

# Playing Simple! Friends, Family and Futbol

Fall 2022



**Rookie Teams** 

During the Spring and Fall seasons of 2022 Toca has added 3 new teams. The newest of these are the Falcons, our Boys U10 team. This team is off to a great start and we hope they will continue to practice and learn new skills as well as sportsmanship in the coming season.

The Dolphins and Saints are our U11 teams for girls and boys. These teams have made tremendous progress and in fact the Saints have won second place in their division. We know both teams will continue to grow and learn during the winter as they prepare for their Spring Season.

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### **Leveling Up**

This season our U16 teams: the Bengals (girls) and the Broncos (boys) have moved to a higher level of competition. They joined the EDP travel league where they have faced a much more intense level of play.

The Broncos have been challenged by the increased physicality and speed of games and they have had to make a big effort to grow and adapt to this. We are so proud of their progress and encourage everyone to keep up the hard work and you will begin to see results.

The Bengals had a late but amazing start to their season. They too are adapting to this more difficult competition with great success. We look forward to seeing all these girls continue to grow.

Congratulations to both teams!



### **Applause Applause!**

This season we want to take the opportunity to give the Mystics, our 2005 girls team, some overdue recognition. This team has for the most part had a very dedicated group of players that have been playing together for more than 10 seasons. Six players have even been with the team since it began as a U10 team in 2015! This continuity has really paid off for them!

Among other achievements they have won their EDP division in the Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022. They have had an amazing Fall season this year and are currently poised to win the South Atlantic Conference EDP Fall Season again. This team has traveled internationally together four times and in the summer of 2022 the Mystics made it to play in the semifinals of Cup One in Denmark. They are currently ranked in the top ten teams in the state of Maryland.

Go Mystics!



### Pat yourselves on the back!

We are delighted to share that, at our recent Fall Fest, Toca received a beautiful certificate from the Governor's Office in recognition of our service to the community. We want every single player, parent, manager and coach to know that this award is for you. It's is all of you who have made our community what it is with your commitment to our sport, your team and our Club.

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## **Team Spotlight**

This quarter we would like to highlight our very own Toca mom's team, The Toca Troupers. These awe inspiring ladies have been training together since January of 2018. They will be playing their first ever league championship in an 18+ league this winter. This is a long awaited milestone as they had signed up in 2020 but the season was canceled due to COVID. Let's wish them a very successful season. Let's hear it for the Troupers!

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### **Coaches Corner**

A big shout out goes out to Coaches Juan, Nico and Andrew who became head coaches at Toca this year. These coaches had some very big shoes to fill as they have taken on two of Coach Sul's teams, the Jaguars and the Bengals. They have all done a terrific job and we are truly grateful for them. Thank you especially to Coach Juan for nominating Toca for the Recognition from the Governor's Office.



### **News from the Complex**

This year there has been much progress with the construction of the Toca Soccer Complex. We have been blessed with the incredible volunteer work of Stuart Bassin who has been instrumental in securing much needed funding and many mayor sponsors. We have also made improvements to our temporary field 1 such as lights and nets thanks to a new tenant who has a cricket academy, Sonny Sohal and donations from many Toca Dads that play Saturday pickup games at the Complex.

Construction of Fase 2 is also well underway. When grading bean a year ago we needed about 5000 trucks of dirt to level the field. We are currently about a few hundred trucks away from completing the grading. Incredibly we are expecting to seed this coming spring and looking forward to seeing the field looking green!!

We also continue to raise funds for Sul's Pavillion, which will accompany the new field. The raffle held at the Fall Fest was a lot of fun and a big success. Thank you to Sul's sister, Nashia, who donated five great prizes. Congratulations to the winners of the original Euro Cup and World Cup soccer balls!

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### Upcoming

**Fundraiser at MOD Pizza:** Don't miss an opportunity to support Toca and one of our sponsors on Sunday Nov 13 (<u>link</u>)

**Winter Season:** We are all set to launch registration for the Winter Training Season which will begin the week of Nov. 28-Dec.4; Registration information will be emailed next week.

**Travel to Scotland and Argentina:** Plans are in the works for a soccer trip to St. Andrew's Scotland for June of 2022. This is a very exciting opportunity for the Bengals and the Broncos and we wish them luck with planning and fundraising. The Mystics are also in the process of organizing their next trip, this time to La Plata, Buenos Aires and Córdoba, Argentina.

Be on the lookout for fundraisers to support these team's trips in the next few months as all the funds they raise are for the players expenses. These trips are only

for our youths enrichment and neither Toca nor any Toca coaches benefit financially from these programs.

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## Finally: It's time for the World Cup 2022!

May everyone enjoy watching many excellent soccer matches with friends and family this world cup. Much luck to everyone's favorite teams and .... May the best team win!!

