTO

"Inspiring excellence in the community." Our staff, our players, our board members, and our parents go above and beyond to make sure that our actions reflect positively on our club and our community.

THE CELTIC MISSION

The Palatine Celtic SC mission is to provide the best youth development training centers in Illinois. We want to be at the forefront of player development and produce players who are respectful, intelligent, and competitive both on and off the field.

THE CELTIC PHILOSOPHY

The Celtic SC philosophy puts players first. Our Directors and Staff have constructed a curriculum and playing style that guides our players to be confident and intelligent young players while under pressure. They are able to solve problems within the game at the youngest ages because of the training environment Celtic creates for them. Our goal with every player is to develop good soccer players and outstanding people.

CELTIC CORE VALUES

1. **RESPECT:** Respect is of the utmost importance. We will always respect ourselves, our teammates, our coaches, our parents, referees, opposing players, opposing coaches, opposing parents, and the game.
2. **PASSION:** Passion is our player's enjoyment of the game both on and off the field. Passion of the game will drive the commitment and sacrifice it will take to be your best.
3. **COMMUNITY:** Celtic SC is driven to inspire excellence in our community, not just in Palatine, but in the leagues we play in, the tournaments we play in, and everyday the club we play for.
4. **DEVELOPMENT:** "Becoming is better than being." This little saying goes for all players and coaches at Celtic. Everyday we are learning to become better players, better coaches, and better people.

5. **ASPIRATION:** This is a calling to all our members to commit to becoming better than we were yesterday in our actions and our commitment to improve everyday as a player and a person.

THE SIX TRAITS OF A CELTIC PLAYER

1. **C**onfident: Confidence plays a key role in the passion for the game, individual practice, and individual belief of success. Individual belief in a team setting will believe and commit to further success.
2. **E**xcellence: Our players will strive for excellence at all times. From the time they begin their journey with Celtic SC, our coaches and players demand each other's best and a culture of excellence is imprinted.
3. **L**earners: Our players are passionate about learning the game, but passionate about knowing the skills that will make them a better player and person. Every Celtic SC must be open to constructive criticism and learning.
4. **T**rustworthy: Trust is an important trait of the human spirit. One must trust themselves, so we can trust our teammates and coaches. Accountability to improve and commit begins in our youngest ages, so authentic trustworthy people are created over time.
5. **I**ntelligent: "Soccer should be played with the mind," a statement that all of our coaches believe in. Celtic SC players will be intelligent soccer players. They will be trained in the first parts of their journey to think about the why and how of each moment, so they can effectively solve problems on their own on and off the field as they mature.
6. **C**reative: Creativity is solving a situation in a unique way. Coaches provide the situation and we allow our player find solutions. And it is okay that each one might find a different path. Creativity and imagination are bred from our training.

THE BENEFITS OF CELTIC SC

1. **Celtic SC is a true youth soccer club.** Though our staff is assigned to specific teams within the club, they will know all the kids in the club. They will at some point work with every player in the club. The coaches, directors, and board are fully invested in the success of Celtic SC.
2. **Celtic SC has quality facilities.** We are fortunate to have two 11v11 turf fields with lights. "Celtic Park" is the breeding ground for our players and this is our home for training and matches.
3. **Individual Player feedback.** We offer our parents and players 5-6 opportunities (more at times) for feedback throughout the year. Celtic SC hosts one formal parent coach feedback conference plus 4-5 informal feedback sheets per soccer year.
4. **Open training policy.** We give players the flexibility to train as much as they want. We encourage players to take advantage of this opportunity. It is open to all club players.
5. **College Advisory program.** Our high school players will work with our coaches to help them prepare for life after club soccer whether playing at the next level or not.
6. **Celtic Benchmark system.** This is tied to our feedback to our parents, but players have certain benchmarks at different ages that they should target. This motivates players to try to hit those benchmarks throughout the soccer year.
7. **Player-centered development pathway.** We feature a unique and cohesive learning pathway to achieve the 6 traits of the Celtic SC player. Our pathway starts at 6 years old and continues on through 18. The same values, concepts, and training carry on through this time, so there is a consistent message about how we want to play and the people we want to develop.
8. **Our coaching staff.** All our coaches are licensed professional coaches through United States Soccer Federation or United Soccer Coaches. Their qualifications are on our website. What you really need to know is that each of our staff members work at Celtic SC because they invest their passion of soccer into our players everyday.
9. **Quality year long training.** All our players are training twice per week for almost 40 weeks during the year. Our training is purposeful, organized, and education based. We design our curriculum and learning objectives based on age and skill, but we recognize the importance of appropriate learning environments for each of our players.
10. **Celtic SC Technique Centers.** New for the 2018-19 season is a dedicated technical skills center and coach. This center will provide deliberate practice on foundational techniques such as passing, receiving, dribbling, and shooting throughout the fall and spring seasons.

CELTIC SC TRYOUT PROCESS & INFORMATION

The Process

- **Register for tryouts.** Tryouts are open to all players. All players must pre-register for the 2018-19 tryouts via our online registration at www.palatinecelticsc.com
- **In-person check-in.** Players must check-in 20-30 minutes before their scheduled tryout. Players will receive any final directions about their tryout and receive their tryout shirt as well. Any player who has not completed online registration must complete an on-site registration with their parent or legal guardian.
- **Celtic SC evaluation.** Each player is assisted through tryouts by the Celtic SC Professional Staff. Players are evaluated through the use of small-sided games. Current Celtic SC players are evaluated at tryouts, but also evaluated through the previous year. Our staff makes all decisions regarding player placement.
- **Celtic SC team formation.** Celtic SC Staff meet every night after tryouts to go through tryout evaluations. Each tryout player is evaluated by staff members (current tryout evaluation staff and previous team staff) and then reviewed at the post tryout meetings. Each evaluating coach gives their opinion on each player followed by evaluation by their previous team staff. We then put rosters together for the new season.
- **Celtic SC tryout communication.** Emails will be sent to all players within 72 hours of the age group's last tryout date. Parents and players will have 24 hours to ACCEPT or DECLINE their placement with Celtic SC. Rosters will be sent out once they are finalized. Coaching staff will be announced once all teams have been finalized.
- **Celtic SC registration.** Players can confirm their registration with Celtic SC for the 2018-19 season by paying their deposit online and electronically signing their documents. We will also have in-person registration on May 18th for the boys and May 24th for the girls at a location to be determined. Here you will also be able to make your deposit and turn in all forms.

Information

- All players must tryout at their birth year. If a player would like to play up, the coaching staff will make that decision for each individual player. Celtic SC will assemble the best teams possible based on age and ability. If a player does show that they have the ability to play outside their birth year, the consideration will be made for that player.
- All players must bring water, a proper size inflated ball, shin guards, and be dressed for soccer (t-shirt, black soccer shorts, black or green socks pulled up over shin guards, and cleats preferably).
- The tryout process can be stressful for players, parents, and coaches. The coaching staff has to try to make the best decisions possible regarding the selection of players to teams. We ask your patience during this time. We ask that parents keep quiet during the tryout process. It is already stressful for all of them and we guarantee that they are doing their best.
- Parents can watch tryouts, but there will be a specific parent viewing area. If you venture into another area to watch or coach your player during tryouts, we will ask you to go back to the viewing area. Please respect this aspect of our tryouts. It is important that the players have the least amount of pressure during the tryout process.

CELTIC SC JUNIOR ACADEMY INFORMATION (2007-2013)

Jr. Celtic (Players born in 2012-2013)

The Jr. Celtic program has been overhauled in the last 18 months. Jr. Celtic is the starting point for many of our players on their Celtic journey. The Jr. Celtic program features:

- Two professionally coached training sessions per week (Fall & Spring)
- One professionally coached training session per week (Winter)
- 4v4 Developmental League (Fall & Spring, a minimum of 6 games)
- Minimum 4 Celtic SC Benchmark Updates plus 1 Parent Player Coach Conference
- Size 1 Skill ball
- Jr. Celtic New Balance Uniform kit (\$76 plus tax)

Jr. Celtic is open to boys and girls born in 2012 or 2013. The program will be divided between genders if there are enough boys and girls players. If not, the boys and girls will be combined and play together. There are no tryouts for this group. We encourage players that are looking for a good head start in soccer to play in Jr. Celtic. Our games include competition against teams that are like-minded in philosophy and curriculum. Our away games are no longer than 45 minutes away and are played on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. More information about the Jr. Celtic program can be found at www.palatinecelticsc.com.

8U Academy (Players born in 2011)

The 8U Academy is for boys and girls born in 2011. Our 8U Academy has changed slightly from last year. Starting in the 2018-19 season, the U8 Academy will play in a 4v4 League in the fall and then play in a 7v7 league in the spring. The 8U Academy program features:

- Two professionally coached training sessions per week (Fall, Winter, & Spring)
- 4v4 League (Fall)
- 7v7 League (Spring)
- Optional winter competitive league play (extra cost)
- One tournament (Spring)
- Weekly technical centers with specific technique coach
- Minimum 4 Celtic SC Benchmark Updates plus 1 Parent Player Coach Conference
- Size 1 Skill ball
- Preseason Camp (August 6-9)
- Celtic SC New Balance Uniform Kit (\$264 plus tax)

Players in this age group will experience training with all 8U players (by gender). An ideal roster for the U8 group is 10-12 players. This age is highlighted by individual technical development along with guidance in simple decision making (tactics) such as when to shoot, when to dribble, when to pass, and how to find space. We look to develop confidence in each of the 8Us with a ball at their feet and that they are creative in their decision making process. This is a development first approach with Celtic players and the goal is for them to enjoy soccer, gain confidence with the soccer ball, and develop competitiveness when playing in games.

9U and 10U (Players born in 2010 and 2009)

The 9U and 10U age groups are for boys and girls born in 2010 and 2009. These players play 7v7 throughout the year and separated by gender. The 9U and 10U program features:

- Two professionally coached training sessions per week. (Fall, Winter, & Spring)
- 7v7 League (Fall & Spring)
- Optional winter competitive league (extra cost)
- Two tournaments (one fall & one spring)
- Weekly technical centers with specific technique coach
- Mental Skills Training (developing confidence, growth mindset, and enjoyment of the game)
- Preseason Camp (August 6-9)
- Minimum 4 Celtic SC Benchmark Updates plus 1 Parent Player Coach Conference
- Celtic SC New Balance Uniform Kit (\$264 plus tax)

Player in these age groups will experience training with all the 9U and 10U players. This offers more exposure to Celtic coaching for all players and larger numbers, so players can play 7v7 games in training. It will also allow the club to present the same ideas to all teams and players on a more consistent basis. There is high attention to developing players' ability to pass, dribble, receive, defend, and shoot the ball the right way. We also look to enhance our players' intelligence with and without the ball at these ages making them aware of positional play, spatial awareness, and creative decision making to grow their confidence.

11U and 12U (Players born in 2008 and 2007)

The 11U and 12U age groups are for boys and girls born in 2008 and 2007. These players play 9v9 throughout the year and are separated by gender. These ages may feature a Showcase level where teams will train 3 days per week. The Showcase teams are for the committed youth player. The 11U and 12U program features:

- 2-3 professionally coached training sessions per week (Fall & Spring)
- 2 professionally coached training sessions per week (Winter)
- 9v9 League (Fall & Spring)
- State League competition possible (Showcase level only)
- Optional winter competitive league (extra cost)
- 3 tournaments (one will be an overnight tournament)
- Weekly technical centers with specific technique coach
- Mental Skills Training (developing confidence, growth mindset, and enjoyment of the game)
- Cup Competition (Showcase level only)
- Preseason Camp (August 6-9)
- Minimum 4 Celtic SC Benchmark Updates plus 1 Parent Player Coach Conference
- Celtic SC New Balance Uniform Kit (\$264 plus tax)

11U and 12U players will train together in their training environments. This offers more exposure to Celtic coaching for all players and larger numbers, so players can play 9v9 games to expose them to more game situations in training. It will also allow the club to present the same ideas to all teams and players on a more consistent basis. There is purposeful attention to developing players to master their ability to pass, dribble, receive, defend, and shoot the ball the right way. We blend the technique and

tactics here to build skill development. An emphasis is put on the physical and mental side of the game where players should know how to be competitive with each other in training and against opponents in matches.

CELTIC SC ACADEMY INFORMATION (2000-2006)

13U to 15U (Players born in 2006 to 2004)

The 13U to 15U age groups are for boys and girls born in 2006 to 2004. These players play 11v11 throughout the year and separated by gender. These ages feature a Showcase level where teams will train 3 days per week. We are also offering the option to train 3 days per week for all teams at the 13U to 15U levels. The 13U to 15U program features:

- 3 professionally coached training sessions per week (Fall & Spring, this is mandatory for Showcase teams, but is an option for all 13U-15U teams)
- 2 professionally coached training sessions per week (Winter)
- 11v11 League (Fall & Spring)
- State or Regional League competition possible (Showcase level only, possible extra cost)
- Optional winter competitive league (extra cost)
- 3 tournaments (one will be an overnight tournament)
- Weekly technical centers with specific technique coach
- Mental Skills Training (developing confidence, growth mindset, and competitiveness)
- Cup competition (Showcase level, but option for other teams training 3 times per week)
- Minimum 4 Celtic SC Benchmark Updates plus 1 Parent Player Coach Conference
- Preseason Camp (August 6-9)
- Celtic SC New Balance Uniform Kit (extra cost)

13U to 15U players will train in their team environments. The teams will train according to principles and philosophies set forth by the Celtic staff. Players at these ages should be committed to their club and team. It is expected that players make all trainings (if they cannot make a team training, it should be made up with another team within these ages). Players are also highly encouraged to speak with staff if they want more training. Our goal at these ages is to refine players' technical skills and guide players in recognizing the roles in a team concept.

16U to 19U (Players born in 2003 to 2000)

The 16U to 19U age groups are for boys and girls born in 2003 to 2000. These players play 11v11 in either an August-February season (Girls) or November-July (Boys) and separated by gender. All teams at these age groups will train 3 days per week featuring two team trainings and one large group training.

The 16U to 19U program features:

- 3 professionally coached training sessions per week (Fall for girls, Spring for boys)
- 2 professionally coached training sessions per week (Winter)
- 11v11 League (Fall & Spring)
- State or Regional league competition possible (Showcase level only, possible extra cost)
- Optional winter competitive league (extra cost)
- 3 tournaments (At least one will be an overnight tournament)

- Celtic College Advisory Program
- Cup competition
- Individual player plans for each player 16U-19U
- Preseason Camp (August 6-9)Celtic SC
- New Balance Uniform Kit (\$264 plus tax)

16U to 19U players will train in their team environments. The teams will train according to principles and philosophies set forth by the Celtic staff. Players at these ages should be committed to their club and team. It is expected that players make all trainings (if they cannot make a team training, it should be made up with another team within these ages). Players who are interested in playing soccer beyond high school and club should approach their staff coach in the beginning of the year. We will put together staff if they want more training. Our goal here is to promote competitiveness and quality play from our players in training to lead to success in our matches.

If you have any questions, please contact Director of Soccer Operations- JJ Ruane at jjruane@palatinecelticsc.com.

CELTIC SC PROGRAM INFORMATION & COSTS

Age Group	Cost
Junior Celtic (2012-2013)	\$795 plus NB Jr. Celtic Uniform kit
8U Celtic Academy (2011)	\$1175 plus NB Celtic Uniform kit
9U-10U (2010-2009)	\$1450 plus NB Celtic Uniform kit
11U-15U (2008-2004)	\$1600 plus NB Celtic Uniform kit
11U-15U Showcase Level (2008-2004)	\$1900 plus NB Celtic Uniform kit
16U-19U (2003-2000)	\$1185 plus NB Celtic Uniform kit

 Celtic Soccer	Jr. Celtic	8U	9U-10U	11U-15U	11U-15U Showcase	High School
Pre-Season Camp	No	8/6-8/9/18	8/6-8/9/18	8/6-8/9/18	8/6-8/9/18	8/6-8/9/18
Training per Week	2	2	2	2-3	3	3
Winter Training	1	2	2	2	2	2
Games Per Season	8	8	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10
Tournaments	0	1	2	3	3	3
Cup Competition	No	No	No	Showcase only	Yes	Possible depending on level

NEW BALANCE CELTIC SC UNIFORM KIT

New Balance is Celtic SC's uniform supplier. This uniform kit will be worn for the 2018-19 and 2019-2020 seasons. All players are required to purchase the mandatory NB kit from Soccer 2000, our new soccer retailer. Soccer 2000 will ship each order to players for the upcoming year at a cost \$9. The uniform kit is \$263.25 plus tax. Please be aware that the club does require Celtic players to wear New Balance during training and matches. Players and parents will also be able to order additional gear and fan wear through the Soccer 2000 website. Our in-person uniform fitting days will be Thursday, May 31 for **all boys** from 5:30-9 PM and Friday, June 1 for **all girls** 5-8:30 PM. You will then order online from Soccer 2000.

Home Kit	Away Kit	Training Kit	Training Top
			
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