



HEADS UP

A NAPERVILLE PARK DISTRICT SOCCER NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019

WELCOME TO THE FALL 2019 SEASON OF NYS!

School is about to begin and the Naperville Youth Soccer Coordinators are excited about that! It means that another season of NYS is beginning. The NYS staff hopes that you have all been having a fantastic summer and that you are ready to play soccer! We welcome all of our participants, parents and volunteers to the fall 2019 season. We thank you for choosing NYS and the Naperville Park District. Please be sure to read the newsletter for details about the season. See you on the field!

WANTED: REFEREES

The Naperville Park District Youth Soccer program is recruiting new soccer referees. Come and share your enthusiasm for the game with youth players from grade PreK-HS and positively influence the youth in our community in an instructive manner. The Park District will provide all the training, equipment and support that you need. Pay ranges are based on experience.

We are hiring both youth and adult referees. These positions offer excellent employment opportunities for students, at-home parents and retirees. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a soccer referee, please visit www.napervilleparks.org and fill out an application.

WHO WE ARE

The Naperville Youth Soccer program is a recreational/ instructional league. During the nine-week program, participants will learn and practice soccer skills, soccer rules, teamwork and sportsmanship. They will enjoy equal playing time and will play all positions. In addition, players will experience the camaraderie associated with playing on a team. Because this is a recreational league, no standings are kept and coaches are asked to try to keep the game scores close. There are many ways a coach can keep the game competitive even if one team is stronger than the other. They can achieve this by switching player positions, putting restrictions on the game (i.e., having players use their weak foot), connecting a certain number of passes before trying to score, etc. Liaisons will call coaches for the game scores after every game and they will turn in those scores to the appropriate coordinator. The coordinators will monitor these scores to ensure that this guideline is being met.

Parents are asked to remember the goals of the program and to show their support accordingly. We strongly encourage parents to provide positive reinforcement to their child, his/her teammates, opposing team members and referees. It is only with the help of the parents that our coaches will be able to instill good sportsmanship in our players.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat., Sept. 7	First NYS Games
Sat., Oct. 19	Last NYS Games
Sat., Oct. 26	Rainout Date
Fri., Nov. 15 Sat., Nov. 16	NIS Session 1 begins
Tues., Dec. 10	Girls' online registration for spring 2018 NYS begins at noon
Wed., Dec. 11	Boys' online registration for spring 2018 NYS begins at noon
Thu., Dec. 12	Nonresident registration for NYS begins at 8:30 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 17 Sat., Jan. 18	NIS Session 2 begins

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HOW CAN YOUR CHILD GET PRIORITY REGISTRATION?

Become a volunteer for the soccer program! We need coaches and liaisons. All teams need coaches and we'll provide you with the training to become one. Each team can have one head coach and up to two assistant coaches. Prior to each season, the Park District offers soccer coaches free materials and clinics on rules, skills, drills, tactics and more. We also provide coaches with age-appropriate lesson plans to keep practices productive and enjoyable. Liaisons are links between the coaches and soccer staff. They call home team coaches each week to collect game scores and comments and forward this information to the coordinator. Please contact your coordinator about volunteer opportunities. Volunteers, in good standing, will receive priority registration for the following outdoor season if they are continuing to volunteer.

NYS HOME PAGE

Located on the NPD website is the Naperville Youth Soccer home page. On our home page, parents, volunteers and referees can easily access all information and forms that are pertinent to our soccer program. To get to the homepage go to www.napervilleparks.org, click on the Programs tab, scroll down and click on Athletics then Naperville Youth Soccer. Included in this page are all volunteer forms, coordinator contact information, practice locations, the NYS manual, registration process information and dates, referee signals, responsibilities, clinic dates and rain out information. Additionally, you will be able to find game schedules, field locations and maps, and current NYS newsletters. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with the NYS homepage.

GAME SCHEDULES

A seven-week game schedule will be played beginning Saturday, September 7 and concluding Saturday, October 19. The rain date for games that are canceled by the Park District is Saturday, October 26.

Fall is a busy season for all and conflicts will occur. The Park District does not reschedule games when conflicts occur with outside activities. Please inform your child's coach if he/she will not be available for a game. In the event that players are missing, coaches are encouraged to play short sided or share players from the other team to ensure that games take place as scheduled.

NAPERVILLE INDOOR SOCCER

Registration for both sessions of Naperville Indoor Soccer is now underway. You can find information about NIS at both www.napervilleparks.org and in the autumn program guide. This year we have moved grades PreK – 2 to the Naperville Yard. This change will provide participants with an environment that more closely replicates the outdoor experience which will assist the younger players in development. We are again offering both recreational and competitive leagues. Registration for the competitive league will be team-based only and is designed for those who seek a more competitive environment. The recreational league emphasizes fun and learning of the game, as opposed to competition and keeping score. Don't wait to register, as the league always fills up and space is limited!

NAPERVILLE PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE (NPSL)

NPSL is a competitive league, the philosophy is different than that of NYS. The program was developed for those participants who wish to play competitive soccer without the expense and travel of a club team. The league also offers teams the opportunity to learn and train with a professional soccer trainer from Challenger British Soccer. An eight week game schedule will be played each season; and scores and standings are kept. As in any competitive league, playing time and rotation are not guaranteed but will be based on coaching strategy. Practice location, time and day are determined by the head coach. All games are played in Naperville. Registration is on a team basis only. Individuals may be placed on an interest list. The league begins in second grade. Any questions or concerns regarding NPSL Premier may be directed to the coordinator of the league, Kim Levitt, klevitt@napervilleparks.org.

WHERE CAN I GET MY CHILD'S UNIFORM?

There are several area locations that sell the Naperville Youth Soccer reversible jersey:

- Play It Again Sports: 630-355-1121
- The Soccer Edge: 630-717-7550