



Town of New Milford
Parks and Recreation

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Youth Soccer League

The primary purpose of the New Milford Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer program is to provide a quality activity in a safe and healthy atmosphere while introducing the fundamentals of the sport. Youth Soccer is offered during the spring and fall. Each session runs, every Saturday, for eight weeks.

Our objective is to make the sport of soccer available to all children between ages four and twelve, who wish to play. Our program is geared to the majority who wish to play and enjoy themselves, rather than attempting, at this stage, to seek out the few gifted players. While we hope to accommodate players with natural soccer talents in competitive soccer, our principal goal is to teach basic game skills and develop a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship. Winning is secondary during this introduction to soccer period and because of this, we do not intend to publish team scores or league standings.

In following this basic philosophy, we expect that all coaches will use positive motivation. We will not tolerate any coach or team manager belittling or downgrading any player. In turn, we ask, and expect, that all parents and guardians will use the same good judgment in dealing with their children, their team, the opposing team and the referee. It is important to remember that this is a basic introduction to soccer, the winning of a state championship is many years down the road.