

**Joint Press Release**

## **Youth Soccer Clubs Collaborate on a New Pathway for SE Pennsylvania Youth Travel Players**

*Harleysville FC, Boyertown SC and Valley SC become the First Affiliates of PA Dominion FC*

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Harleysville FC (Harleysville, PA), Boyertown Soccer Club (Boyertown, PA) and Valley Soccer Club (Upper Perkiomen Valley) are pleased to announce the formation of a strategic soccer collaboration as the first three Southeastern Pennsylvania affiliates of PA Dominion FC.



PA Dominion FC is a collaborative affiliation between community soccer clubs that enables the pooling of resources (players, trainers, facilities) to benefit all levels of competitive travel players in all age groups. Organizationally, PA Dominion FC is a pathway for U13 and older travel players who strive to train and compete at a premier level in a non-academy setting.

Michael Szczepkowski, Harleysville FC's board President commented, "Our club leadership was determined to find a club model that enabled us to maintain our Harleysville identity, strengthen our player pools at all ages and provide even higher levels of training and competition for our top players – all while not restricting our players from participating in school and other organized community sports. PA Dominion FC checks all those boxes for us. PA Dominion will grow with additional affiliations with like-minded community clubs in Bucks and Montgomery Counties who share the same goals for their players."

Dirk Boughter, President of Boyertown Soccer Club commented, "BSC has very proud traditions and we are excited to see the opportunities presented to our players in this new partnership. Learning from the past, we believe that having an equally represented partnership will be critical to its success and growth. PA Dominion FC will give Boyertown kids a true development pathway and chance to test their mettle against the best competition locally, regionally and nationally, while also fostering positive relationships with like-minded soccer clubs."

Kyle Fisher, President of Valley Soccer Club commented, "Valley Soccer Club is very excited to be joining Harleysville FC and Boyertown Soccer Club on this new venture/partnership. This partnership will not only allow VSC players to enhance their soccer experience but also to develop new relationships that they will carry with them for a lifetime."

PA Dominion teams will be forming during 2018 Spring season through open tryouts in mid-April with competitive play starting in the Summer of 2018. PA Dominion FC will operate as a member-based 501(c)(3) non-profit. If you would like to learn more about PA Dominion FC, please contact Martin Gibbins, Tom Quintois or Mike Freed.

PA Dominion 2018/19 Season open tryout dates will be posted on each club's website



About Boyertown Soccer Club – Founded in 1975 as a single travel team. Since that time, our travel program has grown to include travel teams for both boys and girls in most age groups. Our travel teams have attended and represented BSC in tournaments all over the state of Pennsylvania, as well as Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Florida. Since that first year, the club has grown to include a large intramural program that provides a place for children from 5 to 17 years old to play soccer.



About Harleysville Football Club – Founded in the early 1990s, Harleysville Soccer Association (dba Harleysville Football Club (HFC)) is a 501(c)(3) youth player development organization, committed to offering a comprehensive soccer experience for boys and girls of all abilities from 4 to 18 years of age.



About Valley Soccer Club - The Valley Soccer Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of youth soccer in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. Over the past thirty years, VSC has worked tirelessly to produce top soccer talent as well as to create opportunities for its membership to develop both athletically and socially.

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