



## NEWTOWN RECREATION

### Youth Soccer League Rules

Except for the regulations covered in these rules, all rules of the Newtown Recreation Youth Soccer League will be those of FIFA.

#### I. LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

The Newtown Recreation Youth Soccer League exists to fully develop the physical and social attributes of individual players in a positive athletic environment. Newtown Recreation believes that all players should have fun, develop skills, and learn to appreciate the game.

Newtown Recreation endorses and promotes positive coaching that offers praise and encouragement towards players. We believe that playing the game is the most important reason for the contest and not who wins or loses.

To further promote sportsmanship amongst our players, coaches, and parents, Newtown Recreation has adopted a “Code of Sportsmanship” that all players and coaches will recite before each game:

***“I will: Keep the Rules. Keep faith with my teammates. Keep my temper. Keep a strong heart in defeat. Keep my pride under in victory. Keep a sound soul, a clean mind, and a healthy body.”***

#### II. TEAM ORGANIZATION

1. All participants of the Youth Soccer League must be registered through Newtown Recreation. A registration form must be on file for each participant.
2. A child that is a registered player with another soccer league (other than Newtown Recreation) is not eligible to play on a Newtown Recreation soccer team.
3. Age divisions for the Youth Soccer League will be as follows:
  - 3 year old Coed
  - 4 year old Coed
  - 5 year old Boys
  - 6 year old Boys
  - 7/8 year old Boys
  - 9 & 10 year old Boys
  - 11 & 12 year old Boys
  - 5 year old Girls
  - 6 year old Girls
  - 7 & 8 year old Girls
  - 9 & 10 year old Girls
  - 11 & 12 year old Girls
  - 13-15 year old Girls

**NOTE: All ages will be determined by the child’s age as of September 1st.  
Newtown Recreation reserves the right to alter the age divisions as deemed necessary.**

4. Once a team is established, each player will remain on that team. Brothers or sisters who are in the same age division may be placed on the same team for family convenience. Player additions or deletions can only be made through Newtown Recreation.

### III. UNIFORMS

1. Each player will be issued a jersey top uniform, and soccer socks. All participants during the game must wear the jersey.
2. **Names placed on the player's jersey are limited to the player's first and/or last name. Nicknames are not allowed!**
3. All players must wear shin guards.
4. All players must wear soccer shoes or tennis shoes. No baseball or metal cleats!

### IV. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each player who is eligible must participate in each game according to the following rules:
  - No player will sit out two quarters until all other players have sat out at least one quarter.
  - Each player will play in an offensive position (if desired) for at least one quarter of each game he/she participates in.
  - No player shall sit out consecutive quarters.
2. Every effort should be made to play your game as scheduled. If you cannot field the minimum of players on game day, please notify the other team's coach before your game starts. Playing options include borrowing a player, both teams playing with fewer players. NOTE: In these situations, teams are limited to fielding no more than two players more than their opponent. (Maximum of two-man advantage)

### V. PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT

1. Any person acting in a discourteous way toward an official or another player shall be subject to disciplinary action set forth by the Newtown Recreation Disciplinary Committee.
2. Profanity of any kind will result in ejection from the game, regardless of where or whom it is directed to. This rule applies to players, spectators, assistant coaches, and coaches.
3. Any player, spectator, coach, or parent displaying behavior that is detrimental to the league and its participants will be asked to leave a game by a game or league official.

### VI. OTHER

1. It is required that all players remove all jewelry (rings, necklaces, earrings, etc.) before participating in any game. Referees have the authority to require that such jewelry be removed before a player can participate.
2. **Hard cast and splints will not be permitted on the playing field. Any player with a cast or splint will not be allowed to play.**
3. Please do not litter. If there are no trash cans, or if they are full, please take your trash with you.
4. Newtown Recreation Youth Soccer will be governed by the National Federation of State High School Association "Blood Rule", details of which are as follows:
  - A. If a player is bleeding, the referee will call an official's time-out. A substitute must replace the affected player.
  - B. The bleeding must be stopped and the wound covered before the player is allowed to return to the field.
  - C. If any part of the player's uniform is saturated with blood, that uniform part must be changed before the player can return to the game.
  - D. Referee's discretion will determine if a "bleeding situation" has been sufficiently managed to allow a player's return to the court.
5. Newtown Recreation reserves the right to edit, remove and/or change any of the aforementioned rules.