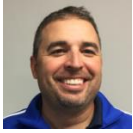


# FC BRANDYWINE NEWSLETTER



Evan Mellides - President

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*“FC Brandywine values the importance of coach education and with our partnership with EPYSA and US Soccer. On May 20th, and in partnership with EPYSA and US Soccer, FC Brandywine hosted the new Grassroots Pathway In Person 7v7 and 9v9 Coaching Courses. Each course was four hours with three being on the field teaching and learning. All coaches and staff members were required to attend. “*

More information can be found at:  
[http://www.epysa.org/coaching\\_education/us\\_soccer\\_grassroots\\_coaching/](http://www.epysa.org/coaching_education/us_soccer_grassroots_coaching/)



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## Important dates:

### Camps:

- Camps run from July 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Camps will run Mon - Thurs from 9 am till 3 pm, and Friday from 9 am till 12:00pm.
- All camps will be discussed at parent meetings. Information can be found at <http://www.fcbrandywine.com/camps-programs/camps/>



### Union Tickets:

Tickets are available for the following games:

June 8<sup>th</sup> vs Toronto FC 8:00pm

June 23<sup>rd</sup> vs Vancouver 5:00pm

July 7<sup>th</sup> vs Atlanta United 8:00pm

*Tickets are midfield/10 rows up at a cost of \$35.00 each. That is a discount of \$11.00 per ticket. Contact BJ Nolek at (215) 327-7030*



## COACH SPOTLIGHT: Costa Manolopoulos

FCB welcomes the newest coach to our family.

*After serving his country honorably for 15 years, Costa worked as a Senior Systems Engineer in the military satellite and aviation industry. He then decided to pursue a career in the field he had passion for, and became a soccer coach/mentor.*

*Costa is fluent in 3 languages, a US combat veteran, and holds several coaching licenses and diplomas from several countries including USSF "A", UEFA "B", CSA "A", and is also a National Coaching Instructor*

### ***What made you chose FC Brandywine?***

"What attracted me to FC Brandywine was the Academy Program, which was refreshing to see the staff coaches and their approach to training within the Academy was a "player-centered approach" rather than a coach-centered approach. In the many years of being involved as a youth development coach, it was encouraging to see a club use that coaching methodology. "Let the kids play!"

### ***What is your favorite part of coaching?***

"A mist of rain in a freshly cut grass of field, witnessing young players running around, inspired and engaged in the beautiful game. Feverishly trying to implement a new skill or tactical objective and slowly seeing that smile of success from the players."

### ***What is your favorite memory of soccer?***

"As an adult? Playing for the All-Army team representing my country. As a youth player? Going to the local ice cream store with my team and family, and of course all the pickup street soccer matches that lasted for hours and served me well at times with important bragging rights"

**Costa will be coaching the 08 Boys teams, and direct them to their next level of play out of the Academy. He will make sure these boys get the direction they need to push them to the Elite level, and make them the envy of all other soccer clubs, both on and off the field.**



### Team Spotlight:

FCB 08 Boys head to Beach Blast

June 23<sup>rd</sup> - June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Wildwood, NJ

A few of the boys from the FC Brandywine 08's will be heading to Wildwood, NJ this month to participate in the Cape Express Beach Blast Tournament. This event is not part of their regular team schedule, and is paid for by the participants. It is a fun event that is held every year down on the beach. The kids will play 3-4 games over the weekend, while spending time together hanging out on the beach, riding rides, and playing in the water parks. Soccer becomes secondary to all the memories the kids and families will make this weekend. Go FCB Wild Bunch! Try not to eat too much boardwalk food!

### Words of Wisdom from Technical Director James Wallace:

*Rule #1 - It's nice to be nice*

*Rule #2 - It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice.*



## Board Member Spotlight

**Erin Villone**

Erin is a resident of Glen Mills, where she has lived with her family for 10 years. She grew up in Maine, and started playing soccer in Middle School. Erin started coaching 5 years ago, and will be the first to tell you that being out on the pitch, watching the kids is the favorite part of her day.



### What is your position and what are your responsibilities:

*I currently hold 2 positions. I am the Intramural and Academy Liaisons. I work with both these entities to provide a better understanding of what each program has to offer. The goal is to take away any "unknown" factors of what the differences between the 2 programs are. We started holding open Festival Training Sessions so that the programs could see what each has to offer. I also look for comments and suggestions from parents to bring to the board.*

### What brought you to FCB?

*After my daughter Ava played intramurals, I felt like she was ready for more. FCB has truly been a great experience for her, and now that I am a coach, Board member, and have 2 daughters in the program, FCB has truly become part of the family.*

### What is your vision for the club?

*I Can't wait for FCB to be THE Club in the area. The club where players are developed to their fullest potential. Where players are taught to have pride in team and club. I feel as though we will be the club that local players want to be a part of. I look forward to some exciting growth.*

### Advice for parents and players?

*My biggest advice would be COMMUNICATE! Get to know your coaches and board members. Whether it's a conversation, phone call, or email, please know that as coaches, staff and board members, we truly want to hear from you. Open communication is vital to the growth of this great club.*

## Fun Fact:

The stereotypical soccer ball design of black and white pentagons resembles the Telstar Communication Satellite launched by NASA in 1962

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