



# 2001 U16 Girls: Fury

## 2016-17 Team Plan

The Fury enter their 2016-17 U16 season as the first team in the 2001 girls age group. Almost all of the players from the very successful 2015-16 Fury team will be returning for the upcoming season. The team will continue to be managed by Rob Samtmann, Steve Juska, and Chris Steere.

### Notable 2015 Achievements

- 2nd Place, 2015 PAGS U14 Division 5 (5-2-1)
- 2nd Place, 2015 PAGS U14 Division 5 Playoffs
- Runner-Up, 2015 Battle at Hilltop
- 3 Teams Advanced to Quakertown 3 v 3 Winter Classic Tournament Playoffs

### Goals and Expectations for the 2016-17 Season

The Fury will be playing a full PAGS Fall season this year in addition to at least three tournaments. We understand at this time in our players' lives they are balancing school, activities, and multiple sports. We work to maximize their time on a soccer field, their technical and mental development, but most important, the fun factor. We strive to do it all with a very pragmatic approach.

Methacton United is extremely fortunate to have wonderful trainers, led by our Director of Coaching, Andy Wilkes. We look forward to continued growth of all players with Andy's program and techniques. He and his staff have been a driving force behind our players' technical development, especially in the last year. It is important to note, that our coaching and training staff look to develop both the player and the person. Our girls have shown notable improvement in both their technical skills as well as their athletic maturity. The players have developed exceptional technical abilities and we will further grow and develop their on-the-field maturity in order to confidently use those skills at the right time and in the right situations.

We look to continue player development with emphasis on movement, both on and off the ball. A team will collectively touch the ball for only a few minutes in the course of a game, so our players must always be focusing on their off the ball movement. One of our objectives over the last year has also been to increase the creativity in their play. Many players possess that creativity, but need the confidence to use it. We will work as a group, so the players exercise those skills more regularly and under difficult circumstances.

Methacton United recognizes the importance of developing well-rounded children and strongly encourages our players to participate in activities and sports away from the soccer field. Accepting a place on a travel team is a serious commitment made by both the player and their parents. The following are very important dates during the coming year and we look forward to the players' participation.

Event	Dates
Summer Tournaments	3-4 weekends, Jun-Aug
Fall Travel League Matches	Most weekends Sep-Nov
Columbus Day Weekend Tournament	Oct 8-9, 2016

## Anticipated Playing Calendar

### Summer: June - August

Training	2x per week with professional training staff (full calendar at <a href="http://methactonunited.org/travel">methactonunited.org/travel</a> )		
Friendlies	Approximately 3 friendlies		May – August
	<i>Note: We recognize that some players are involved in spring/summer sports, and as such, try our best to schedule friendlies around player availability. If a player cannot participate in some friendlies due to conflicts, it is understandable and will not be held against her.</i>		
Tournaments	Marc J. Small Memorial 3v3 Tournament Battle at Hilltop	Worcester, PA Limerick, PA	June 11, 2016 Aug 19-21, 2016

### Fall: September - November

Training	1-2x per week (Mon-Fri) with professional training staff Periodic Saturday team training as needed		
League Games	PAGS		Sep 10 – Nov 13
Tournaments	Columbus Cup	Horsham, PA	Oct 8-9, 2016

### Winter: December - February

<a href="#">Winter Academy</a>	1x per week indoor training with professional training staff • All Sports Center, Upper Providence		Dec 5 – Feb 20
Training	1x per week, Sunday afternoon, indoor futsal, scrimmaging with team • Variety Club, Worcester • Each player brought in for 1 hour scrimmage either at 3 or 4 PM		12 weeks Jan-Mar
Tournaments	Quakertown Winter Classic	Quakertown, PA	Mid-January

### Spring: March – June

<a href="#">Spring Academy</a>	1x per week with professional training staff • Heebner Park, Worcester		Late Mar to Late May
League Games	Rock League		Sundays, Mar-May

*NOTE: Because we are planning for events more than a year in advance, dates and tournaments may be changed based on tournament schedules, player availability, or a change in the level of play of the team.*



## Expected Financial Commitment

All of our teams at Methacton United value the commitment that our players, parents, and coaches make to our program. As discussed at [methactonunited.org/travel](http://methactonunited.org/travel), the fee structure for the 2016-17 season has been changed in order to provide consistent and uniform financial expectations across all teams.

The increased travel registration fee will include our fall league registration fees, referee fees, professional training throughout the summer and fall, and will also allow us to participate in 2-3 summer/fall tournaments without having to solicit additional funds from the player families to do so.

It is important to note that many teams offset their tournament expenses by conducting fundraisers at various events throughout the year or by soliciting donations from local businesses. The following totals assume approximately \$1,500 will be collected through fund raising. Last year the team conducted a Beef, Beer, and Blues (band) Night which raised approximately \$3,000. A great time was had by all and it was an enjoyable night to hang out—without being on a soccer field. We look forward to repeating the event again this year.

New members to the team should also anticipate the cost of a home and away jersey, shorts, and socks (\$110). The Fury has also purchased practice jerseys (approx. \$15 ea.) that have been used at small-sided tournaments when we have taken more than two teams.

### A Note on Seasonal Assessments

Rather than continuously approaching families with requests for additional money required each time we decide to participate in an event, the club has encouraged teams to provide a schedule of assessments by which each player will pay the specified amount by the appropriate date and this amount will be deposited in our team account in order to fund our activities for the 2016-17 year. We have attempted to spread these assessment amounts out throughout the year to make it more manageable for families and to give us some flexibility as the year progresses. Each team will have a different assessment schedule based upon their planned activities. The estimate of expenses below is based upon the costs for the activities listed on the team's Anticipated Playing Calendar.

Because many of the plans in the winter and spring seasons may still be tentative based upon availability, the assessment amounts can and likely will change once we solidify our schedule for those time periods.

Team Expenses	Date	Est. Pmt
Travel Registration Fee	May 15	\$ 695
Refund From Fund Raising	TBD	\$ (40)
		<b>\$ 655</b>

  

Additional Training		
Winter Academy	\$	195
Spring Academy	\$	120
	<b>\$</b>	<b>315</b>

