

Delco Step-Up Festival: Twelve rising U09 and twelve rising U13 boys teams will participate in three games with their 2013/2014 line-up in early preparation of late summer tournaments and the fall league competition. Scores will not be kept for the games, creating a low pressure environment for the coaches to work with their players. Coaches will have the opportunity to attend a free, clinic on the eve of the festival which will address proper warm-up exercises and game-day coaching technics. Thirty new referees will attend a travel referee course prior to the festival and then will officiate three games to gain game experience immediately following the referee course.



Philosophy: The Delco Soccer League Step-Up Festival has three primary goals. First, to provide teams with the opportunity to transition to the next level of play based on their age as rising U09 teams will play 8 vs. 8 and rising U13 teams will play 11 vs. 11. Coaches will be able to observe their teams in game situations and come away from the festival with ideas on what skills to focus on in future training sessions. Second, to demonstrate that with proper warm-up exercises and correct coaching points, 8v8/11v11 games can play a critical role in the development of youth players. And finally, the Delco Soccer League Step-Up Festival will offer game experience to help facilitate the training of new referees.

Outline

- Date: Sunday, June 2, 2013
- Location: Parkside Fields, 100 Water Plant Way, Downingtown PA
- Open to twelve rising U09 (players born after August 1, 2004) & twelve rising U13 (players born after August 1, 2000) boys teams
- Registration will close once age groups are filled
- Registration fee: rising U09 = \$245; rising U13 = \$295
- All teams to play three games
- Number of players: rising U09 = 8v8; rising U13 = 11v11
- Rosters: Teams will submit a festival roster with up to 18 players (14 for 8v8) as long as all players are registered with the same USSF organization (EPYS, USCS, etc...), including any affiliated recreation league. For teams from an unaffiliated recreation league, teams can be registered with an USSF organization through a tournament roster prior to the festival.
- Game Lengths: 8v8 Games to include two 20 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime
11v11 Games to include two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime
- Standings will not be kept and trophies will not be awarded / This is not a patch exchange event
- Coaches will be invited to attend a free coaching clinic on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 5:30 pm

*Registration Instructions: Complete the Delco Soccer League 2013 Step-Up Festival registration form (available at www.delcosoccer.org/tournaments) and send, with a check payable to Delco Soccer League, to Delco Step-Up Festival at 2 Willow Court, Downingtown PA 19335. **Teams will be notified of acceptance by email as soon as the registration is received, but keep in mind that only the first twelve rising U-09 & twelve rising U-13 teams that submit the registration will be accepted.** For any questions about the Delco Step-Up Festival, contact Damon Nolan at dcnolan@outlook.com or Goose Gosselin at dsltournamentdirector@delcosoccer.org*