



YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE PACKET

PROGRAM PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objective are to teach sportsmanship, physical fitness, and personal development. This program is designed to help children learn the fundamentals of sports and gain a lifelong love of being active.

A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

1. Participants ages 4-13 years old
 - a. Early Registration Fees
 - i. \$90 R/\$105 NR
 - ii. \$105 R/\$150 NR
 - b. Regular Registration
 - i. \$105 R/\$150 NR
 - ii. \$120 R/\$165 NR

B. COVID POLICIES

1. **Waivers (League & COVID-19):** Each youth must have a signed authorization from a parent or guardian to participate in all New Territory-sponsored sports programs.

C. TEAM DIVISION AND FORMAT

1. Teams are organized into divisions based on age levels. Divisions are listed below. Teams will practice once per week for one hour and play one game each Saturday at the Sports Complex

Division	# of players on the field	Goalkeeper
Ages 4-5	3 vs 3	No
Ages 6-7	4 vs 4	No
Ages 8-9	6 vs 6	Yes
Ages 10-11	6 vs 6	Yes
Ages 12-13	7 vs 7	Yes

D. FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS

1. Fouls will be called for the following infractions: pushing, tripping, holding, obstruction, playing the ball while on the ground, slide tackling, and handball.
2. **Slide tackling is not permitted in our youth soccer league.** A player will be warned in the case of an unintentional slide tackle. Any slide tackle deemed intentional by the referee shall result in removal from the game for a period of time as stated by the referee. In the case of a severe or egregious tackle, the player may be removed from the rest of the game and possibly suspended from future games.
3. All infractions – tripping, pushing, handball, etc. – shall result in a direct free kick.
4. Any infractions inside the penalty area by the defending team will result in a penalty kick.
5. All interpretations of the rules made by the referee during the game are final. Officials reserve the right to remove any participant or coach from the game field if such disciplinary action is warranted. Actions that may be deemed inappropriate or warrant ejection or removal include but are not limited to: player safety concerns, foul language, over-aggressive or physical play, taunting, bad sportsmanship, etc.

E. EQUIPMENT

1. All players must wear shin guards.

2. Tennis shoes or soccer cleats are allowed.
3. Players should not wear any equipment or apparel considered dangerous to themselves or other players, such as earrings, wristwatches, rings, necklaces, or bracelets.

F. PRACTICE

4. Each team receives one sixty (60) minute practice during the week, Monday thru Friday.
5. Teams may only utilize the facility for practice during their allotted practice times.
6. The first preference of practice times and locations is given to volunteer coaches in the order they register and based on availability.

G. JERSEYS

1. All participants must wear the team jersey the Parks and Recreation Department provided during games.
2. Jerseys (maroon and gray) come in pairs and must be purchased before the season. Jerseys from previous seasons may be worn. The Home Team wears gray, and Away Team wears maroon.

a. Jersey Fees

- i. Cotton: \$20
- ii. Dri-Fit: \$35

H. AWARDS

All kids will receive a medal at the end of the season for their participation.

I. Special Requests

1. At the time of registration, a friend request (must be mutual on the form) will only be considered; however, we make no guarantees that we can accommodate.

J. Refunds

1. Refunds will only be given for medical reasons with a doctor's excuse, in the event of relocation, or if The Club should elect to cancel the program. A refund will not be given due to an inability to make the assigned practice time or game. If unsportsmanlike conduct should cause a player to be ejected from a game or league, no refund will be given. All refunds processed, which are not due to a program's cancellation, will incur a \$15 administrative fee. The Recreation Manager will have the authority to make final decisions for any refund request.

K. What equipment will my child be using?

League Division	Ball Size
Ages 4-5	Size 3
Ages 6-7	Size 3
Ages 8-9 & 10-11	Size 4
Ages 12-13	Size 5

Shin guards are mandatory and must be supplied by participants. Cleats are optional but recommended. No metal or baseball/softball cleats are allowed.

L. INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATE

1. If we encounter inclement weather, updates will be provided through the Club at New Territory Facebook page and emailed directly to team coaches.

M. PICTURE DAY

1. Team and individual picture opportunities will be available. Days, times, and locations will be announced once scheduled.

N. VOLUNTEER COACHES

1. All coaches are volunteers, usually a parent of one of the children on the team. Please consider volunteering! Coaches will find the experience fun and personally rewarding. We can also tailor the team practices around your schedule if you volunteer to coach.
2. One parent receives a \$35 discount for coaching their team.

3. High school students that want to coach can receive volunteer hours.
4. Referees attend a rules clinic, are trained, and are constantly evaluated to improve performance.

Coaches, please remember that this is a **recreational soccer league**. This is not high school, college, or FIFA.

Please remember that they hear and see everything you do. You are a role model for these young athletes.

Our concern is not with scores and standings but with the development of the children. By the end of the season, we hope the kids have progressed as players, have built/increased their interest in the sport, and made some friends along the way.