

2021 New Milford Soccer Policies and Regulations

Game Play:

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

- **Clinic Divisions (Grades 1-2)**
 - 20 minute running time per half
 - 2 Halves

- **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 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 7 on 7(girls) and 7 on 7(boys).
 - Junior Division will play 5 on 5(girls) and 9 on 9(boys).
 - Senior Division will play 9 on 9
 - Kindergarten and Clinic is 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.

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. This is for standings. Due to time restraints, there will be a fifteen-minute grace period to field the required amount of players. You may still play for fun once that 15 minute grace period is done and the time per half may be cut down if there is a game after yours.

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. Round Robin type play will conclude the season.

Junior Senior Division:

- Running up the score is not allowed. If a team wins by more than 7, they will lose a point in the standings.
- Wins will score a 3, tie a 2 and loss a 1. Standings will be kept all season.
- Playoffs and Championship games will conclude the season.

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**

Playoffs and Championships: Junior and Seniors

- Teams will be seeded and playoffs will be single elimination. 4vs1 and 3vs2. Playoffs will not end in a tie, extra time will be added and shootout if necessary.

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

- 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. 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 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.
- 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

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