

## About Juniors

**ABOUT THE JUNIORS**The Herndon Real Juniors is an elite, nationally-ranked Under-14 youth soccer travel team. The Juniors, currently ranked 2nd Nationally and Number 1 in Virginia, are five-time, Division 1 Champions of the National Capital Soccer League (NCSL) of Washington, DC. The Juniors have competed and won multiple regionally and nationally-acclaimed tournaments and are comprised of several players selected to the Region 1, Virginia State and Northern District Olympic Development teams. The Juniors were formed in 1999 by a group of players, staff and administrators from DC United. The original Juniors were a loosely formed team which appeared at a number of small-sided tournaments in the Washington, DC area. Original team members included Christian Etcheverry (son of DC United midfielder Marco Etcheverry), James Moreno (son of DC United forward Jaime Moreno), Ariel Lassiter (son of DC United forward Roy Lassiter), Esteban Llamosa (son of DC United defender Carlos Llamosa) and Patrick Foss (son of DC United TV producer Michael Foss). As the preeminent team in the 1994 age bracket in the Mid-Atlantic region, the Juniors are consistently invited to the top tournaments throughout the United States and have attended competitions from New York to Florida. As they prepare to enter the U15 age level, they are being invited to travel internationally. Over the next year, the Juniors are planning to participate in the Virginia State Cup, the Region 1 Premier League, six of the Top 10 nationally-ranked tournaments in the US, an international tournament in England (which will include attending Chelsea Football Club training sessions and two English Premier League matches), as well as a training camp with Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer. Their participation and success in these leagues and tournaments is paramount to the ultimate mission of the Juniors: raising well-educated, socially-responsible young men who will be prepared to participate in the college game and beyond. The continued success of the Juniors team will qualify the team to participate in high-level College Showcase Tournaments where they will be scouted by hundreds of NCAA coaches. The Juniors are led by Head Coach Irad Young who is known for producing college-ready players and assisting them through the many challenges of college recruiting. For more information on the Real Juniors please contact team manager Joe McCarthy at joemreal08@verizon.net.

### JUNIORS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Irada Young, Head Coach:** Former MLS, Israeli Premier Division, A-League, and Professional Indoor Soccer player, holds an NSCAA "B" coaching license and his 4 years experience as an NCAA coach provides him with keen insight on the regulations and tactics of college coaching. In addition to coaching the Real Juniors Coach Young currently works for Teradata, a technology consulting firm in Reston, VA. Coach Young will handle all training and match day coaching. The Real Juniors train at our home field, the Hutchinson turf field in Herndon, 2-3 days per week and will participate in VA State Cup, Region 1 league and several premier level tournaments throughout the year. The team may also participate in NCSL depending on the schedule of the other major soccer events. **Mike Foss, Jr., Assistant Coach:** Mike brings experience in youth, collegiate and professional soccer to the Juniors. A member of George Mason University's men's soccer team, he played on the 2008 side that won the Colonial Athletic Association conference championship for the first time for GMU in 20 years. During 2008, Mike trained with MLS club Real Salt Lake and will resume again in the summer of 2009. A former DC United Academy player, ODP National pool member and USL Super 20 All-Conference team, he also has his USSF "D" coaching certificate and will test for his "C" license later this year.

**Joe McCarthy, General Manager:** Joe McCarthy Started his management position with the team effective November 2007. Mr. McCarthy has been involved with soccer for over 12 years. Mr. McCarthy started out as a coach for his son's house league team.

**Michael Foss, Team Liaison:** Mr. Foss's experience in the game spans twenty years as both a coach and a broadcaster. Foss has coached numerous youth teams in the Washington, DC area. As a television professional, Foss has produced and directed the NCAA men's/women's soccer tournament and has directed the NCAA College Cup (Final Four) on five different occasions. Foss has producer/directed matches for ESPN/ABC television for three different World Cups including the US/Germany Quarterfinal match in 2002 which drew the largest US television audience in the sport's history. Foss, a member of the US National Soccer Hall of Fame selection committee, has served Major League Soccer as a broadcast consultant since the league's inception in 1996 and is currently the director for RSL's television properties. He also serves as the Director of Operations for ESPN television in Washington, DC.