



2025–2026 Community Impact Report

Developing Character. Strengthening Community.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

A Legacy Built Through Community

Dear D.C. Soccer Club Community,

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 season, we celebrate far more than another year of soccer — we celebrate the thousands of players, families, coaches, volunteers, referees, partners, and supporters who make this club truly special.

Nearly 50 years ago, our club began with a simple vision: give children in Washington, D.C. the opportunity to experience the joy and lifelong benefits of soccer. What started with 60 children at Stoddert Elementary School has grown into a community organization serving more than 10,000 participants across all eight wards of the District.

Our size has grown, but our purpose has not changed. We believe soccer is a powerful vehicle for developing character, creating opportunity, and strengthening community — and that belief came to life this season in our recreation, competitive, financial assistance, TOPSoccer, and community partnership programs.

Behind every accomplishment are the people who make this club special.

Our coaches dedicate themselves to developing not only better players, but better people. Our volunteers give their time and energy to support our mission. Our referees develop leadership skills while serving the game. Our families create the culture that makes D.C. Soccer Club a place where young people feel they belong. Our Board of Directors support the mission while providing strategic leadership.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for being part of the D.C. Soccer Club community. Together, we will continue developing character and strengthening community for generations to come.

All the best,

Greg Andrulis

Executive Director, D.C. Soccer Club



Our Impact, By the Numbers



10,000+

Participants Served



\$316,000+

Financial Assistance Provided



74

Travel Teams



40,000+

Volunteer Hours



8 of 8

DC Wards Served



50

Years Serving DC

Our Mission, Vision & Core Values

OUR MISSION

To develop character and strengthen community by providing accessible, high-quality soccer experiences for youth of all backgrounds and abilities.

1

Acting with Intention

- Connecting actions with core values and long-term vision
- Inspiring others through deliberate and purposeful acts
- Strategizing priorities for meaningful impact

2

Championing Inclusion

- Providing a place to grow for every member
- Nurturing an environment of empathy and shared belonging
- Ensuring everyone feels valued and respected

3

Building Through Collaboration

- Fostering teamwork with respect and trust
- Uniting all members in a shared vision
- Encouraging open communication and collective problem-solving

4

Strengthening Community

- Building connections that create meaning
- Embracing sustainable initiatives that leave a positive impact
- Cultivating a strong culture of support and giving back

GUIDING OUR MISSION

Board of Directors

Shane Kim

CHAIR

Nick Williams

VICE CHAIR

Matt Perl

TREASURER

Fernanda Galindo

SECRETARY

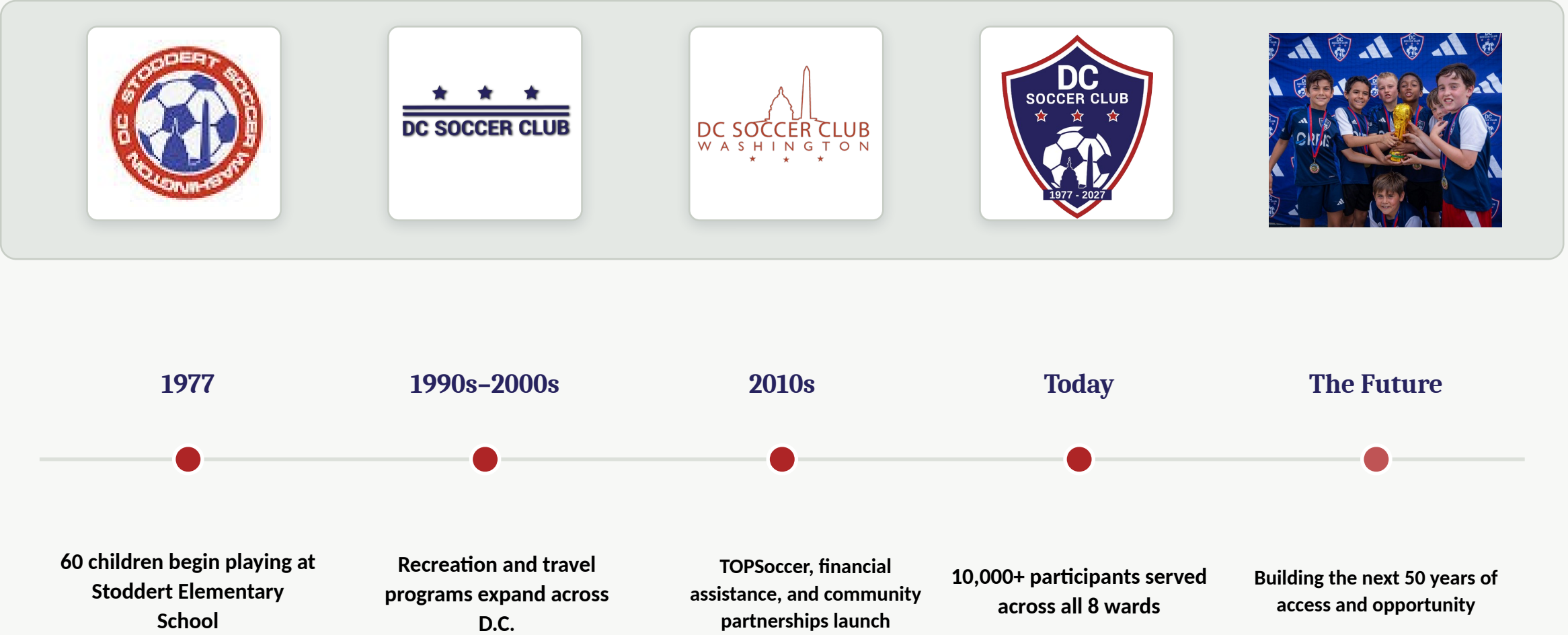
MEMBERS

- *Greg Andrulis, Executive Director (non-voting, ex-officio)*
- Chris Bell
- Tyson Claire
- Lucie LeBlois
- Cenk Sider
- Megan Lundstrom
- Alex Page
- Jordanna Enrich
- Sergio Aguirre

"Governing the DC Soccer Club is a privilege because the mission is so clear: character and community, delivered through soccer, to every ward in the city. Our Board's role is to steward and support that mission with the same discipline as our coaches and staff bring to the field — so the next fifty years are built on the same foundation as the last."
Shane Kim, Board Chair

NEARLY 50 YEARS OF IMPACT

A Legacy of Growth



A PLACE TO GROW AT EVERY STAGE

The D.C. Soccer Club Pathway

There is a place for every player at D.C. Soccer Club.



Tots



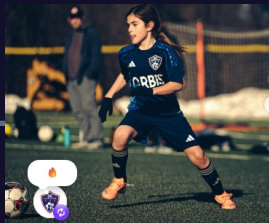
Pre-K



Recreation



Pre-Travel



Select



Travel



Academy



College

Every stage includes: confidence-building, technical development, teamwork, and mentorship — all guided by the same core values from a child's first touch to a lifetime love of the game.

Recreation

3,200+ players, 400+ teams — where the journey begins.

Travel & Academy

1,074 travel players across 74 teams now competing in MLS NEXT, GA Aspire, NCSL and MDSL .

Beyond the Club

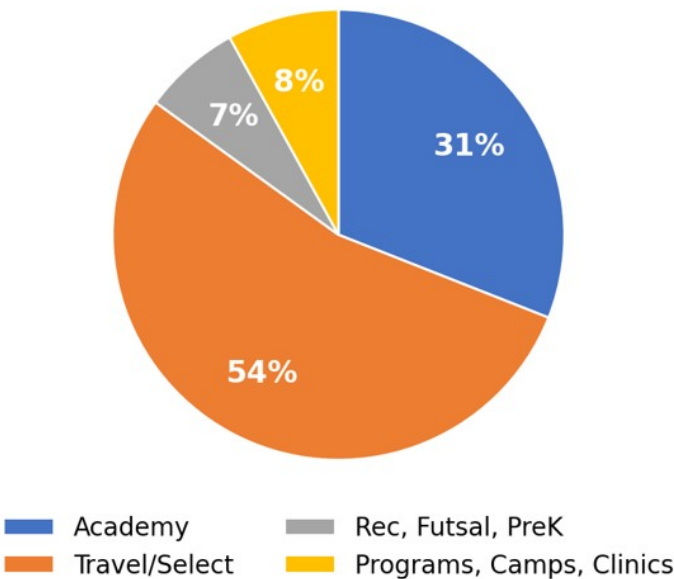
Players carry lessons in commitment, leadership, and resilience into college and life.

Every Child Deserves the Opportunity to Play

\$316,291

Financial assistance provided to 250+ families this season

Financial Assistance by Program Area



"Building community means breaking down barriers. We are dedicated to making youth soccer accessible to every player, regardless of financial circumstances."
Jennifer Werth –Financial Aid Director



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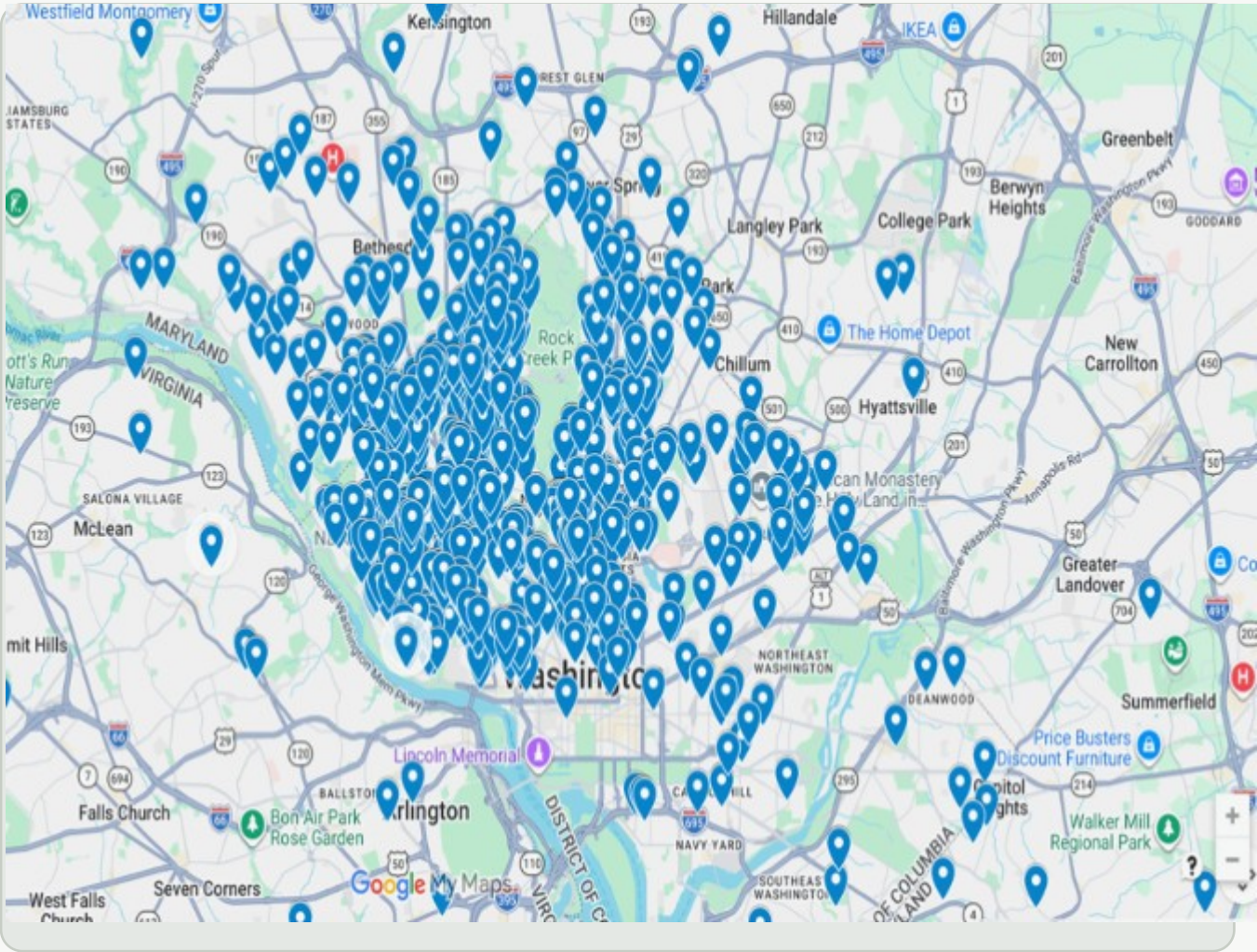
Our family wouldn't have been able to participate without this support — it means our kids get to play, belong, and grow with their teammates.

— DC Soccer Club Family

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A CLUB CONNECTED TO THE ENTIRE CITY- WHERE OUR FAMILIES LIVE

Serving All Eight Wards of Washington, D.C.



“D.C. Soccer Club is proud to serve families throughout every ward of Washington, D.C. — because every neighborhood deserves access to positive youth development.”

Kelly Wilson , Director of Operations





WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Recreation Program

The foundation of D.C. Soccer Club has always been recreation soccer — where friendships begin, confidence grows, and thousands of children experience the joy of the game for the first time.

3,200+

Players Per Season

400+

Teams Per Season

Pre-K-HS

Levels Served

500+

Coaches & Volunteers



EVERY WEEKEND

The Recreation Experience



“

Our rec program is built around community, fun, and development, creating a place where every players feels welcome, grows their skills , and builds a lifelong love for the game.

”

— Recreation Director -Jane Dawber

“

Watching my daughter run onto the field every Saturday with a huge smile — that’s what this program is all about.

”

— Recreation Parent



DEVELOPING PLAYERS. BUILDING CHARACTER.

Travel Program

Our travel program challenges players to pursue excellence while developing technical ability, tactical understanding, confidence, leadership, resilience, and teamwork.

1,074

Travel Players

74

Travel Teams

Travel Program Leagues for the 2026-27 Season:

- MLS NEXT
- GA Aspire
- National Capital Soccer League (NCSL)
- United Club League (UCL)



Academy & Coaching Excellence

DC Soccer Club Academy

- Individual development
- Advanced training
- Competitive experiences
- Leadership growth
- College opportunities

"We strive to create an environment where both coaches and players are learning and being challenged. When our coaches can utilize their knowledge to shape an environment that leads players to make decisions in game like situations, then we get closer to our ultimate goal in player development- autonomy."

Matt Arrington - Director of Soccer

Coaching Excellence

~ 100%

of our Academy coaches hold an advanced US Soccer License

~ 90%

of all Travel Program coaches hold a US Soccer License

"This fall will be our family's seventh consecutive year with DCSC, and we could not be happier with how our two boys have grown through their experiences with this club. At all levels the coaches and leadership have gone above and beyond to support the players' development, to emphasize hard work and sportsmanship, and to teach them how to confront and overcome challenges both on and off the soccer field."

Greg- DC Soccer Club Parent and Team Manager

Leadership Spotlights



Abdoul Diakite

Building a Culture of Collaboration

“The best part of coaching is watching our players grow, not just as athletes, but as people. Our commitment doesn't end with the game; it extends to every player and every family we serve. Since joining the club in 2020, I've always felt supported and believed in by our leadership. That belief inspires me to give back by supporting our players and families every step of the way. That's how we build not only better players, but a stronger community.



Dmitri Goebes

creating the Next Generation of Leaders

“

Since Junior Referee training in 2023, Dmitri has officiated 130 games. Now, at age 16, he has begun officiating our high-school games — bringing friends and teammates into the refereeing world.

”

— Eric Hoy, Referee Director



EVERY PLAYER HAS A PLACE

TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer provides athletes with disabilities the opportunity to experience the game in a supportive, encouraging environment — where players build skills, gain confidence, and create meaningful relationships.

It creates connection.

It creates confidence.

It creates belonging.

“

Many of our TOPSoccer volunteers are current D.C. Soccer Club players who choose to give back — supporting younger athletes and creating positive experiences for their teammates. Players become leaders. Teammates become mentors.

Gabi Wlassits- TopSoccer Director

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THE IMPACT OF BELONGING

Voices from TOPSoccer



“

Volunteering with TOPSoccer is amazing — the best part is the chance to see how the kids who come back have progressed. It’s a lot of fun playing with the kids and seeing their personalities shine!

”

— Marley Sandwick, DCSC Academy U17



“

To me, volunteering with TOPSoccer means giving kids who don’t have all the same opportunities as me an equal chance to play and enjoy soccer. The most rewarding part is seeing the kids supporting each other.

”

— Graham Singer, DCSC Academy U18/19

MORE THAN A GAME

Community Impact & Partnerships

Through outreach, after-school programming, service initiatives, and strategic partnerships, D.C. Soccer Club creates meaningful experiences that build confidence, character, and connection.



Top Soccer Program



Holiday Food Drive



Washington Spirit
Girls Clinic



Community World Cup
Watch Party



Latin American Youth
Center Clinic



After School Program

“This year marked eight years of DC Food Project service, delivery of its 5 millionth meal, and expansion to 100 schools. We extend our sincere gratitude to our longstanding partners, including DC Soccer Club.”

— DC Food Project

16

External Events

1,146+

Participants Served

8

Community Partners

Pre-K–U19

Youth Served

STRONGER TOGETHER

Building Partnerships That Create Opportunity



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“

When we partner with DC Soccer Club, we're not just growing the game for girls — we're showing them what's possible by putting Washington Spirit players and role models directly in their path.

”

— Washington Spirit



BEHIND THE SCENES

Internal Volunteer Impact

Beyond the volunteers featured throughout this report, an equally vital group powers the club from within: recreation coaches, parents, Age Group Coordinators, high school-aged players, and team managers contribute more than 40,000 hours of internal volunteer work every year. We couldn't run the club without this important group.

40,000+

Internal Volunteer Hours

“Our Age Group Commissioners roster every rec player, recruit and support coaches, and help align schedules and matchups — spending 60-80+ hours a season to run an age group. They are a very important part of our program, and are sincerely appreciated “

Rebeca Mercado Rec Program Manager



THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION

External Volunteer Impact

Nearly 50 years ago, a group of parents stepped forward to create soccer opportunities for children in Washington, D.C. That same spirit continues today through hundreds of coaches, team managers, board members, and community supporters.

400+

Volunteer & Staff Hours

\$14,000

Est. Service Value

“Volunteers provide encouragement, mentorship, leadership, stability, and connection — helping transform soccer from a game into a community.”

Michelle Alioto Chief Experience Officer



FEATURED STORY

When a Need Becomes a Mission



Mark

Volunteer Coach , Age Group Commissioner, Parent Advisory Council, DC Soccer Ambassador

“The initial rewards were spending time with my children in an activity that I enjoyed. I also enjoyed being part of and building a community of families that were initially school based but eventually across the club. I have felt privileged and fortunate to be part of my player's growth both in tangible soccer skills, intelligence, and passion but also indirectly in empowerment, striving for and achieving their best, developing communication skills, teamwork, and owning their responsibilities.

I really enjoyed the players and building a community around the team.”

— Mark

Impact by the Numbers



10,000+
Participants



400+
Recreation Teams



74
Travel Teams



~100%
Licensed Academy Coaches



\$316K+
Financial Aid



40,000+
Volunteer Hours



16
Outreach Events



8
Partnerships



8 of 8
Wards Served



1,146+
Community Reach



250+
Families Aided



50
Years of Service



THE NEXT 50 YEARS

Looking Ahead We Will Continue To:

1

**Reduce Economic
Barriers**

2

**Expand Girls Soccer
Participation**

3

Improve Facilities

4

**Increase Community
Partnerships**

5

**Celebrate the next 50
Years**

JOIN US

Get Involved

There are many ways to be part of the D.C. Soccer Club community.



Register a Player

Registration opens each season at dcsoccerclub.org. Questions? Contact our Registrar.



Volunteer or Coach

Interested in volunteering? Contact Michelle Alioto,. If you're looking to Coach Travel Contact Matt Arrington and for Rec Contact Jane Dawber



Apply for Financial Aid

Apply before registering at dcsoccerclub.org/financial-aid. Questions: Jennifer Werth.



Become a Sponsor

Interested in becoming a Club sponsor or partner? Contact Greg Andrulis, Executive Director.

- Full program contact directory available on our website dcsoccerclub.org

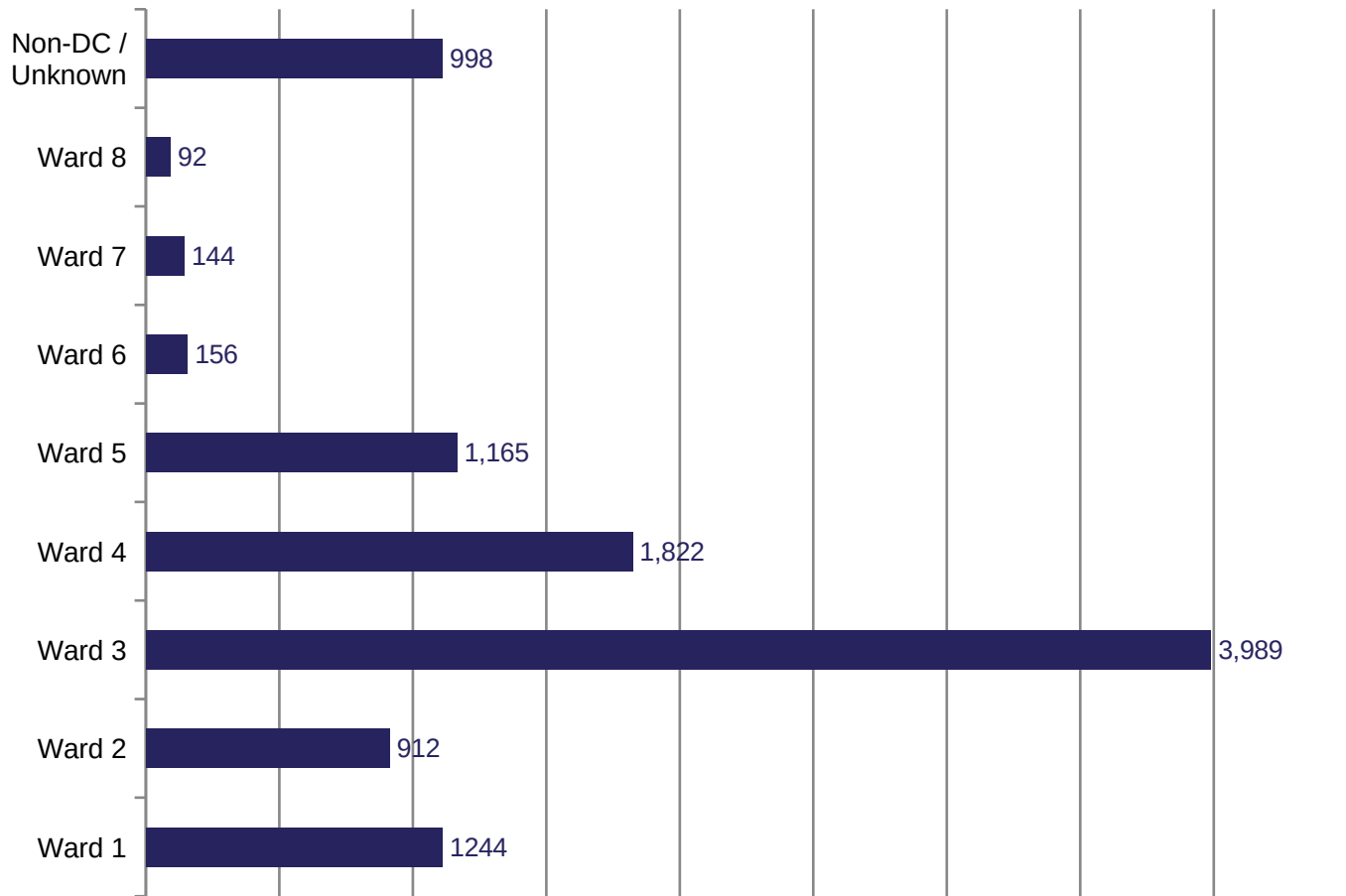
ADDENDUM

Additional Data & Supporting Materials

Financial statements, program-level data, and other supporting detail will be included here as they become available.

Geographic Reach

Club-wide participation by D.C. Ward of residence, across all programs.



10,502

total participants served, 2025-26

Ward 3 — 38%

of all participants — our largest home ward

Wards 4 & 5 — 28%

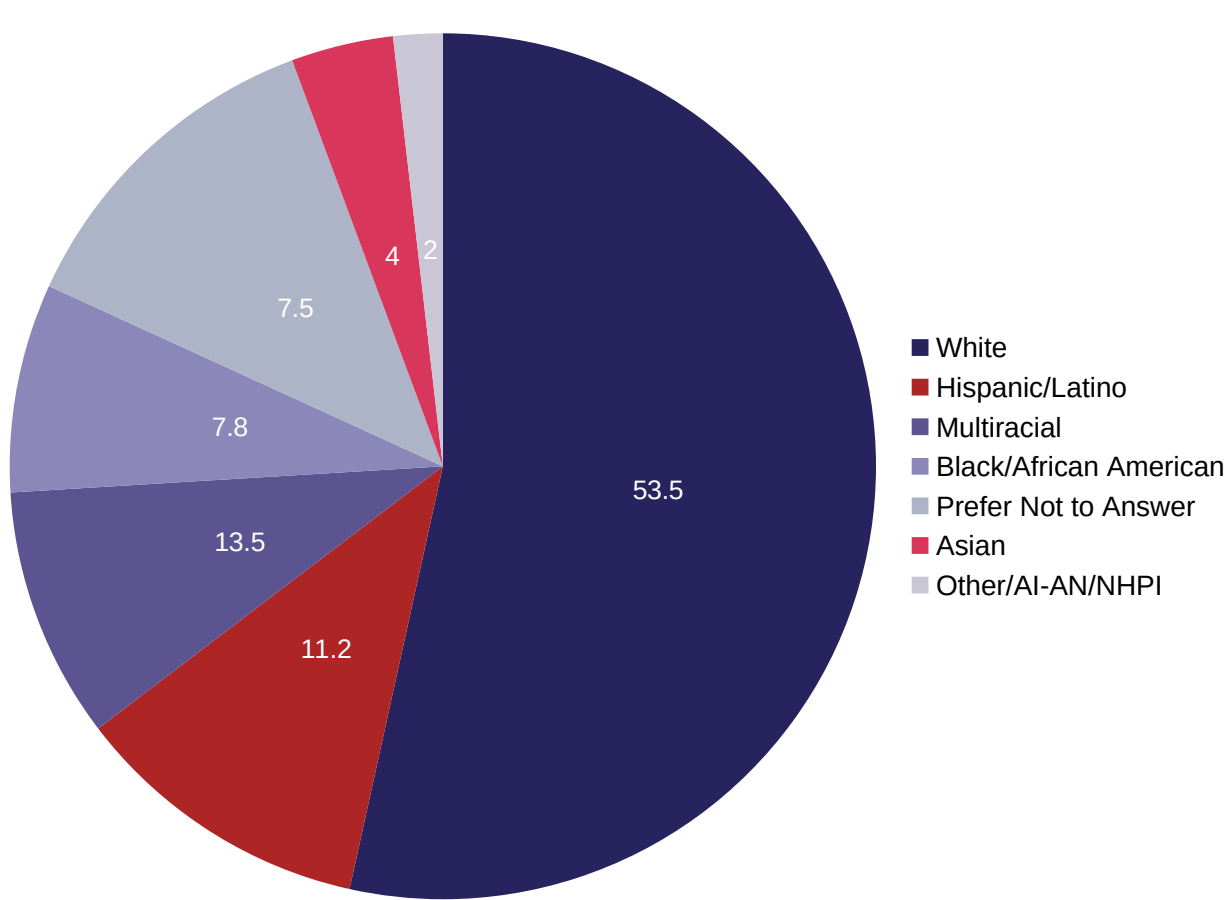
combined share of participation

Non-DC — 10%

reflects regional draw to our Travel & Academy programs

Race & Ethnicity

Club-wide participation by race/ethnicity, self-reported at registration across all programs.



53.5% White • 46.5% players of color or multiracial

11.2% Hispanic/Latino

13.5% Multiracial

7.8% Black/African American

12.5% Prefer Not to Answer

Recreation: Season Snapshot

Fall 2025 to Spring 2026, club-wide recreation program.

3,365 → 3,551

Total Rec and Pre-k Players, Fall → Spring

+5.5% season growth (1,857/1,508 boys/girls in Fall; 1,973/1,578 in Spring)

1,247

Games Played This Season

Averaging 158 games per weekend in the Fall, rising to 170 in the Spring

98 → 99

Total Referees, Fall → Spring

Includes adult USSF-certified, teen-certified, and Junior Referees

98%

Referee Game Coverage, Both Seasons

100% coverage for 4th grade & above; 97% coverage for 1st-3rd grade

Recreation program, Fall 2025 to Spring 2026.

6941

*Recreation Players competed from
age 4-19*

3,365

Fall 2025 Players

2,576

Retained into Spring

1,000

New Spring Players

3,576

Total Spring 2026 Players

Special Events Growth

Year-over-year participation in the club's flagship clinics.

Washington Spirit Clinic

Girls-only event

+62%

135 participants (2025) → 219 participants (2026)

26 returning players (19% retention) plus 193 new participants drove the growth.

Len Oliver Fundraiser Tournament

Co-ed event

715

total participants across 2025 and 2026 combined

390 players in 2025; 325 in 2026, including 250 first-time participants.

ADDENDUM — 2026-27 TRYOUTS

Looking ahead to 2026-27: who tried out, and where they play now.

2,152

tryout registrations for 2026-27

Current DCSC players

1,552 registrants advancing within the club

External club players

527 registrants drawn from 40+ other area clubs

Other / Unknown affiliation

73 registrants

Top Previous Clubs

Most-cited prior club among external tryout registrants

PPA	70
MSI	23
Bethesda	22
Achilles	20
District Elite FC	19
DC Way	18
City Sporting	17
DCXI	16
Washington Capital United	13
Open Goal Project	10
Potomac	10
Juventus	10
Arlington	9

ADDENDUM — 2025-26 TO 2026-27

Coach Retention, 2025-26 → 2026-27

89%

Select • 8 of 9 coaches returning

88%

Travel • 23 of 26 coaches returning

83%

Academy • 5 of 6 coaches returning

89% of coaches (38 of 42) hold a coaching license.

1,074

Total Players (686 Boys / 388 Girls)

16

Tournament Champions (11 Boys / 5 Girls)

3

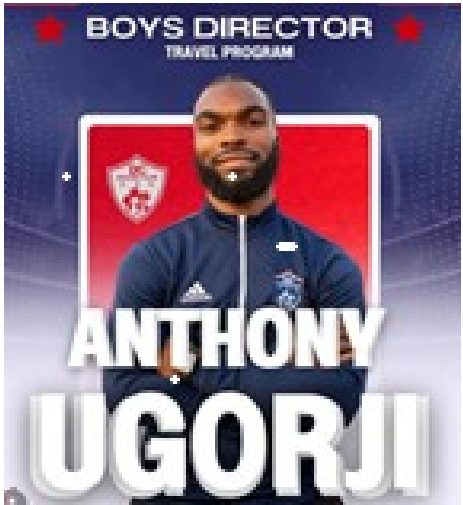
State Cup Semi Finalists (2 Boys / 1 Girls)

74

Teams Across MLS NEXT, GA Aspire, NCSL, UCL & MDSL

OUR PEOPLE

Technical Leadership



COMMUNITY MOMENTS

Club Events





Building Character • Strengthening Community • Creating Opportunities

DC SOCCER CLUB

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