



Henderson County Soccer Families:

Last week you received an announcement from Henderson County Soccer Association about an exciting new partnership that will bring HFC (Highland Football Club) programming to players and families in Henderson County and greatly enhance the quality of competitive soccer in your community. I want to take a minute of your time to share with you how excited we are about this partnership and to introduce myself and some key HFC staff.

It has been a pleasure to work with Laura Rice and Tim Hopkin from your Parks and Recreation Department on this project. They share a passion for providing the best opportunities for aspiring young soccer players and gave us great insight into how we can work together in the best interest of Henderson County families. As was communicated in the announcement last week, we will begin the transition by offering HFC Under 9 and Under 10 Academy soccer in Hendersonville this fall, and progress to Classic and Challenge soccer, for U11 and U12 age groups, over the next several years.

Our goal at HFC is to make great competitive soccer instruction available, close to home, for young players in Henderson County, and improve the opportunities for all players to excel in Western North Carolina. If you have a player between the ages of 8 and 18 that aspires to reach their potential in soccer, one of the HFC staff listed below will be happy to help you learn about the program that might be best for you.

Next week, families with a rising U9 or U10 player will receive information about our HFC Academy- Henderson County Program. It will contain basic information about the program, including: who it is designed to serve; how the program works; where and when we will hold placement evaluations (tryouts); and how to get more information and answers to your questions. The email will be from David Knapp, our HFC Academy Director of Coaching. After you receive this email, you can direct inquiries to: [David@abysa.org](mailto:David@abysa.org)

For now, families with players interested in U11 to U18 Classic soccer, are as always, invited to try out for HFC Classic teams based at the John B Lewis Soccer Complex. There are many Henderson County players that participate in these programs now and lots of opportunities for carpooling to training. Information about tryouts can be found at <http://abysa.org/classic/tryouts>

You can find a wealth of information about our Classic Program on our website, and our Directors of Coaching are happy to answer your questions. For Classic Girls, contact Jason ReMine at [Jason@abysa.org](mailto:Jason@abysa.org) and for Classic Boys, contact Trei Morrison at [Treim@abysa.org](mailto:Treim@abysa.org)



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If you have any questions about HFC or this exciting new initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Mike@abysa.org](mailto:Mike@abysa.org)

We are extremely excited about what lies ahead for competitive soccer in Henderson County and eager to serve your family!

Sincerely,

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