



**NOTICE REGARDING THE DEACTIVATION OF OUR STACK SPORTS SITE;
TRANSITION TO BLUE SOMBRERO FOR TRAVEL AND ALL COACHES; AND
THE RETURN OF RECREATION REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION TO
LEAGUE ATHLETICS.**

Summary

On July 1, 2020, our Stack Sports platform will go offline. Hartwell is transitioning from Stack Sports to the Blue Sombrero league management platform. All families will receive an email to activate their new Blue Sombrero account within the next two weeks, but not all must activate their new account. For its ease of use, Hartwell will retain League Athletics for Recreation and some Travel functions.

- All families (Rec and Travel) should update or create their League Athletics (www.glastonburysoccer.org) account, as soon as possible.
- Families with Travel players should activate their new Blue Sombrero account (once they receive the email invite to do so).
- Families with Recreation players are not required to activate a Blue Sombrero account, but must go to www.glastonburysoccer.org and update or create their League Athletics account.
- Coaches, team managers, and any adult volunteers must also activate a Blue Sombrero account. Please wait for the email from Blue Sombrero to activate that account.

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GLASTONBURY HARTWELL SOCCER CLUB
Notice of Change in League Management Software
May 31, 2020

This notice is to all Hartwell Soccer families to explain our change in league management software. You will soon receive an email to activate your new Blue Sombrero account. This transition to Blue Sombrero will not include everyone, so please read through this notice for additional information on this change. We realize the timing of this platform switch is less than ideal with the COVID-19 challenges ongoing, but this change was not our choice. As you will read below, the change was necessary due to Stack Sports' acquisition of Blue Sombrero.

CHANGE TO REGISTRATION SOFTWARE. As most of you know, Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA) is our state parent association. CJSA provides our club with insurance coverage to registered Hartwell players and administers the competitive and premiere ("Travel") state leagues. In 2018, CJSA contracted with Stack Sports (formerly Blue Star Sports) to provide Connecticut with a league management software that would allow local clubs, like Hartwell, to register Travel and Recreation players locally, but seamlessly feed the data directly to CJSA. That ability to link the local data to the state in an all-inclusive platform was a selling point for our club that registers over 1,000 players in the fall and over 600 in the spring. So, Hartwell made the switch from League Athletics to Stack Sports for the fall 2018 season.

Our Recreation program integrated entirely onto the Stack Sports platform. All coaches and managers (both Recreation and Travel) use the Stack Sports site to submit their background check inquiries. Our Travel team rosters and game passes are administered through Stack Sports, but our League Athletics site remains active to administer the Travel scheduling and Travel team communication. Those utilities work best on League Athletics for our Travel teams.

In the summer of 2019, Stack Sports acquired Blue Sombrero (a Dick's Sporting Goods company) and began merging the Stack Sports league management software into the Blue Sombrero platform, which is highly regarded for its ease of use and user friendly mobile apps.

Due to that acquisition, CJSA informed the soccer clubs this past winter, that once again, we must shift platforms. We must wind down our Stack Sports site and integrate into Blue Sombrero for the fall 2020 season. Hartwell will again use the CJSA-sponsored registration system (Blue Sombrero) for Travel registration of players and for coach background check clearances, but we will return our Recreation programs to the League Athletics platform.

DATA MIGRATION TO BLUE SOMBRERO. Stack Sports will migrate our accounts and member information from Stack Sports to their new Blue Sombrero platform. All families with Stack Sports accounts will soon receive an email to activate your new Blue Sombrero account. Please feel free to follow through with the activation, but, as you will read below, not all families need a Blue Sombrero account.

If you maintained an updated Stack Sports account, you should find your family members carried over to your account once your Blue Sombrero account is activated. One immediate advantage to Blue Sombrero over Stack Sports is the ability for two adults to control a family account, where Stack Sports allowed only 1 adult.

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GUIDANCE FOR RECREATION FAMILIES. Families with children in our Recreation program will soon receive an invitation to activate their new Blue Sombrero account.

- If your family will continue to register players in the Recreation program or if adults plan to coach on a Hartwell team, you should visit our League Athletics (“LA”) site (www.glastonburysoccer.org) to ensure you have a LA account and that all your family members are added to the account. The LA site will be the primary site for Recreation soccer players to register for play, see schedules, and communicate with their team.
- If any adults plan to coach, assistant coach, manage a team, or be a general volunteer, then you should also activate your Blue Sombrero account, as all background checks will be administered through the Blue Sombrero Site.
- If you have children who are playing or intend to play in the Travel program, you should proceed with the Blue Sombrero account activation as soon as possible, as you will be accessing it for registration.
- If however, you have children only playing in Recreation programs, and you have no adults who will be coaching, managing, or otherwise volunteering, then you will not need to access or activate your Blue Sombrero account.

GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL/PREMIERE FAMILIES. Families with children in our Travel or premiere programs will soon receive an invitation to activate their new Blue Sombrero account.

- Travel/Premiere will continue to utilize our League Athletics (“LA”) site (www.glastonburysoccer.org) for scheduling and team communication. Therefore, please ensure you have a LA account and that all your family members are added to the account. The LA site will be the primary site for Travel/Premiere players to register for tryouts, see schedules, and communicate with their team.
- If you have children who are playing or intend to play in the Travel/premiere programs, you should proceed with the Blue Sombrero account activation, as you will be accessing it to accept Travel team placement offers and official player registration with CJSA.
- If any adults plan to coach, assistant coach, manage a team, or be a general volunteer, then you should also activate your Blue Sombrero account, as all background checks will be administered through the Blue Sombrero Site.

Without question, this is an inopportune time to change platforms with COVID-19 challenges still before us. We will do our best to assist families with the switch over, but have limited resources. If you have interest in helping the club during this time, or wish to volunteer in another fashion, please reach out to our Director of Volunteer Recruitment Joe Wallace (volunteer@glastonburysoccer.org), or any other Board member. If you have questions about your account status, contact our Club Registrar Peter Cicolini (registrar@glastonburysoccer.org).

- Thank you for your continued support of your Glastonbury Hartwell Soccer Club -

Remember to follow us on social media for live updates:

- Facebook.com/GlastonburyHartwellSoccer
- Instagram.com/GlastonburyHartwellSoccer

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SUMMARY OF SITES AND ACCOUNTS:

Platform/Website	Uses prior to June 2020	Notes	Uses in June 2020 and beyond
Stack Sports http://glastonbury.cjsalive.org/home.php	Travel/Premiere official rosters and game passes. Recreation registrations, scheduling, team communication. All Coach and Manager background checks.	Will go offline in the summer 2020	NONE
League Athletics www.glastonburysoccer.org	Travel/Premiere scheduling and team communications	Remains our club's primary webpage	Travel/Premiere scheduling and team communications Recreation registrations, scheduling, team communication.
Blue Sombrero https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/glastonburyhartwell	NONE	Registrations will go live in July 2020	Travel/Premiere official rosters and game passes. All Coach and Manager background checks.