



Soccer Guide for Parents

Soccer Program Description:

The City of Antigo youth coed soccer league's goal is to create a fun activity for our youth and build soccer skills and knowledge for those wishing to continue play through the school athletic program.

Ages will be broken into the following co-ed groupings or leagues:

- **Grades K-1:** goalie, 5 players vs. 5 players *(minimum of 8 players/team and maximum of 12)
- **Grades 2-3:** goalie, 5 players vs. 5 players *(minimum of 9 players/team and maximum of 14)
- **Grades 4-5:** goalie, 6 players vs. 6 players *(minimum of 9 players/team and maximum of 14)
- **Grades 6-8:** goalie, 7 players vs. 7 players *(minimum of 12 players/team and maximum of 16)
- **Grades 9-12:** goalie, 7 players vs. 7 players *(minimum of 12 players/team and maximum of 16)

* Fewer players on the field allow for more ball touches and a more dynamic game.

Expectations

Grades K-1 and Grades 2-3: All about having fun. No scores are kept and there are no officials. The coaches are on the field with the kids and provide positive feedback to the players. Coaches have the flexibility of determining breaks.

Grades 4-5 and Grades 6-8: Focus on fundamentals and building basic soccer skills. We will make every effort to provide one official per game. Coaches should challenge their players with drills before games. Playing time is determined by attendance at practices.

Grades 9-12: Developing players for high school. This is a more competitive league and scores may be kept. We will make every effort to provide two officials for this league. Coaches remain on the sidelines providing positive reinforcement to promote good soccer skills. There may be optional practices outside of scheduled game times. Playing time is determined by attendance at practices.

All leagues practice good sportsmanship and fair play.

Required Equipment

All participants will need a pair of shin guards and soccer socks that are worn over the shin guards. Sunscreen, shorts and a good pair of athletic shoes are recommended. Soccer Cleats are encouraged - **football or baseball cleats are not allowed.**

Coaches

All coaches are volunteers and are often learning along with our young soccer players. Be patient and offer assistance by helping to keep kids on the sidelines or organizing a snack schedule (optional). If you are interested in coaching, please contact us. There is one head coach and one assistant coach position per team. You may have up to 2 registration fees reimbursed (does not include Brewer Trip) if you qualify and commit to a coaching position.

Snacks

Snacks are optional and not required to be provided by coaches or parents.

Officiating

Our officials do their best to be as fair and consistent as possible. Please remember to thank them after your games. If we are unable to fill the official positions it is the responsibility of the coaches to officiate in a fair and unbiased fashion.

Teams

Please understand that in an effort to offer the program to as many youth as possible, some teams may have more of one age group than others.

Practices

Attendance at practices outside the regular schedule are not mandatory. However, playing time will be determined by attendance at regular scheduled practices for grades 4-12.

Weather Cancellations

Coaches are responsible for notifying players of cancellations due to poor weather conditions or anticipated poor weather conditions. Games will not be played if there is lightning, thunder, or any type of weather warning. If field conditions are wet, games may be cancelled due to safety concerns. It is the coaches responsibility to schedule make-up games and notify parents.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about the league, facilities or officiating staff please contact the park and recreation department. If you have a complaint about a coach please first make the coach aware of your concern. If you feel your concern has not been addressed please contact the park and recreation department. You as the parent always have the right to remove your child from play if you are concerned for their safety or well-being.