

# EASTERN MASS FUTEBOL CLUB



Dear EMFC family members,

On behalf of the board of Eastern Mass FC, I would like to take this opportunity to update you all about the current status and future of our club.

For the upcoming Spring season we will have two teams - a U15 Boys MASC team and a U16 Boys Division II MAPLE team. We are excited to have George Aguiar and Juan Ramos coaching the teams this upcoming season. Each coach brings years of experience to these teams and we believe it will show in both training and competition.

With the club fielding two teams this Spring and MAPLE implementing a new rule that all clubs must have at least four teams, we are in the early steps of the process of merging with Hancock Strikers, a club based out of Quincy, and we look to complete the process by June. Over the coming months we will begin to merge portions of the club little by little. Beyond the new MAPLE mandate, the decision to merge is one that we believe is beneficial to the club in ways both on and off the field.

How will this impact our existing teams? Other than a shift in training facilities and game locations, I expect there will be little affect on our two teams. The current plan is for each team to train two days a week (most likely Tuesday and Thursday) for an hour and a half at a new indoor turf facility at Marina Bay, Quincy. Training two days a week at Marina Bay will replace our hour session on Mondays at the Mansfield Sportsplex and our Saturday sessions at DCD. Come the Spring time, our expected training site will most likely remain as Blue Hills Regional High School in Canton as of this time. For games on Sundays, we will transfer onto the Strikers' home fields for both MAPLE and MASC games.

With all that said, we are very excited to be joining up with the Strikers, a club with many of the same goals and ambitions as we have for our players. The opportunities that come along with this change are many and will become evident to all of you very soon.

For the remainder of this year, [Hancock Strikers](#) will have approximately 8 teams, with many of those coming on the girl's side. Over the coming months, the two boards will begin to delve into the process of "rebranding" ourselves which will include discussions on a variety of topics that arise with any merger. We will keep everyone updated on our further progress throughout the winter.

As part of this transition process, our Director of Coaching Mike Madden will oversee both clubs to ensure smooth progress through the winter and spring months, setting us up for a completed merge by this summer. Should any questions or concerns arise at any point during the process, myself and the EMFC Board is always available to address them to the best of our ability. It is an exciting time in the short history of EMFC and we are sure that you all will share in the excitement of all that lies ahead in our future.

Sincerely,

Miguel Vieira

President, Eastern Mass FC