

# Bowie FC Bulletin



April 2023

## Academy County and Travel Games Begin

The Academy county and travel team play begins this month. The County teams play in the AAYSA league. Schedules for AAYSA can be found on the [Anne Arundel County website](#). The Travel teams play in the EDP league and also begins play in April. The EDP schedules can be found on the [EDP soccer website](#). Mark your calendar so you can catch a match. Good luck to our Academy teams!

## Academy County and Travel Program Tryouts

### 2023/24 Seasons

The County program tryouts for the 2023 Fall season and the Travel program for the 2023 Fall/Spring 2024 season will be held the weeks of May 15 and May 22. Players should register before May 14! Players must have soccer shin pads and should bring a ball and water. We strongly recommend soccer cleats and remind you that baseball and football cleats with a front cleat ARE NOT allowed for soccer.

Registration will open April 17 and there is no cost to register and attend tryouts. You will receive an email after tryouts are complete informing you of the results. If you have been selected for either the County or the Travel program, you will receive a link to accept the invitation and pay your non-refundable fees. **Fees must be paid by July 1 in order to secure placement.**

Players selected for the County program must pay the team fee upon acceptance of the invitation to play in the Fall season. The County program fee is \$250 per player, per season for U8-U12 and \$300 per player per season for U13 and above.

Players selected for the Travel program must pay the team fee upon acceptance of the invitation to play for the entire 2023/24 season. Fee for the Travel program is \$500 per player per year for U12 and below and \$600 per player per year for U13 and above. Uniforms for both programs are purchased at an additional cost to the player. Additional fees may apply for items such as tournaments.

## CALENDAR

**April 5-13, 2023**

Passover

**April 9, 2023**

Easter

**May 13-14, 2023**

Maryland Presidents Cup  
Tournament

**May 26-29, 2023**

Potomac Memorial Tournament

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## 2023 Summer Camps



Bowie FC is hosting summer camps designed to improve players' skill and fitness in an age-appropriate fun and structured environment. **Registration will open June 1.** Mark your calendar!

- The **U4-U8** Developmental Summer Camp will be July 24–28 and will focus on basic soccer skills and teamwork. Children must be born in 2019 or later to be eligible for camp. Cost is \$100 and will run from 6:00 pm–7:30 pm.
- The **U9-U18** Academy Summer Camp will be July 31–August 5 and will focus on agility and more advanced footwork, shooting, passing, and defensive skills. Cost is \$150 and will run from 6:30 pm–8:30 pm.

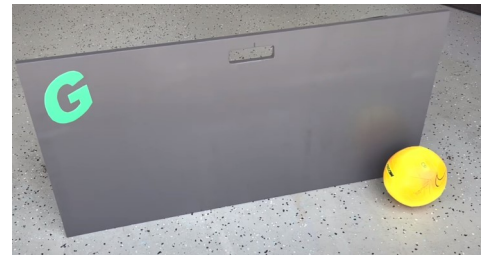
## Coach's Corner

**Question:** Do you have that soccer player that is constantly kicking at the walls of the house and breaking your walls or furniture?

**Answer:** Try a soccer rebounder/passing wall. A passing wall is a great tool for your soccer player to work on their passes and first touch. Having a good first touch can determine the effects on the ball for the next move.

The first touch determines:

- where the ball goes next
- how fast the ball moves away from the player
- how fast the player can move away with the ball
- where the player can pass the ball
- how easy it will be for an opposing player to tackle the player with the ball
- and many more things



If a player can increase the quality of their first touch, they can reduce the number of times the opposition gets the ball. And the more possession of the ball a team has, the greater the team's chance of winning the game.

A soccer rebounder/wall can be expensive, you can build one with your player. [How to Build a Soccer Rebounder](#). This is a great tool for your player to go outside and work on that quality first touch.

## A Note– Thank You Dianne and Welcome Emily

Bowie FC's Director of Communications, Dianne Graham, is stepping down after about 18-months of terrific work. During her tenure, Dianne vastly improved the club's communications effort by, among other things, developing and publishing this monthly newsletter and revamping our website ([bowiesoccer.com](http://bowiesoccer.com)). She also stepped in to serve as the Acting Director for the Developmental Program for two seasons. We cannot thank her enough for the energy and commitment that she brought to the club.

We are very happy to share that Emily Paterson has agreed to serve as the new Communications Director. Emily comes with five years of communications and social media experience. As a Maryland native, she is excited to help us grow our club. Welcome Emily! We are excited to have you with us.

~Nikki Clowers  
Director of Administration

