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# FAQ

## Q: WHAT IS OUR MISSION

A: To promote the development of youth in the game of soccer, providing opportunities to maximize their skills through training teamwork and competition at the highest level while inspiring and empowering each player to elevate their potential in the game and in life.

## Q. WHY DID KIXX UNITED FC AND METRO EAST LEGACY FC MERGE?

A: In order for our organization to be able to provide the highest level of training and facilities, our Board of Directors began a long-term planning process last year. Over the past 6 months, our Board worked together to determine how we can reshape the face of youth soccer in the region.

Our clubs' mission and goals aligned and we concluded after much research that KIXX and Legacy would be much stronger together – creating a new POWERHOUSE for YOUTH SOCCER that ultimately will provide greater opportunity for our players

## Q: WHO ARE THE NEW DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB?

A: Donny Sheehan - Boys Director.  
James Chambers - Girls Director.

### Our Board of Directors consists of:

Chris Lashley (President)  
Mary Jean Hutchison (Vice President)  
Gary Hoelscher  
Aaron Wilkerson  
Susan Scott  
Stu Kasten  
Chris Bunting  
Eric Broecking

## Q: WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES THIS MERGER PROVIDE FOR MY CHILDREN?

A: Here are the benefits:

- A Dedicated Boys Director
- A Dedicated Girls Director
- New levels of teams to allow for increased playing time for all skillsets
- Access to the two best training facilities in the region – O'Fallon Family Sports Park Soccer Complex and Belle Clair Soccer Park
- More Tournaments
- 800+ Families
- Training by Elite FT
- College Placement Services



**Q: WILL THE CLUB STILL HELP WITH COLLEGE PLACEMENT?**

**A:** Yes – we want to make sure that any child that wants to play in college gets an opportunity to be exposed to college recruiters. We offer both video and college recruitment services for high school players. Check out our website for more details.

**Q: WHO WILL TRAIN OUR TEAMS?**

**A:** Elite FT will provide training for all teams. U12 and under will focus on technical/tactical aspects of the game. All teams U13 and older will have access to Elite FT's new Sports Performance Training Program. To help develop club and age group unity, Elite FT will train age groups, not just teams.

**Q: WILL THIS CHANGE ANY CURRENT PROGRAMS OR TOURNAMENTS?**

**A:** Metro Alliance FC will host the following tournaments: the September Showdown, Fall Classic, and Spring Classic. We will continue to offer the Metro Alliance FC Juniors Program.

**Q: WHAT DO MY FEES COVER?**

**A:**Your fees will cover the following

- Training Fee (all turf fields)
- SLYSA Fall & Spring
- Insurance
- Admin Fees
- September Showdown or Legacy Fall Classic, Legacy Spring Classic and two additional tournaments
- Veo Camera
- College Placement Program
- Elite Ft
- Coach Fee
- Marketing/website

**Q: OUTSIDE OF CLUB FEES WHAT ADDITIONAL COST COULD I HAVE?**

**A:** Additional costs include:

- Uniforms/training tops
- Indoor/futsal
- Any tournaments outside the allocated

**Q: WILL WE STILL HAVE A PAYMENT PLAN OPTION**

**A:**Yes, parents will have the option to pay in full or a payment plan.

**Q: HOW WILL TRYOUTS WORK?**

**A:** U13 and up will try out together in O'Fallon. U12 and down will have separate tryouts at their home facility.



**Q: CAN PLAYERS AT THE 7V7 OR 9V9 LEVEL CHOOSE TO TRYOUT AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION?**

A: Players will have a chance to register for either location during the tryout period. Directors and coaches will need to talk to make sure they aren't offering spots to the same children.

**Q: WILL THE LOCATION OF MY PRACTICES CHANGE?**

A: U13 and up will train in O'Fallon. U12 and below will train at home facilities that their coach coaches at.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILDREN PRACTICE AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS?**

A: You will need to coordinate with the coaches to ensure that your children are not practicing on the same day.

**Q: HOW OFTEN WILL UNIFORMS NEED TO BE PURCHASED?**

A: We will continue to use MyUniform with Soccer Master. Game uniforms will be used for 2 years, and then new uniforms will need to be purchased. The practice jersey will be changed after 1 year. Fall 2021 players will need to purchase a home and away jersey, one short, one pair of socks, and one practice jersey. Other equipment will be offered, but not required.

**Q: WILL THERE BE A SPIRIT WEAR STORE FOR THE NEW CLUB?**

A: Yes. There will be 3 spirit wear stores offered over the year in June, October, and February. Each store will be open for 3 weeks and then will close and orders will be shipped after.

**Q: WHY DID WE CHANGE UNIFORM BRANDS?**

A: We wanted to make sure that we are doing the best for our players and parents. We will now have access to better quality uniforms at more reasonable prices as well as marketing materials from Nike.

**Q: WILL TEAMS BE VIEWED AS INDEPENDENT OR AS AN AGE GROUP?**

A: Metro Alliance FC will make decisions on what's best for individual players and the club, not an individual team. This means that age groups and coaches will work together as one club to place players and allow sharing of players in times of need.

**Q: WILL METRO ALLIANCE FC STILL HAVE ACCESS TO LIGHTED TURF FIELDS FOR PRACTICE?**

A: Yes. Metro Alliance FC will have 5 turf fields at the O'Fallon Family Sports Park each evening for practices, as well as the turf facility at Belle Clair.



**Q: HOW WILL TEAM TRIPS BE ORGANIZED?**

A: In the past, Legacy has coordinated team trips without the parents at the club level – with the same age groups traveling together. Metro Alliance FC will continue this model and expand it for U13 and up teams in the club. There may be different trips for different age groups.

**Q: WILL PLAYERS STILL BE ABLE TO SUB FOR OTHER TEAMS?**

A: Yes. If teams are short, they will now have an even larger pool to pull from to make sure everyone plays as many games as they want.

**Q: ARE WE CONNECTED WITH BELLE CLAIR OR O'FALLON PARKS & RECREATION?**

A: We are an independent 501(c)3 organization We are not part of Belleville or O'Fallon's Parks Departments. However, we have alliances with both cities' Parks and Recreation programs to promote youth soccer programs with Metro Alliance FC.

**Q: WHERE IS THE CLUB OFFICE GOING TO BE?**

A: There will be 2 offices, one for each location.

Belle Clair - 2842 Centerville Ave.  
Belleville, IL 62226

O'Fallon - 308 E 5th St.  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

**Q: WHO DO I CONTACT WITH ANY ISSUES OR CONCERNS?**

A: Your coach will be your first point of contact, then your director of coaching for boys or girls.

**BOYS**

Donny Sheehan  
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**GIRLS**

James Chambers  
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**Q: WHAT CAN COACHES DO?**

A: Coaches can:

- Help spread the word to your teams. Use the toolkit being provided to:
- Send an email to your team showing support for merger
- Post on your social media the new logo and link to the website metroalliancefc.com
- Promote the ID sessions