



# NEW YORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

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# MATCH DAY INFORMATION

## ADMISSION TO STADIUM/PRESS GATE HOURS

All accredited media must enter Yankee Stadium via the Press Gate (entrance is on 161st Street and Jerome Avenue, between Gate 4 and the Advance Ticket Windows). The Press Gate will open three hours prior to the start of each match and will close after halftime. Valid credentials issued by New York City FC will be the only credentials accepted.

## CREDENTIAL

To apply for media credentials at Yankee Stadium, please create a profile at [www.SportsSystems.com/NYCFC](http://www.SportsSystems.com/NYCFC).

## DINING

A complimentary media meal will be available at Sheppard's Place, located on the Press Box level (200) behind the writing press area. Media meal tickets will be provided upon checking in at the press gate. Media dining is buffet-style and will be available upon entry up until an hour following kickoff.

## DRESSING ROOMS

Dressing rooms are closed prior to the match, but will be open post-match. Players and coaches will also be made available in the press conference room as needed.

## FIELD ACCESS

All media wishing to access the field must do so through the Field Access Tunnel, located on the Service Level (000), between the New York City FC dressing room and the visiting team's dressing room.

## GENERAL GATE OPENINGS

Yankee Stadium gates will open 90 minutes prior to the start of each match for guests with valid tickets.

## INTERNET ACCESS

Wireless network: **"NYCFC-Media"**  
Password: **(WiFi@ccess!2017)**

*For any assistance, please call the IT Help Desk at (646) 977-TECH (8324). Please note there is no Internet access on the field.*

## LIVE SHOTS

For information on broadcasting live from within Yankee Stadium please contact Brett Moldoff in the Yankee Stadium Events broadcasting department at (718) 579-4461 or [bmoldoff@yankees.com](mailto:bmoldoff@yankees.com).





# TRAINING FACILITY INFORMATION

Members of the media are invited to attend first team training sessions held at SUNY Purchase. Head Coach Patrick Vieira and players are available for media interviews at the conclusion of training sessions during the times listed on the training schedule (distributed to media at the beginning of each week). Cameras can film training from a designated position at the side of the pitch.

**All media wishing to attend training sessions should RSVP by sending an email to [press@nycfc.com](mailto:press@nycfc.com). Please note that times and locations are subject to change. In the event of a change of time or venue, media that have RSVP'd for the session will be informed immediately.**

**Media are asked to include in their RSVP who they wish to speak to following the training session.**

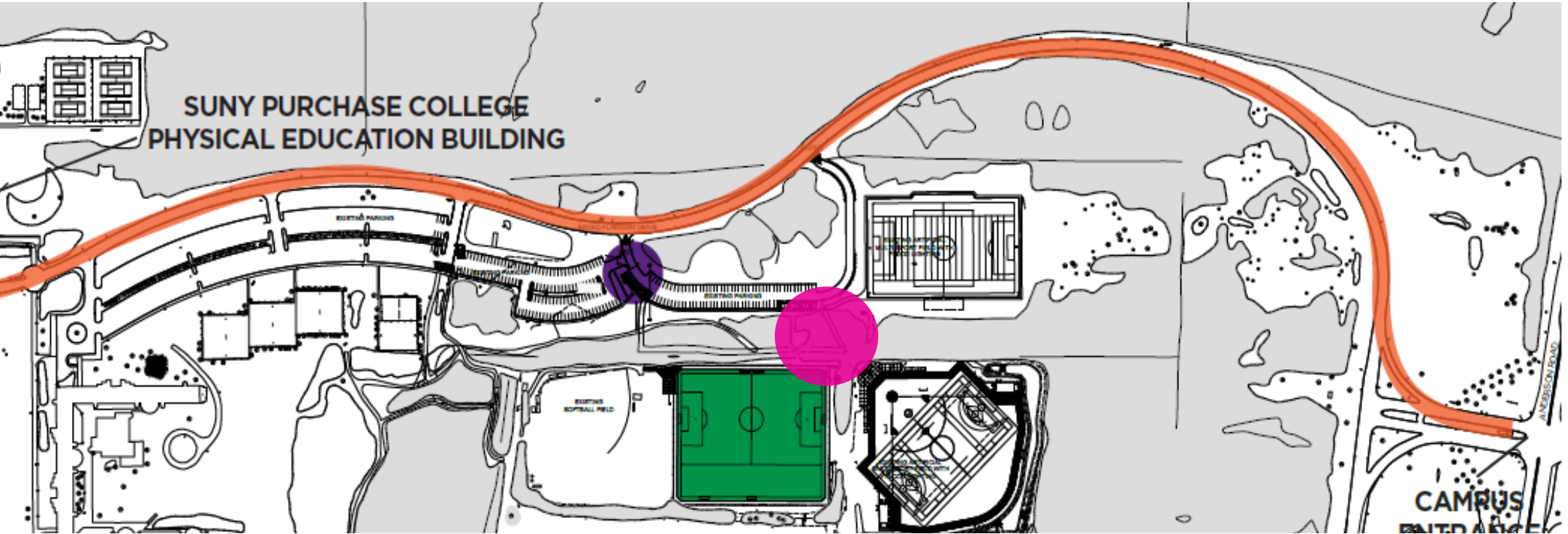
All training sessions will take place at the team's training facility at SUNY Purchase.

Address and directions to New York City FC Training Facility:

**New York City FC Training facility, SUNY Purchase, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577.**

Enter SUNY Purchase from Anderson Hill Road. Take a right on the main campus loop road (Brigid Flanagan Drive). Drive for 1/4 mile. Turn left into Parking Lot E1. Park at the bottom of the parking lot, there is a path next to the turf pitch that leads to the grass training pitch.

Media should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the training session in order to be escorted to the side of the pitch. Please call 347-324-6215 upon arrival.



- Road to Training Center
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- Training Pitch



# ABOUT NEW YORK CITY FC

New York City FC is Major League Soccer's 20th franchise and is the only one to play in the five boroughs of New York City. Since their incarnation in 2015, the club has developed itself as a stronghold of the city.

New York City FC came into existence as Major League Soccer's 20th franchise on May 21, 2013 and debuted against Orlando City SC on March 8, 2015. Majority owner, City Football Group, and minority owner, the New York Yankees, support New York City FC. New York City FC plays their home matches at Yankee Stadium, becoming the first tenants of Yankee Stadium since it opened in 2009 and the only MLS club to play within the five boroughs of New York City. New York City FC Sporting Director Claudio Reyna and Head Coach Patrick Vieira have formed a roster that boasts global superstars, MLS and international veterans, and rising stars.

New York City FC's Designated Players are international stars. Legendary Spanish striker David Villa was NYCFC's first Designated Player signing on June 2, 2014. Just a short time later on July 24, New York City FC announced their second Designated Player signing was Chelsea legend Frank Lampard. A year later in the midst of the club's inaugural season, New York City FC announced their third Designated Player signing, world-renowned Italian midfielder Andrea Pirlo. The international trio of Villa, Lampard, and Pirlo helped to cement New York City FC's status in MLS.

After a disappointing 2015 inaugural season where they finished eighth in the Eastern Conference, New York City FC bounced back as the international trio helped lead New York City FC to their first playoff appearance in just their second season of existence. Villa also showed his dominance in the 2016 MLS season, earning honors as the Landon Donovan MLS Most Valuable Player, scoring a club-high 23 goals in 33 matches. With rising talent such as Generation Adidas players Jack Harrison and Jonathan Lewis, the future is looking bright for New York City FC as they head into their third season.

New Yorkers embraced their new Club with open arms from the start, with 20,000 season ticket holders in their inaugural season, as well as drawing an average attendance of 29,000 in their first year, making New York City FC one of the well-supported teams in the league. "New York is a legendary sports town, as well as a thriving global city with a rapidly expanding soccer fan-base," said Ferran Soriano, CEO of New York City FC. "We are thrilled to contribute to the energy and growth of New York City Soccer."

# CITY FOOTBALL GROUP





# MANCHESTER CITY FC

Manchester City FC is a professional football club that competes in the English Premier League. Founded in 1894, the Blues' have enjoyed a long history – filled with triumph and tribulations.

Manchester City FC has boasted four English championships throughout their storied history. Since their incarnation in 1894, the Blues captured their first English title in 1937, in their fourth promotion to Division 1 in a 43-year span. The club went through another trying time period of three demotions and two promotions in league play until their third promotion in 1966, when they would capture their second domestic cup two years later in 1968 under the guidance of the legendary management team of Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison. This ushered in an era of success for the club, where Manchester City's fourth FA cup would also be captured in 1968 and a year later, Man City's only European trophy – the UEFA Cup Winner's Cup – was won.

When Manchester City won their third League Cup in 1976, it would be the last time they would do so for the next 35 years. Between 1976 and 1999, the club endured some of the darkest days of their history, culminating in being relegated to the third tier of English soccer for the first time in 1998. But it was at this lowest point that the club began its rise to prominence again.

On May 30, 1999, Manchester City played in a playoff final against Gillingham where they found themselves down 2-0 after 89 minutes. It seemed that Man City had missed the chance to be promoted to the second tier again. But, two goals from Kevin Horlock and Paul Dickov in the 89th and 90th minute tied the game up and sent the game to extra time and then to penalties. Goalkeeper Nicky Weaver proved to be the hero and Joe Royle's Manchester City squad clinched promotion in one of the most dramatic comebacks of all time.

This propelled the club to achieve back-to-back promotions and they would ultimately return to the Premier League in 2000. Although relegated to level two in 2001, the club would be promoted again to the Premier League, where they have remained since 2002. In 2008, the Abu Dhabi United Group changed the landscape of Manchester City by taking over the club and breaking the British transfer record to sign Robinho from Real Madrid.

More world-class talent would join the club over the next few years and in the 2010-2011 season, the Blues qualified for the Champions League and finally brought an end to their 35-year trophy drought, with a 1-0 victory over Stoke City in the final of the FA Cup, the club's fifth FA Cup title.

A first league championship in 44 years came the following season as Roberto Mancini's side won the most dramatic Premier League title in history. Drawing parallels with that defining playoff final 13 years earlier, City scored two stoppage time goals on the final day of the league season to edge out Manchester United to the trophy. Manuel Pellegrini led the Blues to a second title in three seasons two years later as his side won both the Premier League and the League Cup in his first season in charge of the club. Manchester City has been thriving in English football in the past few seasons, having won two EFL Cups since 2014, the most recent one coming in 2016.



# MANCHESTER CITY WFC

Manchester City W.F.C. is a professional women's football club that competes in the first division of the Football Association Women's Super League.

Manchester City Women's Football Club was founded in 1988 by one of City in the Community's original members, Neil Mather. Back then, the club was known as Manchester City Ladies and was created after a series of successful local tournaments led Mather to suggest holding an event exclusively for female football teams.

In January 2014, the club launched the newly renamed Manchester City Women's Football Club, reflecting the team's values as professional, athletic, skillful and as positive role models. The club's first competitive game was a friendly against Oldham Athletic Ladies, played at Boundary Park. Manchester City provided the transportation and kit and the women's side went on to play many more friendlies before they entered into the regional league for the North West Women's Regional Football League.

As Manchester City aimed to move away from the 1970s and 80s image of football as a male-dominated environment, the women's team became more and more popular. They made an appearance in an episode of World In Action and one of their games was shown on the Saturday morning children's program, "Wide Awake Club".

Twenty-five years later, City Women has kept its affiliation with the men's side and in August 2012, Manchester City announced its commitment to the women's team as part of a systematic rebuilding of the football club and the recognition of the need to formalize the relationship for the benefit of the women and girls' game.

It was the club's stated ambition from the outset to achieve entry to the FA Women's Super League and in April 2013, this ambition was realized.

In the winter of the same year, the Blues made their first marquee signing in Jill Scott, before going on to recruit top internationals Karen Bardsley, Toni Duggan and Steph Houghton to their ranks.

Manchester City would soon reveal its dedication to improving women's football in the local community, with a plan to hold a series of coaching programs for girls in the area delivered by City in the Community.

In their debut season in the top flight of women's football in England, Nick Cushing's side collected their first ever piece of silverware—the Continental Cup—following a 1-0 victory over Arsenal Ladies in the final. City also finished the FA WSL season in fifth place.

The following year, the Club made history once more, securing a top-two finish and a place in the Champions League for the first time and in 2016, the Blues clinched a first league title.

Striving to defend their title, on February 15, 2017, Manchester City W.F.C. announced the groundbreaking signing of two-time FIFA Women's Player of the Year and United States Women's National Team captain Carli Lloyd for the spring season.



# MELBOURNE CITY FC

Melbourne City FC is a professional football club that competes in the major Australian domestic competition, the Hyundai A-League, and is the current titleholder in the top tier of women's football, the Westfield W-League.

City Football Group acquired ownership of the club on January 22, 2014, when it was then known as Melbourne Heart FC.

The Club was rebranded in June 2014 as Melbourne City FC with new kits and a new badge, inspired by the heritage and tradition of the city as well as celebrating modern Victorian culture. Based at La Trobe University, Melbourne City FC's home ground is AAMI Park in Melbourne, Australia. Experienced Head Coach John van't Schip steered the team to a semi-final berth for the first time in the Club's history, after entering the Finals Series on the back of a fifth-place finish on the ladder at the conclusion of the regular season. The team also set a nine-match unbeaten record at home at AAMI Park, while Aaron Mooy was the standout player, voted the Club's Player of the Year, Etihad Supporters Player of the Year and recipient of the Club's Golden Boot. The team competes in A-League, Australia's primary football competition.

The Club prides itself on developing Australia's best young talent and has helped players transition from the Hyundai A-League to Newcastle United, AZ Alkmaar, the Turkish Super Lig and the top leagues in Asia.

Originally founded in 2009, the Club entered Australian soccer's premier league at the start of the 2010-11 campaign, when they triumphed 2-1 in the inaugural Melbourne derby over cross-city rivals Melbourne Victory.

Melbourne City FC commenced its inaugural Westfield W-League campaign in October 2015, after Football Federation Australia confirmed the Club's application for entry into the women's domestic competition in May 2015. The team, led by Head Coach Joe Montemurro, finished the regular season with a 100 percent record, winning 12 consecutive league matches and clinching the Premier's Plate. The team also claimed the competition's Championship, defeating Sydney FC 4-1 in January's Grand Final, to secure a historic double in the team's first season.

Ferran Soriano, CEO of City Football Group said: "We are excited about the opportunity to make Melbourne City one of the most successful football clubs in Australia and throughout the region. We believe the strong sports culture of Melbourne combined with the football and commercial expertise within our consortium will make for a powerful combination both on and off the pitch.

Scott Munn, CEO of Melbourne City FC, said:

"The Club has worked hard to create an identity for Melbourne City FC that reflects the traditions of its existing fan base and embraces the many sporting, operational and commercial benefits that are provided by our association with Manchester City FC and New York City FC."

# YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS

In May 2014, City Football Group announced an investment and partnership with the Yokohama F. Marinos (YF Marinos), which saw them become a minority shareholder.

The Yokohama F. Marinos started out in 1972 and were promoted to Division 2 in the Japan Soccer League in four years. After promotion to Division 1 a short time later, Yokohama won championships in back-to-back seasons in 1988 and 1989 and additionally captured the JSL Cup and Emperor's Cup. On New Year's Day of 2014, Yokohama won the Emperor's Cup for the first time in 21 years. Five months later, City Football Group announced a minority holding in the Yokohama F. Marinos.

The deal represented the first significant foreign investment in a J-League soccer club and was designed to create new global opportunities for the YF Marinos and Japanese soccer talent.

The deal also sees CFG collaborate with YF Marinos, exposing them to a world-class soccer infrastructure and network not seen before in the J-League but that has achieved popular acclaim and real success with teams like Manchester City.

"The YF Marinos is an excellent soccer club with a rich history which has grown hand in hand with Nissan. Together we see opportunities that CFG's global soccer infrastructure will bring to the club and the excitement it will bring to the fans," said Carlos Ghosn, Nissan President and CEO. "This partnership will contribute to the growth of the club, the growth of our shared hometown, Yokohama, as well as Yokosuka and Japanese soccer."

"We're thrilled to be able to play a role in investing and building on the on-going success of YF Marinos," said Ferran Soriano, CEO, City Football Group.

The globally innovative partnership between business and sport provides the four-time Asia champions, and three-time J-league champions in-depth knowledge and experience across the CFG global network which consists of Manchester City FC, Melbourne City FC and New York City FC.

In forming this partnership, YF Marinos gained unrivaled access to CFG's training methods, medical care, sport science, team management and coaching knowhow, providing a motivational draw for young Japanese players and placing the club in pole position to support the national team efforts of creating a world-class team for the future.

Akira Kaetsu, YF Marinos President said, "We have undergone significant reform with the clear goal of becoming a leading club in Japan and we have achieved our target successfully. Alongside CFG we look forward to building on that foundation to take YF Marinos into the wider Asian and World arenas."



# MANAGEMENT

## PATRICK VIEIRA HEAD COACH

Patrick Vieira was named Head Coach of New York City FC on November 9, 2015 and took over the post on January 1, 2016.

As a player, his 107 caps for France include winning performances in the 1998 FIFA World Cup and 2000 UEFA European Championships.

He has represented Cannes, Milan, Arsenal, Juventus, Internazionale, and Manchester City over the course of his glittering 17-year playing career.

Vieira's illustrious time on the pitch as a player saw him lift five FA Cups and nine league titles.

His time as a Manchester City player, which began in January 2010, concluded with the winning of the FA Cup final in May 2011, the club's first silverware in 35 years.

Following retirement in 2011, Vieira took on the Football Development Executive role with Manchester City and two years later, Vieira was named the manager of Manchester City's Elite Development Squad, where he posted a record of 47 wins, 28 losses and eight draws.



In December 2013, Vieira led the Manchester City U-19s through to the last 16 of a major continental competition for the first time, claiming 11 points from UEFA Youth League Group D. They overcame Atletico Madrid away from home in the second round before they were knocked out by Benfica in the last eight.

Vieira also oversaw a 14-match unbeaten run, which put Manchester City into the four-team playoffs for the Barclays U-21 Premier League prize. Vieira also guided his team to the final of the Premier League Cup where Reading edged them out after two legs.

After accepting the head coaching position with New York City FC, Vieira was quick to make moves, trading for Jack Harrison (the first overall selection in the 2016 MLS Super-Draft), as well as signing players like Ronald Matarrita and Frederic Brillant.

Vieira made his MLS coaching debut on March 6, 2016 when he led the club to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Fire. In his first season, Vieira led the club to a 15-10-9 (W-L-D) season, good for 54 points and a second place finish in the Eastern Conference. New York City FC also made their first MLS Cup playoff appearance under Vieira, but were eliminated in the second round by Toronto FC.

## Assistant Coach

### Christian **LATTANZIO**

Christian Lattanzio was named assistant coach for New York City FC on December 11, 2015.

Before joining New York City FC, Lattanzio was Manchester City's Elite Development Squad Technical Coordinator, a role he assumed in July 2013.

Lattanzio has worked closely alongside some of football's most decorated managers, including Fabio Capello during his tenure as manager of the English National Team.

Originally brought into the City Football Group by Brian Marwood in 2010, Lattanzio's role was to support Patrick Vieira and the staff at Carrington and to help integrate the tactical, technical and mental elements into the squad's training programs.



## Assistant Coach

### Javier **PEREZ**

Javier Perez was named assistant coach of New York City FC on December 11, 2015.

Prior to joining New York City FC, Perez was head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team.

Previously, Perez was Director of Coaching at New York Soccer Club and spent six years with Spanish club Real Madrid at the club's development center. Perez holds a UEFA PRO license from the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) and a UEFA "A" license from the English Football Association. He is one of three coaches in Spain to hold both an Exercise Physiology Ph.D. and the UEFA PRO license.

Perez has experience with U.S. Soccer, having worked with previous U.S. Youth Technical Director Claudio Reyna to develop the U.S. Soccer coaching curriculum, which is designed to improve development of players in the United States. He has also worked with former U.S. Men's National Team head coach Jurgen Klinsmann as a member of the staff for a two-game trip in October of 2011.



## Assistant Coach

### Rob **VARTUGIAN**

Rob Vartughian was named assistant coach for New York City FC on December 22, 2014.

Prior to joining New York City FC, Vartughian spent five years with the Philadelphia Union where he was an assistant coach before becoming technical director alongside his coaching responsibilities. He has also worked as a goalkeeping coach and scout for the United States Men's National Under-15 to Under-23 teams.

Before joining the Union, Vartughian was an assistant coach with the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland.

Vartughian played collegiately for St. Bonaventure and Wake Forest.





# THE PLAYERS

# FIRST TEAM

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| 3  | Ethan WHITE       | 17 | Jonathan LEWIS      |
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| 5  | Mikey LOPEZ       | 21 | Andrea PIRLO        |
| 6  | Alexander CALLENS | 22 | Ronald MATARRITA    |
| 7  | David VILLA       | 23 | Rodney WALLACE      |
| 8  | Alexander RING    | 24 | Andre RAWLS (GK)    |
| 9  | Sean OKOLI        | 25 | Eirik JOHANSEN (GK) |
| 10 | Maxi MORALEZ      | 27 | RJ ALLEN            |
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## 1 Sean JOHNSON

**Date of Birth:**  
May 31, 1989

**Birthplace:**  
Atlanta, GA

**HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 217 lbs.

**Acquired:** Acquired from Atlanta United FC for General Allocation Money and Target Allocation Money on December 11, 2016.



Made New York City FC debut on March 5, 2017 against Orlando City SC.

Started and made 176 appearances over seven seasons with the Chicago Fire.

Named Chicago Fire's 2014 MVP and Defensive Player of the Year. Logged six shutouts and 96 saves in 33 matches started.

Has logged one playoff appearance in the 2012 MLS Cup Playoffs. Recorded four saves in a 2-1 loss to the Houston Dynamo in an Eastern Conference Knockout Round.

Recorded five caps with the United States Men's National Team. Made first cap as a halftime substitute in a friendly match against Chile on January 22, 2011. Part of the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup winning U.S. National Team. Made his first national team start in the final match of the group stage against Costa Rica, recording a shutout in a 1-0 victory.

Played collegiate soccer at Central Florida, recording seven shutouts and 191 saves in 37 career games. Represented the United States at the U-20 level while at Central Florida.

## 24 Andre RAWLS

**Date of Birth:**  
December 20, 1991

**Birthplace:**  
San Ramon, CA

**HT:** 6' 2" **WT:** 182 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally signed on March 3, 2016 from the college protected list. Contract option exercised on November 28, 2016.



Drafted by New York City FC in the third round (44th overall) of the 2015 MLS SuperDraft on January 20, 2015.

Made no appearances for the first team in 2016. Had contract option exercised for the 2017 season.

Spent 2015 with the club's USL affiliate, the Wilmington Hammerheads, where he made 22 starts.

Spent three years at Saint Mary's College, where he set a school record for career goals against average (0.98 per game).

## 25 Eirik JOHANSEN

**Date of Birth:**  
July 12, 1992

**Birthplace:**  
Tønsberg, Norway

**HT:** 6' 7" **WT:** 235 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally signed on March 31, 2015. Contract option exercised on November 28, 2016.



Made his New York City FC debut on June 17, 2015 against the New York Cosmos in the U.S. Open Cup (fourth round).

Made MLS debut on October 23, 2016 in a 4-1 victory over Columbus Crew SC.

Started both of NYCFC's first playoff matches against Toronto FC.

Joined Manchester City Academy in August 2008.

Trained with Manchester City First Team in 2010-11.

Made Manchester City debut during a friendly against League of Ireland XI on July 30, 2011. Saw time during Manchester City's preseason friendlies ahead of 2012-13 season.

Had loan spells with Scunthorpe United (2013) and Sandefjord (2014-15).

Made 33 appearances for Norway at the youth level.

2 Ben SWEAT

**Date of Birth:**  
September 4, 1991

**Birthplace:**  
Palm Harbor, FL

**HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 175 lbs.

**Acquired:** Signed on February 23, 2017.

Joined NYCFC as a trialist in the 2017 preseason. Made appearances in matches against Jacksonville University, CS Emelec, New York Red Bulls and Houston Dynamo before being signed to a contract.

Spent 2015 and 2016 seasons playing for the Tampa Bay Rowdies, making 33 appearances.

Originally drafted by Columbus Crew SC with the 14th overall pick in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft. Loaned to USL Pro affiliate Dayton Dutch Lions in 2014, making seven appearances. Made first professional start for Columbus in the fifth round of the 2014 US Open Cup against the Chicago Fire.

Spent 2012 and 2013 seasons with the VSI Tampa Flames and Reading United. Also trained during the summers with Djurgårdens IF Fotboll in Sweden and SK Sigma Olomouc in the Czech Republic.

Spent four years with the South Florida Bulls, making a record 78 appearances that still stands today.



3 Ethan WHITE

**Date of Birth:**  
January 1, 1991

**Birthplace:**  
Kensington, MD

**HT:** 6' 0" **WT:** 183 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally acquired from the Philadelphia Union on December 10, 2015. Signed new contract on November 28, 2016.

Made New York City FC debut on March 6, 2016 against the Chicago Fire.

Made seven starts in 13 appearances in his first season with NYCFC, logging 676 minutes on the pitch.

Made 28 appearances for the Philadelphia Union between 2014-15.

Made 38 appearances for D.C. United between 2011-2013. Helped lead D.C. United to the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in 2013.

Signed a Homegrown Player contract with D.C. United in 2010.



4 Maxime CHANOT

**Date of Birth:**  
November 21, 1989

**Birthplace:**  
Nancy, France

**HT:** 6' 1" **WT:** 172 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Acquired:** Transferred from KV Kortrijk on July 16, 2016.

Made New York City FC debut on July 30, 2016 against Colorado Rapids.

Made six appearances and started in five matches, logging 495 minutes in his first season with New York City. Started both of NYCFC's playoff matches against Toronto FC.

Made 36 appearances and scored four goals for KV Kortrijk from 2013-2016.

Has played on eight different teams across several different countries since 2007.

Has represented Luxembourg internationally, making 22 appearances. Scored a goal against Italy in a 1-1 friendly draw on June 4, 2014 and converted a penalty in a 2016 World Cup Qualifier against the Netherlands in a 3-1 defeat on November 13, 2016.



6 Alexander CALLENS

**Date of Birth:**  
May 4, 1992

**Birthplace:**  
Callao, Peru

**HT:** 6' 1" **WT:** 180 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL**

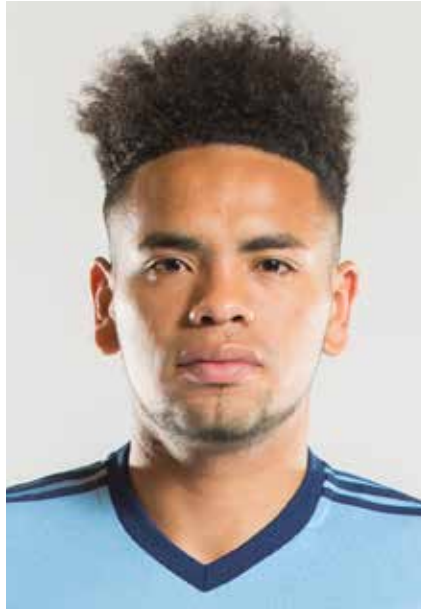
**Acquired:** Signed on a free transfer from Numancia on January 27, 2017

Made New York City FC debut on March 5, 2017 against Orlando City SC.

Callens joins NYCFC after having spent the past two seasons with Numancia in La Liga 2. Callens recorded 40 appearances with Numancia, scoring three goals.

Recorded 125 total appearances in La Liga 2, including 86 for Real Sociedad B from 2011-2015.

Has represented the Peruvian National Team, recording one goal in 10 caps.



13 Frederic BRILLANT

**Date of Birth:**  
June 26, 1985

**Birthplace:**  
Sedan, France

**HT:** 6' 3" **WT:** 186 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Acquired:** Originally transferred from Oostende on January 28, 2016. Contract option exercised on November 28, 2016

Made New York City FC debut on March 6, 2016 against the Chicago Fire.

Appeared and started in 31 regular season matches in his first season with New York City, logging 2,790 minutes on the pitch. Scored first MLS goal against Orlando City SC on May 29. Was named NYCFC's Etihad Airways Player of the Month for October of 2016.

Started in both of NYCFC's playoff matches against Toronto FC.

Made 111 appearances for KV Oostende between 2011 and 2016 (played for Beerschot AC in 2012-2013 season). Scored 12 goals with the club.

Logged 185 total appearances in Belgian professional football since 2005, recording 14 career goals.



22 Ronald MATARRITA

**Date of Birth:**  
July 9, 1994

**Birthplace:**  
Alajuela, Costa Rica

**HT:** 5' 9" **WT:** 154 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally signed from Alajuelense on January 20, 2016. Contract option exercised on November 28, 2016.

Made New York City FC debut on March 6, 2016 against the Chicago Fire.

Made 25 appearances and 23 starts in his first season for New York City. Logged 1,988 minutes on the pitch, en route to being named NYCFC's 2016 Defensive Player of the Year. Scored first MLS goal against Seattle Sounders FC on June 25.

Appeared and started in both of NYCFC's playoff matches against Toronto FC.

Made 67 appearances and scored four goals for Costa Rican side Alajuelense from 2012-2016. Won the Costa Rican Primera Division in 2013-2014 Invierno.

A mainstay in the Costa Rican National Team set up, having progressed from the U-17 level in 2010 to the first team in 2015 where he has earned 17 caps.

Scored first two national team goals for Costa Rica in the 2018 World Cup Qualifiers, one against Panama on September 6, 2016 and one against Trinidad and Tobago on November 11, 2016.



27 RJ ALLEN

**Date of Birth:**  
April 4, 1990

**Birthplace:**  
Old Bridge, NJ

**HT:** 6' 0" **WT:** 177 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally signed on May 2, 2015. Contract option exercised on November 28, 2016.

Made New York City FC debut on May 3, 2015 against Seattle Sounders FC.

Played in 24 games in 2016, starting 19. Recorded six assists, tied for the MLS lead for most assists by a defender. Scored first MLS goal on April 27 against the Montreal Impact. Was named NYCFC's Etihad Airways Player of the Month for May of 2016.

Appeared and started in both of NYCFC's playoff matches against Toronto FC.

Registered two assists in the 2015 season. Played in 14 games, starting in 13 of them.

Played 18 matches for Skive IK in Denmark in 2013. Was drafted fifth overall by Chivas USA in the 2012 MLS Supplemental Draft, but didn't sign.

Played at Monmouth University from 2008- 11. Collegiate honors include NSCAA All-American second team (2011), NSCAA All-American third team (2010) and All-Northeast Conference first team (2009-11).

Was coached in the youth ranks with Staten Island United, a New York City FC Youth Affiliate.



52 Shannon GOMEZ

**Date of Birth:**  
October 5, 1996

**Birthplace:**  
Chaguanas, Trinidad & Tobago

**HT:** 5' 7" **WT:** 140 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally signed as a Discovery Signing on loan from W Connection on March 3, 2016. Contract option exercised on November 28, 2016.

Gomez joined NYCFC for their final preseason camp of 2016 and impressed enough to earn a contract. Was unable to suit up during the 2016 due to injury.

Has two career caps with the Trinidad and Tobago national team, both coming in 2015. An experienced T&T youth international, Gomez played all five games for the country at the 2015 CONCACAF U-20 championships.

Played every minute of W Connection's four-game run in the 2015-16 CONCACAF Champions League, which included a 2-1 win over Costa Rican giants Saprissa.



5 Mikey LOPEZ

**Date of Birth:**  
February 20, 1993

**Birthplace:**  
Dallas, TX

**HT:** 5' 8" **WT:** 160 lbs.

**Acquired:** Originally signed on January 26, 2016. Signed new contract on November 28, 2016.



Made New York City FC debut on March 6, 2016 against the Chicago Fire.

Played in 15 matches in the 2016 season, starting six of them. Recorded one assist in 672 minutes on the pitch.

Started NYCFC's first playoff match against Toronto FC at BMO Field.

Originally selected 14th overall draft pick by Sporting Kansas City in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft.

Played on loan at Oklahoma City Energy from 2014-2015.

Played college soccer at the University of North Carolina, where he was voted ACC Freshman of the Year in 2011 while leading the Tar Heels to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

Regular call up for the United States U-20 National Team from 2012-2013.

8 Alexander RING

**Date of Birth:**  
April 9, 1991

**Birthplace:**  
Helsinki, Finland

**HT:** 5' 9" **WT:** 159 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Acquired:** Signed on February 1, 2017.



Made New York City FC debut on March 5, 2017 against Orlando City SC.

Has made 76 appearances for 1. FC Kaiserslautern from 2013-2017, scoring eight goals.

He made his senior debut at Klubi-04, scoring nine goals in 32 appearances in the 2009-2010 season before signing a full professional contract at the age of 19 in 2010 with HJK Helsinki. Made 27 appearances with Helsinki, scoring two goals.

Was loaned to Borussia Mönchengladbach for the 2012-2013 season.

Made appearances at each level of the Finland U-17 through U-21 teams before debuting for the senior team in 2011. Earned 42 caps for Finland, scoring once in a friendly against Luxembourg on March 26, 2013.

Played a key role in Finland's qualifying campaign for the UEFA Euro 2012.

10 Maximiliano MORALEZ

**Date of Birth:**  
February 27, 1987

**Birthplace:**  
Granadero Baigorria, Argentina

**HT:** 5' 3" **WT:** 115 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL | DESIGNATED PLAYER**

**Acquired:** Signed on a free transfer from Club Leon on February 15, 2017.



Made New York City FC debut on March 5, 2017 against Orlando City SC.

Made 34 appearances for Leon from 2015-2017, scored six goals and helped club to an eighth place finish in 2016.

Spent four seasons with Atalanta from 2011 to 2015. Made 142 appearances with the club, scoring 18 goals.

Bought by Velez Sarsfield in 2009. Spent 2009-2011 with the Argentinian club, scoring 20 goals in 72 appearances. Helped his club to the championship in his first season, scoring the game-winning goal in the 83rd minute of the final game to win. Won a second title in 2011.

Made 89 appearances from 2005-2008 for Racing Club, scoring 16 goals. Was loaned to FC Moscow for half a year in 2007-2008 season. Scored decisive goal in 2008 relegation playoff.

Made debut for Argentinian National Team in a 4-1 friendly victory over Venezuela on March 16, 2011. Part of the 2007 Argentinian U-20 FIFA W-20 World Cup Champion team. Awarded Bronze Shoe and Silver Ball honors for his four-goal performance in the tournament.

11 Jack HARRISON

**Date of Birth:**  
November 20, 1996

**Birthplace:**  
Stoke-on-Trent, England

**HT:** 5' 9" **WT:** 155 lbs.

**GENERATION ADIDAS**

**Acquired:** Acquired from the Chicago Fire for allocation money and the fourth overall pick in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft on January 14, 2016.



Made New York City FC debut on May 21, 2016 against the New York Red Bulls.

Made 17 starts in 21 appearances in his rookie season in 2016. Recorded his first MLS goal on June 2 against Real Salt Lake. Was named NYCFC's Etihad Airways Player of the Month for June of 2016. Finished the year with four goals and seven assists in a strong rookie campaign. Appeared and started in both of NYCFC's playoff matches against Toronto FC.

First overall selection in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft. Named NSCAA First Team All-American, ACC Offensive Player and Freshman of the Year, First Team All-ACC, ACC All-Freshman Team, and MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist in only season at Wake Forest.

2015 Gatorade National Boys' Soccer Player of the Year, Massachusetts Soccer Player of the Year, and two-time NSCAA All-American during time at The Berkshire School.

Former member of New York City FC Youth Affiliate Manhattan Soccer Club. Spent seven seasons in the Manchester United youth academy system.

# MIDFIELDERS

# FORWARDS

## 30 Yangel HERRERA

**Date of Birth:**  
January 7, 1998

**Birthplace:**  
La Guaira, Venezuela

**HT:** 6' 0" **WT:** 170 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Acquired:** Secured via loan from Manchester City FC on February 14, 2017.

Joined Manchester City on a permanent basis from Atletico Venezuela on January 31, 2017.

Played with Atletico Venezuela for the 2016 season. Started in all 32 matches, scored three goals and helped lead the club to the semifinals of the National Championships.

Served as captain of the Venezuelan U-20 National Team that finished third at the South American U20 Championships. Scored twice in the tournament, including one in the first game of the final stage against Ecuador in a 4-2 victory.

Made international debut for the Venezuelan National Team against Brazil on October 12 in the CONMEBOL group stage of the FIFA World Cup Qualifications.



## 99 Miguel CAMARGO

**Date of Birth:**  
September 5, 1993

**Birthplace:**  
Panama City, Panama

**HT:** 5' 10" **WT:** 163 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Acquired:** Signed to a one-year loan from Chorrillo Futbol Club with an option to buy on January 11, 2017.

Made 32 appearances while on loan to Mineros de Guayana in Venezuela in 2016, where he scored 12 goals.

Was loaned to C.D. Aguila in 2015 where he made 11 appearances and scored a goal.

Has made 58 appearances for Chorrillo since 2013, scoring six goals. Represented Chorrillo in the 2014-2015 CONCACAF Champions League.

Has earned 12 caps for the Panamanian National Team and scored his first international goal against Chile on June 14 at the 2016 Copa America.



## 7 David VILLA

**Date of Birth:**  
December 3, 1981

**Birthplace:**  
Langreo, Spain

**HT:** 5' 9" **WT:** 152 lbs.

**INTERNATIONAL | DESIGNATED PLAYER**

Acquired: Signed on a free transfer from Atlético Madrid on June 2, 2014

Made New York City FC debut on March 8, 2015 against Orlando City SC.

Captured MLS MVP honors for 2016, scoring a team-high 23 goals while leading NYCFC to their first playoff appearance in Villa's second season as NYCFC's captain. Named NYCFC's Etihad Airways Player of the Month for April, August and September of 2016. Named to the 2016 MLS All-Star Game. Named NYCFC MVP for 2016.

Scored a team leading 18 goals and registered eight assists as New York City FC's Captain in 2015. Played in 30 games and started in 29 of them. named NYCFC Etihad Airways Player of the Month for July of 2015. Named to 2015 MLS All-Star Game; Named NYCFC MVP for 2015 season.

Scored first home goal in historic home opener on March 15, 2015 against the New England Revolution at Yankee Stadium.

Won the World Cup with Spain in 2010 and UEFA European Championship in 2008.

Won the UEFA Champions League in 2010-11 with FC Barcelona. Also won La Liga three times in 2010-11, 2012-13, 2013-14.



## 9 Sean OKOLI

**Date of Birth:**  
February 3, 1993

**Birthplace:**  
Federal Way, WA

**HT:** 6' 1" **WT:** 178 lbs.

**Acquired:** Signed on December 5, 2016.

Made New York City FC debut on March 5, 2017 against Orlando City SC.

Spent the 2016 season with USL-side FC Cincinnati. Was named MVP after scoring 16 goals in 29 games. Was also named to the All-League Team, in addition to winning the Golden Boot.

Logged five appearances for the New England Revolution in 2015; three appearances for Seattle Sounders FC in 2014.

Signed with Seattle Sounders FC on a Homegrown Player contract in 2014.

Played in the Seattle Sounders FC youth setup before playing for Wake Forest University between 2011-2013.

Has represented the United States at the U-18 and U-20 levels.



17 Jonathan LEWIS

**Date of Birth:**  
June 4, 1997

**Birthplace:**  
Plantation, FL

**HT:** 5' 7" **WT:** 150 lbs.

**GENERATION ADIDAS**

**Acquired:** Drafted with the third overall selection in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft on January 13, 2017. Signed on January 13, 2017.

Was named MVP of the 2017 MLS Combine.

Played at the University of Akron in 2016. Was named Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year, scoring two goals and distributing 12 assists.

Called up to the United States U-20 Men's National Team Camp in preparation for the 2017 CONCACAF U-20 Championship. Named to the tournament-winning roster on January 31, 2017. Scored a goal in a 4-1 victory against St. Kitts and Nevis that saw the United States advance to the second round of the tournament.

Has played in the Chicago Fire Academy, Plantation FC and Kendall SC.



19 Khiry SHELTON

**Date of Birth:**  
June 26, 1993

**Birthplace:**  
Fort Carson, CA

**HT:** 6' 3" **WT:** 191 lbs.

**Acquired:** Selected second overall in the 2015 MLS SuperDraft on January 15, 2015. Signed on January 15, 2015.

Made his New York City FC debut on March 8, 2015 against Orlando City SC.

Played in 22 games in his sophomore season, starting 13. Scored four goals and distributed an NYCFC second-best nine assists. Played as a substitute in both of NYCFC's playoff matches against Toronto FC.

Scored one goal and tallied one assist in his rookie season. Played 17 games, starting in seven of them. Scored first MLS goal on May 15, 2015 against the Chicago Fire.

Scored 10 goals and registered 12 assists in senior season at Oregon State University. Named NSCAA All-American Second Team and Pac-12 Player of the Year.

Member of the United States U-18 and U-23 National Teams.

Called up to US Men's National Team Camp in January of 2016.



23 Rodney WALLACE

**Date of Birth:**  
June 17, 1988

**Birthplace:**  
San Jose, Costa Rica

**HT:** 5' 11" **WT:** 175 lbs.

**Acquired:** Signed on February 15, 2017. Right of First Refusal acquired from Portland Timbers in exchange for General Allocation Money and Target Allocation Money.

Made New York City FC debut on March 5, 2017 against Orlando City SC.

Spent 2016 season with Brazilian-side Sport Recife. Made 24 appearances, scoring four goals. Played two matches with Portuguese-side F.C. Arouca before signing with Sport Recife.

Veteran of MLS, logged 159 appearances from 2009-2015 with D.C. United (2009-2010) and Portland Timbers (2011-2015). Scored 16 goals over his five seasons with Portland. Three goals over two seasons with D.C.

Helped lead Portland to the 2015 MLS Cup Championship. Was instrumental in the playoffs, scoring a goal in October 29 knockout round against Sporting Kansas City and netting the game-winning goal in the 7th minute of the MLS Cup Final against Columbus Crew SC on December 6. Originally drafted with the sixth overall pick in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft. Made 25 starts in his rookie season, scoring three goals and dishing out three assists.

Has earned 17 caps for the Costa Rican National Team. Scored three goals for his country and has represented Costa Rica in three FIFA World Cup qualification matches.



# YOUTH ACADEMY

Beginning with a U-13/14 side comprised of players from New York City FC's 11 Youth Affiliates and elsewhere, players will be schooled by top coaches implementing the style of play used by the New York City FC first team. The players selected for the Academy are assessed at New York City FC-hosted Talent Centers and while playing for Youth Affiliate Clubs. Academy coaches look for players both with the talent and character to succeed at the highest levels.

The U-13/14 side competes in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy League. The U.S. Soccer Development Academy was founded in 2007 to serve as the top tier for youth soccer in the United States and provide an elite everyday environment for player development. The organization was created as a partnership between U.S. Soccer and the top-level clubs across the country, emphasizing increased training with more meaningful competitive games.



# CITY IN THE COMMUNITY



*City in the Community (CITC) – the charity proudly supported by New York City FC – was launched in New York City in 2010 with the creation of a rooftop soccer pitch built on top of PS 72 (East Harlem’s Lexington Academy) before the club itself even existed. Since then a synthetic grass pitch, the first of its kind, has provided hundreds of young people with a safe place to play soccer.*

*In 2013, New York City FC was officially launched on that same pitch. With the support of fans, CITC has proudly served over 30,000 young people across the five boroughs, using the power of soccer to promote healthy, education and leadership development and create safe community spaces where programming is free of charge.*

## PROGRAMS

### New York City Soccer Initiative

A public private partnership with the Mayor’s Fund, adidas, US Soccer, CITC NY and New York City FC which aims to build 50 mini-soccer pitches throughout the five boroughs in the next five years.

### Schools

CITC delivers free in-school and after school programming to over 20 Title 1 public elementary schools across New York City, serving over 3,000 youth each week. CITC, alongside key partners, also coordinates the Annual City Schools Cup where kids, selected based on their athletics, academics, attitude and attendance records, participate in a citywide school soccer tournament.

### Summer Free-Play

The City Parks Foundation’s “Summer Free Play” program is designed to address a lack of free community programming in parks across NYC. CITC NY assists with the training and identification of coaches and young leaders as well as provides staff to supervise and ensure quality control in the delivery of the program sessions that run twice a week for five weeks and culminate in a five borough soccer festival.

### Saturday Night Lights

Saturday Nights Lights is a program run in partnership with the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office designed to provide young people, aged 11-18, in underserved communities high quality sports training and academic enrichment during times when crime rates are at their highest – namely Friday and Saturday nights.

### Young Leaders

The Young Leader program aims to identify, train and empower young leaders in the community to support the growth and development of programs. CITC supports this program by running youth leader training courses, mentoring services, and opportunities to participate in the CITC Youth Leadership Council.

# BY THE NUMBERS

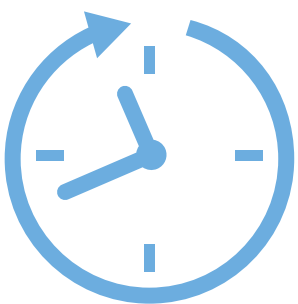


**3**  
**community pitches**  
built in East Harlem, Brooklyn and the Bronx creating a safe and healthy place for kids to play

Programs at more than  
**26**  
**schools**  
throughout NYC



**20+**  
**youth leaders that make up the CITC Youth Leadership Council**



**4,000+**  
youth served through free year-round in-school and after-school programs



**100+**  
young leaders, volunteers, teachers and youth workers trained in community soccer coaching

**300+**  
middle school and high school students served through Saturday Night Lights Initiative designed to reduce crime and youth violence

# 2017 MLS SCHEDULE

## MARCH

Sun	05	Orlando City SC	5:00 pm	ESPN	Orlando City Stadium
Sun	12	<b>DC United</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	18	<b>Montreal Impact</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>

## APRIL

Sat	01	<b>San Jose Earthquakes</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	08	DC United	4:00 pm	UniMas	RFK Stadium
Fri	14	Philadelphia Union	7:00 pm	ESPN	Talen Energy Stadium
Sun	23	<b>Orlando City SC</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>FS1</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	29	Columbus Crew SC	7:30 pm	YES	Mapfre Stadium

## MAY

Sun	07	<b>Atlanta United FC</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Univision</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sun	14	FC Dallas	8:00 pm	FS1	Toyota Stadium
Wed	17	Real Sat Lake	9:00 pm	YES	Rio Tinto Stadium
Sun	21	Orlando City SC	7:00 pm	FS1	Orlando City Stadium
Sun	28	Atlanta United FC	5:00 pm	ESPN	Bobby Dodd Stadium
Wed	31	<b>New England Revolution</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>

## JUNE

Sat	03	<b>Philadelphia Union</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	17	<b>Seattle Sounders FC</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	24	New York Red Bulls	1:30 pm	FOX	Red Bull Arena
Thu	29	<b>Minnesota United FC</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>

## JULY

Wed	05	Vancouver Whitecaps FC	<i>tbd</i>	YES	BC Place
Wed	19	<b>Toronto FC</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	22	<b>Chicago Fire</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sun	30	Toronto FC	2:00 pm	ESPN	BMO Field

## AUGUST

Sun	06	<b>New York Red Bulls</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	12	LA Galaxy	10:30 pm	FS1	StubHub Center
Sun	20	<b>New England Revolution</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Fri	25	New York Red Bulls	7:00 pm	ESPN	Red Bull Arena

## SEPTEMBER


























Wed	06	<b>Sporting Kansas City</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	09	<b>Portland Timbers</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Sat	16	Colorado Rapids	9:00 pm	YES	Dick's Sporting Goods Park
Sat	23	<b>Houston Dynamo</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>UniMas</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>
Wed	27	Montreal Impact	<i>tbd</i>	YES	Saputo Stadium
Sat	30	Chicago Fire	8:30 pm	YES	Toyota Park

## OCTOBER

Sun	15	New England Revolution	3:00 pm	YES	Gillette Stadium
Sun	22	<b>Columbus Crew SC</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Yankee Stadium</b>

\* Home matches in bold

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