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Manheim Township Soccer Club joins forces with PA Classics AC

Lititz, PA – February 14, 2010- The joint venture of two local soccer clubs will provide a clearer path of soccer development and high quality training for area youth players, according to PA Classics Director of Coaching Steve Klein.

For the 2010-11 soccer season Manheim Township Soccer Club (MTSC) and PA Classics will combine their tryouts at the U9 and U10 age groups to form two teams in each age group, for both boys and girls teams. The premier team will have a full time professional coach for all activities. The travel team will have a professional trainer for practice sessions during the week, but will utilize a volunteer coach for league and tournament games.

At present the working agreement between the two neighbor clubs is only to encompass the youngest age groups of players, with each club maintaining and managing the operations of their older teams. “We are really looking forward to working with the Manheim Township Soccer Club” said Klein, who went on to add that “both clubs bring great resources to the table and this partnership should ensure continued high level player development for local players”. In echoing Klein’s comments, MTSC’s Executive Vice President Suzanne Miller stated that “We are very excited to offer this new opportunity to our membership and we look forward to the continued development of programs that will enhance every individual players love for the game of soccer”.

In addition to the combination of teams at the U9 and U10 levels, PA Classics will continue to work with MTSC on the development of their U5 to U8 programs. Under the guidance of Mark Pulisic, Director of youth development for the Pennsylvania Developmental Soccer League (PDSL), PA Classics will establish a three season training program for the youngest of players. Training options will be available to players in the fall, winter, and spring. “Our priority will be to create a fun, joyful, and safe environment for all children to learn the game of soccer at its critical infant stage. Soccer at these ages should be discouraged in any other form other than as a fun activity for kids, that also happens to include a soccer ball” said Pulisic.

Manheim Township Soccer Club is a local recreational and travel organization that has been in existence serving area youth players since 1980. The club operates at various public locations throughout the Manheim Twp. area with over 1000 youth members.

PA Classics, a premier soccer club, was formed in 2004 and is a member of the United States Soccer Federation’s prestigious Development Academy. The clubs home field is Classics Soccer Park, a 10 field, 32 acre complex in Manheim. PA Classics maintains a staff of ex-professional soccer players as coaches and fields boys and girls teams from U9 to U18 annually.

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