

2022 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)**

- 25 Minute running time per half
- 2 Halves

➤ All children must play at least 2 quarters or 1 half per game in every division.

➤ 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 9 on 9 (girls) and 7 on 7 (boys).
- Junior Division will play 7 on 7 (girls) and 9 on 9 (boys)
- All Divisions are required to play down if necessary. (Play with an equal number of players as an opponent if unable to field a full amount of 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.**
- No Playoffs or Championship.

Junior

- Running up the score is not allowed. There should only be a difference of 7 points per game
- No Playoffs and Championship
- **Regular HS soccer rules apply for both these divisions**

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**

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:

Pre K/Kindergarten (K)

- Two coaches are allowed on the field during play but should **not** interfere 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.

Clinic Divisions (1-2)

- One coach is allowed on the field during play for the first half of the season but should **not** interfere with game play. The coach should coach from outside of the main area of immediate play and should **never** enter the penalty area.

Junior Divisions

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

All Divisions

- There is no slide tackling in Recreation Soccer.
- Each team must take positions on **opposite sides** of the playing field.
- All Parents & spectators should sit on **opposite sides** of the field from teams. At no time should a parent, spectator or coach take a position next to, **behind or in the area** of the goalie for the penalty area.
- Please remember that unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach, player or spectator will be dealt with in accordance with the sportsmanship policy. Any **bad behavior** will be the **responsibility of their coach who may be issued a warning /card.**

- Every coach and team players are **required to line up across** from the other team at the conclusion of each game and **clap** for the other team and say good 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:

- There is zero tolerance for abusive and aggressive behavior toward the referees. All referees shall be treated with the utmost respect, period.