



# HERNDON CONNECTION

2021-2022 Club Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31**

Watch the 07g Alianza Black, 06b Estudiantes Black and 03b Nacionals in the State Cup Semifinals on Saturday and the 07g Alianza Red in the President's Cup Semifinals on Sunday at the at Publix Virginia Training Center in Fredericksburg.

### **Saturday, November 12**

Herndon 5K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser for 2010 U12 FC Boys (See below for info).

### **Monday, November 29**

Deadline to donate and support the U12b FC Red's fundraiser for Wreaths Across America (See below for info).

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**November 22-28** - FALL BREAK (one week) from training for teams with tournaments in November

**November 15-28** - FALL BREAK (two weeks) for teams that do not have tournaments in November

**December 1** - Winter field permits begin. Winter practice schedule to be coordinated/communicated in early November.

**December 12** - First game of Winter World Cup (See Below for Info).

**December 18-January 2** - WINTER BREAK (two weeks) for all travel teams.

## Need Volunteer Service Hours? Coach a U8 All-Star Team in November and Make an Impact

**Older travel players can earn service hours for school by volunteering to coach a U8 All-Star team for the Herndon All-Star Tournament on November 20-21.**

Coaching young players is a fun way to serve our community and inspire a new generation of soccer players. The commitment involves coaching 3-4 practices in the two weeks prior to the tournament and then coaching the (7) mini-games at the tournament. U8 plays in a 4v4 format without goalkeepers, and the emphasis is on fun! The All-Star players have already been selected, but sadly we don't have enough volunteers to coach these talented players! We need 2 volunteers to coach 2 U8 boys teams, and 1 volunteer to coach a second U8 girls team. Many of our travel players started out as All-Stars--do you recognize a few faces in the photo?



If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Club Administrator  
Michelle Alioto by Monday, November 1: [mjalioto@gmail.com](mailto:mjalioto@gmail.com)

## Herndon in State Cup and President's Cup THIS WEEKEND



07 Alianza Black



06 Estudiantes Black



07 Alianza Red

### Four Herndon Teams to Play in Exciting State Semifinal Competition

The U15g Alianza Black, U16b Estudiantes Black and U19b Nacionals have all advanced to the semifinal round of the State Cup, while the U15g Alianza Red have advanced to the semifinals of the President's Cup.

Both the 07 Alianza Black and 06 Estudiantes Black were seeded second in their State Cup age groups and cruised to victories in their first two games. Alianza posted wins over Steel United (7-1) and BRYC (4-1), while Estudiantes recorded wins over New River United (7-0) and Doradus FC (4-1).

The 03 Nacionals' path to the final four came from wins over Magic Elite (3-2), Alexandria (3-0) and most recently against Great Falls (3-2) in an exciting quarterfinal this past weekend.

The 2007 U15 girls Alianza Red received a bye in the first round of President's Cup as the third seed, and beat VSA 3-0 in the quarterfinals to move on to the semifinal round.

The **State Cup semifinals are set for Saturday, October 30, at the Publix Virginia Training Center in Fredericksburg.** *(This is the most recent schedule in consideration of the field condition status 10/29).*

- **1:00 pm Field 5: U15g Alianza Black vs New River United**
- **1:00 pm Field 3: U16b Estudiantes vs Beach FC**
- **1:00 pm Field 2: U19b Nacionals vs FC Richmond**

State Cup Finals are slated for November 7.

The **President's Cup semifinals will be played on Sunday, October 31, at the Publix Virginia Training Center in Fredericksburg.**

- **1:00 pm Field 3: Alianza Red vs Beach FC**

The President's Cup semifinals are set for Saturday, November 6.

The State Cup and President's Cup serve as single-elimination tournaments throughout the season to crown a champion in each age group for the top VYSA teams in each club at their respective competitive level. Our black teams compete in the State Cup, while our red teams compete in President's Cup

State Cup winners automatically advance to Regional competition, though some age group

finalists can receive a wild card berth. Winners of CCL also have the opportunity to advance to Regionals with a league championship playoff berth.

Both Alianza Black and Estudiantes advanced last season to USYS Regionals, with Estudiantes moving through to the quarterfinal round.

## WINTER WORLD CUP RETURNS TO HERNDON! Sign Up Now for the Most Popular and Fun Travel Program

Herndon's Winter World Cup is our most popular program, and an original concept only offered in Herndon! It is a competitive, yet very fun tournament held over the winter with games only. It is a great opportunity for players across travel teams and clubs to deepen or build friendships and camaraderie through the love of soccer.

The emphasis of the program is enjoyment and development through competition--not through coaching.



- Individual players from various Herndon travel teams, as well as from other travel clubs, are mixed and placed on WWC teams named by country.
- Each team represents their national team by wearing a replica jersey for their uniform. Countries represented in the past have included USA, Argentina, Germany, Brazil, Spain, Colombia, England and Croatia
- Parent volunteers have been chosen by the WWC professional staff to facilitate communication and manage game day substitutions--no formal coaching allowed.
- Parent volunteers are instructed to allow the players to experiment and problem solve, without the pressure to perform. The nature of the game itself and the World Cup environment should serve as motivation for the player to compete.
- Players should expect equal playing time and experience playing a variety of positions.
- Teams will be assembled by WWC staff to maximize competition. However, some players from the same club team may be placed together on a WWC team to ensure enjoyment or for car pool accommodations.

### GAME DATES:

- December 12 and 19
- January 9, 16, 23 and 30
- February 6 and 13
- Make up date - February 20

### FORMAT:

- 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 with goalkeepers
- Similar to the FIFA World Cup, the first round of games in the Winter World Cup are the "group stage" to set up seeding for the second stage based on points.
- Unlike the FIFA World Cup, teams are not eliminated in a "knock-out stage" but rather continue in seeded matchups until the final day of championship or consolation games.

**COST:** \$120 that includes a WWC national team replica jersey

**AGE GROUPS:** Open to travel players and recreational All-Star players

- U8/U9 COED 7v7
- U10/U11 COED 7v7
- U12/U13 COED 9v9
- U14/U15/U16 COED 11v11

**ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE OR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**  
**Make your payment online with credit card! If paying by check, the check needs to be made out to:**  
**HERNDON YOUTH SOCCER and mailed to:**  
**Herndon Youth Soccer, Winter World Cup, PO Box 464, Herndon, VA 20172**

**REGISTER NOW**



## Two Herndon 2007 Alianza Girls Selected to ODP East Region Team



Two standout players from the 2007 Girls U15 Herndon Alianza Black team **have been selected to the ODP East Region Team set for interregional games in Orlando, Florida, this December.** Goalkeeper Sara Nagle (photo, above left) was selected to the 2007 ODP East Region team and offensive player Katelyn Revelle (photo, above right), who plays a year up with the 07 squad, was selected in her age group to the 2008 ODP East Region team. Both players were selected to the regional team after demonstrating strong play in ODP regional camp this past summer.

Herndon Technical Director Nick Arzani has watched these players grow in the club and is proud of their success. "Sara and Katelyn are two very hardworking players with tremendous potential. I am very pleased they will be representing both Herndon and Virginia at the regional level."

Sara is just one of four players chosen from Virginia, while Katelyn is one of nine selected from a strong state team age group. Alianza Black's coach, Michelle Alioto, was also the 2008 girls Virginia ODP State coach for the previous two years.

"I'm incredibly proud of their recognition to the regional team, and there's no doubt their experience at this level in ODP will be brought back to our team and club in Herndon. It's a joy to watch both players in their element on the field, and I'm excited for the opportunity they created through their effort and talent," said Alioto.

"Sara has grown tremendously as a goalkeeper to become instrumental to our team's success. She's one of the most dedicated players with desire to expand training opportunities and elevate her game. Sara is a student of the game and offers key leadership on the field. She is very consistent and reliable in making the saves we expect and has been amazing to watch making the saves we certainly don't expect. Her growth as a player is a tribute to her determination to be the best.

Katelyn joined the ODP program just last year, but her talent on the field is evident across competition. Her assets as a player are uncommon and truly stand out as a danger to the opposition. She has the ability to run with the ball at top speed and change direction on a dime, which can affect the game at any moment. She continues to develop in all aspects of her game, and when she reaches her full potential, she will be unstoppable."



## Donate to Wreaths Across America to Honor our Veterans and Help Support U12 FC Red Boys with Fundraiser

Please help the U12 Boys Herndon FC Red Remember, Honor and Teach by sponsoring a Veteran's wreath at Arlington National Cemetery, Chestnut Grove Cemetery (in Herndon, VA) and Quantico National Cemetery.

For every \$15 you donate by November 29, a wreath will be placed on a Veteran's grave on December 18, 2021, in their Honor and Remembrance. In return, Herndon FC Red will receive \$5 of your \$15 donation from Wreaths Across America to support the team.



Please submit your donations via <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VA0539P> no

later than November 29, 2021 for the ceremony on December 18, 2021. Any donations submitted after November 29, 2021 will still go to Wreaths Across America and will be used for the 2022 December ceremonies.

Thank you so much for supporting Wreaths Across America and our U12 Herndon FC Red Boys Youth Soccer team!

## Participate in the Herndon Travel Soccer 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 13, and Support U12 FC Boys!

**Sign up by October 28 to Guarantee a T-Shirt to Mark the Event! Enlist your team to make this a fun team event!**



There are two ways to join in this amazingly fun, extraordinarily healthy, family-friendly event: you can join your fellow Herndonians on Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Nov. 13, at Mile 20 in downtown Herndon, next to the WO&D trail, for a 5K (3.1 miles, 24 furlongs) run and/or walk...or you can join us virtually. You can also accomplish the distance at anytime on Nov. 13th. For live racers, shirts will be available for pick-up race morning. This is a SELF-MARSHALLED race. You are welcome to run the event anywhere and at anytime on Nov. 13th, just make sure you come by and visit us at Mile 20!

If you are unable to participate this year but want to support our boys, donating to these three great teams is welcome

under the registration page.

**[Visit the U12 Boys FC Travel Soccer 5K Fun Run/Walk Website for Registration and Details!](#)**

Contact for Questions: [cindy.meylan@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.meylan@gmail.com)

### Registration Levels

- \$25 Donation (Just helping the cause! No shirt or medal included)
- \$30 Virtual race (shirt and medal will be mailed)
- \$25 Kids (13 and under) includes medal and shirt - LIVE
- \$30 Adult (14 and above) includes medal and shirt - LIVE
- \*Note: Shirts may not be available by race day for any registration received after 10/28/21.

### Run/Walk Distances:

- 5k Run or Walk (all ages)\*

*\*6 & younger to be accompanied by a registered adult*

## Herndon Travel Team of the Week and Player of the Week

Catch up on latest Team of the Week and Player of the Week, highlighting our travel teams success and player success!

- [October 25 Team of the Week and Player of the Week](#)
- [October 18 Team of the Week and Player of the Week](#)
- [October 4 Team of the Week and Player of the Week](#)
- [September 27 Team of the Week and Player of the Week](#)
- [September 20 Team of the Week and Player of the Week](#)
- [September 13 Team of the Week and Player of the Week](#)

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