

# PCC Men and Women Soccer

## **History**

The soccer club at Rock Creek was formed in fall term 2012. The club started with 4 members, then grew to a coed team and is now the base for 4 teams consisting over 100 members. (coed, men, women club, women's school team).

The women's club team began in spring term 2013 and was a team representing the PCC district. They played in the Oregon Adult Soccer league. The team wanted to play in more local games and convinced Hillsboro Park and Rec to create a women's league. This happened in fall 2013. Hillsboro Park and Rec now has 2 different women's leagues 11 v 11 and 7 v 7.

The women's school team started playing friendly games in fall of 2013 against other colleges. They played PSU (loss), University of Portland (loss), and Reed College (win). The team currently has about 15-20 players. They have try-outs for the spring season March 21.

The men's team began in October of 2013. Over 125 men participated in the first try-out. They currently have a team of about 20-25 players from the PCC district. The men played their first friendly game on March 8 against PSU. They lost 0-1 but played well.

## **Present**

The men and women have a full schedule lined up for the spring. The women will continue to play in the Hillsboro league and will have games against PSU, Lower Columbia, Willamette, University of Portland and Reed College. The men will play PSU, Lewis and Clark, Willamette and will play in the University of Oregon Tournament at the beginning of April.

## **Future**

The men and women will start their fall season in August at the college friendly tournament in Tacoma, Wa. Both teams will then play in the Cascade Collegiate Soccer League (CCSL) in the fall. The CCSL is league for college club teams. Many universities put their second/B/JV teams in this league.

We are lucky to have 3 volunteer coaches (Delia McQueen, Yair Macedo and Kelvin Nguyen). These coaches have not only volunteered their time, but helped pay for leagues, uniforms and field/ref fees. (the teams are not funded)

## **Other**

The Soccer Club teams also volunteer on a regular basis at different organizations and events. Some of these events include: Holiday Half Marathon, Friends of Trees, fundraising soccer tournaments for families in need, MLK food drives, coaching youth soccer teams and clinics, Susan G Komen, Miracle Feet and working with Timbers, Timbers Army, Thorns and Samos Timbers.

## **Why Soccer at PCC?**

1. Student retention. There are about 40-50 students who live in the Portland area that move to play soccer at other community colleges.
2. Athletics has been proven to help students perform better academically in the classroom.
3. A PCC soccer program can help PCC, THPRD, the community and Washington county

finicially by putting on NWAACC tournaments.

4. Many incoming students want to play soccer at a the university level but may need another year or two to mature as an athlete. (We have already had 3 students recruited to universities after playing for us.) Also some students are good enough to play at the 4 year level, but are not allowed into universities because of their immigration status. We can try to help these students athletes.

5. According to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, “research has shown that the cohort student athletes provides for full-time enrollment, an increase in cultural diversity and a gredater yeield in goal-oriented students, which translates into higher retention, transfer and graduation rates.”  
source *Using Athletics to Win the Enrollment Game* by Joseph DiMaria and Louis Pullano

6. Alumni and Company Donations and Fundraising to PCC

