

2018 New Milford Soccer Policies and Regulations

Game Play:

- **Kindergarten Division**
 - 10 Minute running time per quarter
 - 4 Quarters

- **Clinic Divisions (Grades 1-2)**
 - 10 Minute running time per quarter
 - 4 Quarters

- **Junior Divisions (Grades 3-5)**
 - 30 Minute running time per half
 - 2 Halves

- **Senior Division (Grades 6-8)**
 - 35 Minute running time per half
 - 2 Halves

- **All children must play minimum of 20 minutes (2 quarters in the K and Clinic) OR 30/35 minutes (1 half in the Junior and Senior) per game in every division. Do your best to keep the time a player is in.**

- Due to the number of players in each division, the number of players during game play will vary and is outlined below:
 - Kindergarten Division will play 7 on 7.
 - Clinic Division will Play 7 on 7.
 - Junior Division will play 9 on 9.
 - Senior Division will play 11 on 11.
 - **Every team is required to play down if necessary. (Play with equal number of players as opponent if unable to field a full amount of players.**

- Junior/Senior teams will be forced to forfeit if there are more than two players under the minimum amount required for game play are missing. Due to time restraints, there will be a fifteen-minute grace period to field the required amount players.

Scoring:

Kindergarten and Clinic Divisions

- There is no score kept in Kindergarten and Clinic Divisions, hence the scoring rules below will not apply.

- There are no off sides or direct penalty kicks in the Kindergarten and Clinic Divisions.

Junior and Senior Divisions

➤ There is a mandatory five goal maximum score differential. Any games played resulting in a higher differential will be recorded with a penalty. Any coach / team not adhering to the rule will be penalized by the removal of one point in the standings. The coach will receive a yellow card. 2 yellow cards and / or a red card within the season will result in a minimum of one game suspension and review for possible further action by the league coordinator.

➤ Ties will be decided as follows:

- One five-minute overtime. If still tied, there will be an additional five-minute sudden death overtime (game ends with first goal). If still tied, the game is over and declared a tie.

Equipment:

- No jewelry and no metal cleats.
- Rubber cleats are recommended, however those with a toe cleat (baseball or football), are not permitted.
- Shin Guards are required. Shin guard socks must fully cover shin guards.
- Cups are required for boys.
- Additional clothing layers, if necessary, must be worn under uniform.
- **Equipment Violation: Player will not be allowed to play until violation is corrected**

Awards & Presentations:

Kindergarten & Clinic Divisions

- All children will be awarded medals at the conclusion of the season

Junior & Senior Divisions

- Due to the number of teams in the division, First & Second place awards/Trophies will be awarded.
- Every effort will be made to combine a final tournament game with an awards presentation. Coaches will be advised.

Scheduling:

- Due to the program size and the weather variables, which must be taken into consideration, there will be no alterations to the schedule once finalized.

Coaching:

Kindergarten (K) & Clinic Divisions (1-2)

➤ Two coaches are allowed on the field during play but should be mindful of not interfering with game play. Coaches should coach from outside the area of immediate play and should never enter the penalty area. In the event that one team only has one coach on the field, the other team must also do the same.

Junior & Senior Divisions

➤ No coaches on the field at all during play, with the exception of referee calling you onto field for injuries or emergencies.

All Divisions

➤ Each team must take positions on same side of the playing field, on either side of the mid field line.

➤ All Parents & spectators should sit on opposite side of field from teams. Any bad behavior will be the responsibility of their coach who may be issued a warning /card. At no time should a parent, spectator or coach take a position next to, behind or in the area of the goalie.

➤ Please remember that unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach, player or spectator will be dealt with in accordance of the sportsmanship policy.

➤ Every coach and team players are required to shake hands at the conclusion of each game. This is mandatory.

➤ Remember, the coach must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence in the education of every athlete and should never place the value of winning above the value of installing the highest desirable ideals of character.

Officiating

All referees shall be treated with the utmost respect, period.