



## Welcome to the New York Elite Alleycats FC 2024-2025 Season!

We're excited to work with your son and family in the coming year at NYE AFC. Our goal as a program and as coaches is to provide a challenging, disciplined, and engaging environment where your son can grow both on and off the soccer field. Listed below is general information on what to expect this season with regards to league play, practice, and potential tournaments.

**Registration:** Please accept your spot within 24 hours of receiving the invitation to join the club, and [register in the PlayMetrics application](#) by June 30, 2024, along with payment of a \$250 deposit. If you haven't already, upload a current photo and a copy of your child's birth certificate to their GotSport profile to allow enough time to process player passes. Parents will also need to read and electronically sign the Player Agreement and Code of Conduct for Players and Parents as part of the on-line registration process.

**Communications:** Teams will be utilizing PlayMetrics for communications and activity scheduling. Please download the app to your smart phone and check it regularly for reminders and announcements. For players U14 and older, we encourage you to add your child's email and cell phone so that they can receive emails and texts to start taking ownership of their schedule.

You can also check the [New York Elite Alleycats FC webpage](#) for updates and announcements, and follow us on social media ([Facebook page](#), [Instagram page](#)).

**Practice times:** There will be three practices per week for all age groups (except for the U8/2017/18/19 team which will have two per week). Schedules will be available in August for the teams with a fall season, and in early fall for the older teams finishing their school seasons. All schedules will be posted to PlayMetrics.

**Player Availability:** It is very important for parents or players to indicate their availability on PlayMetrics for both practices and games. If your son is unable to make a practice, please notify the coach by the morning of practice day at the latest. If your son is unable to make a game, please notify the coach and the team manager at least several days before to arrange for a substitute if necessary.

**Player Jersey Numbers:** Jersey numbers will be assigned by the club administrator and needed to place uniform orders. The number will be provided to you with your acceptance notification

email. All jersey number assignments are final. The club will not consider requests for specific jersey numbers. If you did not receive a number, please contact Communications Director Allison Reichman (nyeafc.director@gmail.com).

**Uniforms:**

**\*\* ORDER BY DUE DATES BELOW AND DURING ORDERING PERIODS TO ENSURE ON-TIME DELIVERY FOR START OF SEASON\*\***

For players joining the club after these dates, submit your orders as soon as possible and they will be processed as quickly as possible.

All new NYE AFC players are required to purchase new uniform kits. Returning players will continue to use uniform kits purchased for the 23-24 season. **Players with birth years 2008, 2007 and 2006 need to have their last names added to the back of their jerseys for a nominal fee for showcase tournaments.**

All players must order and pay for the appropriate uniform kit (field player or goalie) through the Afrim's Soccer shop website (<https://afrimsports.store/nyeafc/>). Sample uniform items are available to try on at Afrim's Soccer Shop located at 636 Albany Shaker Rd, Colonie, NY. A small shipping fee is applied if you would like to have your order delivered to your home, or you may pick it up in store at no cost when available.

**For players in birth years 2011-2019**, orders must be submitted between **July 1-8, 2024** for delivery in time for the fall season. If you have questions about your order, please reach out to Afrim's Soccer Shop at 518-438-3131 or by email at [afsoccershop@gmail.com](mailto:afsoccershop@gmail.com).

**For players in birth years 2007/06-2010**, orders must be submitted between **July 01, 2024-August 12, 2024** for delivery by the end of October. If you have questions about your order, please reach out to Afrim's Soccer Shop at 518-438-3131 or by email at [afsoccershop@gmail.com](mailto:afsoccershop@gmail.com).

Uniform kits will vary in price based on position (field player or goalie), required items for each age group and required names (for showcase teams only). All items in each package are mandatory. See the [Afrim's Store website](#) for kit details and prices. Training jerseys and shorts should be worn to every practice. In the fall, warm up jackets should be worn. When the weather is cooler, Under Armor or other brand long sleeve shirts and leggings may be worn under uniforms. It's important to arrive dressed and prepared for games and practices.

*OPTIONAL:* you may also order additional individual items at extra cost along with your uniform kit (extra shorts, socks, training jerseys, etc.) and spiritwear is also available for fans.

**New York Elite Alleycats FC Club Dues:** The club fees for the 2023-2024 season are as follows:

<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>Fee</b>
2017-18-19/U8	\$ 1225.00

2016-2015/U9-U10	\$ 1725.00
2014-2007-06/U11-U18/19	\$ 2855.00

This fee covers field rental for three trainings per week (two trainings per week for U8), coaches' salaries, CDYSL spring league (registration fees for U10 and below), all league referee and game field fees, and administrative costs. These fees are paid directly to the club through your PlayMetrics account. After the initial \$250 registration deposit, the remaining balance is due in four equal installments on October 1, 2024, November 1, 2024, December 1, 2024 and February 1, 2025. The fees are to be paid in full by February 1, 2024. Should you need to arrange a different payment schedule, or you would like information on financial aid, please reach out to registrar Blair Downie ([brdownie62@gmail.com](mailto:brdownie62@gmail.com)). If you do not stay current on your account and do not reach out to the registrar, this may result in suspended access to PlayMetrics.

**Team Fees:** The team manager will collect and maintain a team fund for the season and the amount will vary by team depending on what activities they participate in. The team fund covers tournament fees, league entrance fees, indoor session fees, coaches travel expenses and other shared team expenses. Email reminders will be sent with due dates established by the team manager. If there is a refund due at the end of the season, it will be issued when the season ends, typically in July.

**League Play:** Depending on each age group, we will be participating in the following leagues during the upcoming season:

- USYS National Academy League (September–November) U12-U14
- Afrims Winter session 1 (November–December) - optional
- Afrims Winter session 2 (January–February)
- USYS National Academy League (March-June) U11-U18/19
- USYS Regional Academy League or EDP League (March–June) U13-U18/U19
- CDYSL - fall (optional) and/or spring (April-June) – U8-U12

**Tournaments:** The coaches will propose winter and spring tournaments in the fall. Timely participation responses are needed to coordinate schedules, meet tournament application deadlines and reserve blocks of hotel rooms. Email reminders will be sent periodically throughout the year and within 1-2 weeks of an event by your team manager. Tournament schedules are typically released within a week of play dates and will be shared with you as soon as we receive them from the tournament director. Please wait to hear from the team manager since last minute changes are sometimes made. If your availability changes, let the team manager and coach know ASAP, preferably within a few weeks. Teams are paying the tournament fee, as well as hotel and travel costs, to participate, and we would appreciate advance notice if your availability changes. For U13 and older, tournament fees are not optional, regardless of attendance, unless due to documented injury.

Tournaments will be communicated to team managers in the fall. In the past they have included:

Afrims Candy Cup (October, Youth Academy)  
Afrims Turkey Shootout (November)  
Bethesda Premier Cup (November, U15-U19)  
PDA Invitational (November, U15-U19)  
Afrims Holiday Tournament (December)  
Massapequa Showcase (December) - U16, U17, U18/U19  
Afrims College Showcase (January/February)  
Afrims Presidents Cup (February)  
Manhattan Cup (March) - U14 and up  
Mainline Friendlies - U15 and up  
NEFC (March) - U12 and up  
Jefferson Cup (March)  
Potomac, Needham, DELCO Players or Dutchman Tournaments (May) - all  
Mad Dog Showcase (June) - U16, U17, U18/U19

For any questions or concerns, please contact your head coach, team manager (names to be announced when we get closer to the start of the season), Director of Coaching Jon Bain ([bainjon7@gmail.com](mailto:bainjon7@gmail.com)), Operations Director Deb Rouse ([lopezrouse@gmail.com](mailto:lopezrouse@gmail.com)) or Communications Director Allison Reichman ([nyeafc.director@gmail.com](mailto:nyeafc.director@gmail.com))

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