

# KENSINGTON SOCCER CLUB

Community advancement through soccer



## OUR MISSION

Uniting the broader Kensington community with soccer & youth development programs for all, regardless of ability to pay.

## OUR STORY

Founded in 2010, Kensington Soccer Club (KSC) runs accessible soccer programs in order to provide our community with healthy activities, positive environments, enrichment programs, and employment opportunities. The goal was simple: provide greater access to soccer for youth in the Broader Kensington area.



We're providing a place where young people from all backgrounds can come together, learn, and play. Soccer serves as the vehicle, but ultimately we're focused on building a supportive, inclusive community that values every child."

~Jim Hardy, KSC Founder & Executive Director



## WHO WE SERVE

Kensington Soccer Club serves youth of all ages and families in Philadelphia, particularly those from low-income backgrounds and neighborhoods with limited access to sports and recreational opportunities. We work with hundreds of participants, building a diverse community around soccer.

## OUR VALUES

We believe soccer can be an important element to a child's development and a great opportunity to unify and uplift our local communities. As a result, everything we aim to do is guided by a set of values that reflect our club and its efforts.



Diversity



Development



Inclusion



Justice






Equity

**“At KSC we are dedicated to creating safe, inclusive spaces where young people feel empowered to express themselves, become change-makers, and contribute positively to their communities and their neighborhoods.**

*~Barbyose Noisette, KSC Executive Program Director*



## OUR PROGRAMS

-  **Recreational & Competitive Soccer:** Free or pay-what-you-can options for soccer programs, catering to youth from beginner to advanced levels.
-  **After-School Programs & Summer Camps:** Structured soccer activities and mentorship, promoting personal growth beyond soccer.
-  **Community & Family Events:** Hosted events (e.g. Family Day) to strengthen bonds among participants along with the community.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

1,500

youth served annually

365  
days

programs are offered year-round!

***“Soccer helped me by getting away from a lot of things. Especially issues at home. It was my escape.”***


*~Nagee Morrison, long-standing KSC member and former player turned coach, reflecting on how soccer was a transformative experience for him.*

## GET INVOLVED


KSC faces several significant barriers in providing youth sports programs, including funding and resource constraints due to our pay-what-you-can model, which limits access to consistent financial support for equipment, coaching, and facility maintenance. Challenges include finding and maintaining suitable spaces for year-round activities, exacerbated by high costs and limited public funding for community-based sports spaces. Systemic inequities in youth sports funding disproportionately affect low-income areas like Kensington, restricting opportunities for our youth. Additionally, safety concerns in a community affected by poverty and gun violence further hinder consistent participation in KSC’s programs.


**With your support, we can continue to provide life-changing services and resources to the youth we serve. Please visit our website for volunteer and donation opportunities.**





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