



CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM ATHLETICS DIVISION

2020 FALL YOUTH SOCCER INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to the Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Youth Soccer program. The following information should answer most questions and will serve as a guide towards what to expect during league play.

1. The program is offered for 5-17 year olds with ages being split into five leagues. Bantam (5-6 year olds), Mite (7-8 year olds), Junior (9-10 year olds), Intermediate (11-13 year olds), and Senior (14-17 year olds) leagues. **Players may opt to return to the team they played for during the Spring 2020 season, they must note this at time of registration.** New players or players choosing not to return to their spring team in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior age groups will be placed in a draft. Draft information will be distributed via email to participants in respective age groups. Any Bantam or Mite player not returning to their Spring 2020 team will be randomly placed on a team. **Other than returning to a team, requests for a specific team, coach, or with a player will not be accepted. No refunds will be issued after regular season games have started.**
2. The age eligibility date for fall league is September 1, 2020. A player may move up one age group if he/she has a sibling actively playing in the older age group and only if the younger player is within one season of being eligible to move up. Players will not be allowed to move up or stay down for any other reason. Only siblings living in the same household will be guaranteed to be placed together as long as age requirements are met and Athletic Staff has been notified of siblings at time of registration.
3. Due to the ongoing adaptation of sports during COVID-19, NNPRT has decided to focus the Fall 2020 season more on practices and a limited number of games to minimize the potential risk of exposure. As we transition back into playing recreation sports, we will not be keeping scores and standings during the Fall season. Practices are tentatively scheduled to begin August 22 and will be held at the discretion of each **volunteer** coach, with times and locations assigned by the Athletic Staff. Players will not be allowed to change teams.
4. All players are required to have shin guards. Soccer cleats are highly recommended. Athletic shorts or pants without pockets should be worn. Team shirts **will** be provided; however, any shirt exchanges must be done within one week of distribution. Replacement shirt cost is \$15. **NO** jewelry may be worn during games or practices at any time. This includes, but is not limited to: hair beads, starter earrings, necklaces, bracelets, or any other item worn anywhere on the body. Medical alert necklaces or bracelets may be worn provided they are taped to the body.
5. Regular season games will begin September 12. Games will primarily be played on Saturdays, with the possibility of a few weeknight games throughout the season. Activity times can start on Monday-Friday evenings as early as 5:30pm and Saturdays as early as 9:00am. Games will be played at a variety of sites throughout the City.
6. Volunteer coaches are needed for all age groups. If interested in coaching a team, even if just as an assistant, please contact the staff at Warwick Recreation, 591-4892 or athletics@nnva.gov.
7. The Newport News Youth Soccer website is www.nnathletics.com. This site contains schedules, standings, weather updates, and other soccer related links and information. Game day field information is also available on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NNPRTathletics. RainOut Line will be used as our primary means of weather notifications. You can download the RainOut Line App on your phone and search 'Newport News' and you will be able to get real time updates on fields. These updates can also be found on our website or calling 757-899-1200 and choosing the correct extension.



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***2020 Fall Soccer
Important Dates to Remember
(Dates Subject to Change)***

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| July 1 – August 8 | Online registration is open In-person registration may be available at community centers based on the City of Newport News phase reopening plan. |
| August 13 | Bantam and Mite League Coaches Meeting – 6:00 Junior, Intermediate, Senior Coaches Meeting – 7:00 (Warwick Recreation Center) |
| Week of August 17 | Player Evaluation Week – Ages 9 & Above ONLY PLAYERS NOT RETURNING TO SPRING TEAM |
| August 22 | Practices Tentatively Scheduled to Begin |
| September 12 | Games Tentatively Scheduled to Begin |
| October 31 | Final Saturday of Regular Season Games |