



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. \$120 R/\$165 NR
 - b. Regular Registration
 - i. \$135 R/\$180 NR
 - c. Late Registration
 - i. \$170 R/\$215 NR

B. TEAM DIVISION AND FORMAT

1. Teams are organized into divisions based on age & skill levels. Divisions are listed below. Teams will practice once per week for one hour on Thursday and play one game each Saturday at The Club.

Division	# of players on the field	Goalkeeper
Ages 5-6	3 vs 3	No
Ages 7-8	4 vs 4	No
Ages 9-11	5 v 5	Yes
Ages 12-14	7 v 7	Yes

C. FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS

1. Fouls will be called for the following infractions: pushing, tripping, holding, obstruction, playing the ball whilst 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 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 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 player safety concerns, foul language, over-aggressive or physical play, taunting, bad sportsmanship, etc.
6. Except for 3v3 games, all free-kicks, kick & throw ins, corners, goal kicks etc. can be dribbled in by players to encourage speed of play. Passes are also allowed.

D. EQUIPMENT

1. All players must wear shin guards.
2. Soccer cleats are required.

3. Players should not wear any equipment or apparel considered dangerous to themselves or other players, such as earrings, wristwatches, rings, necklaces, or bracelets.

E. PRACTICE

1. Each team receives one sixty (60) minute practice during the week on Thursdays between 6:30-8:30pm.

F. JERSEYS

1. All participants must wear the team jersey the Parks and Recreation Department provided during the 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

G. Special Requests

1. At the time of registration, a friend request (must be mutual on the form) will only be considered for the maximum number of requests per age group.

H. Refunds

1. Refunds will only be given for medical reasons with a doctor's excuse, relocation, or if The Club elects 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 after the first day of the season, which are not due to a program's cancellation, will incur a 25% administrative fee. The Recreation Manager will have the authority to make final decisions regarding any refund request.

I. What equipment will my child be using?

League Division	Ball Size
Ages 5-6 (Birth Year 2019 & 2020)	Size 3
Ages 7-8 (Birth Year 2017 & 2018)	Size 4
Ages 9-11 (Birth Year 2016, 2015 & 2014)	Size 4
Ages 12-14 (Birth Year 2013+)	Size 5

Shin guards are mandatory and must be supplied by participants. Soccer cleats must be worn. No metal, baseball/softball/football cleats are allowed.

J. 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 parents.

K. Picture Day

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

L. VOLUNTEER COACHES

1. A minimum of 2 volunteers per team are required
2. Games are coached, refereed and overseen by Jr. Hurricanes staff. However, we require volunteers to help substitute players in, give equal playing time to each player and to be a positive influence on the sidelines. Please make this request at registration.

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.