



2024 Fall

**Kick Start Soccer League
Parent Packet**



Welcome to the 2024 Fall Kick Start Soccer League!

Sport Parent Expectations

When registering for the Kick Start Soccer League, each parent agreed to abide by the Sport Parent Code of Conduct. The New Lenox Community Park District, your coaching staff and your child will hold you accountable to this Code of Conduct. Make sure to reread the Sport Parent Code of Conduct below to be ready for the upcoming season.

SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Sport Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge:

- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth-not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions being taken to resolve the issue. Actions may include but are not limited to verbal warnings, ejections and/or suspensions. Incidents will be handled how staff deems appropriate based on the severity of the incident.

Team Information

Coaches have until Friday, September 6 to contact their team. If you do not receive any contact from your coach, call the office at 815-485-3584 starting Monday, September 9 and we will have the information for you.

When you are contacted by your coach, they will go over the following information:

- Team Number & Name
- Confirm your contact information
- The coaches will then give you their contact information

Game Day Information

The league will be held at Lion's Den Park, located at 520 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.

The league schedule has been posted on the Team Sideline website. To access this, go to the New Lenox Community Park District website, <https://www.newlenoxparks.org>, and click the orange button at the middle of the page titled "Team Sideline". Once you are at the Team Sideline website, there will be a link on the left side of the page for your division's game schedule. You can also use this link: <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/newlenoxparks/home>

Here is the layout for the Game Schedule:

- Ages 3-4 Division
 - Saturdays, September 14 until October 12.
 - Game times are 9:00AM – 9:45AM and 10:15AM – 11:00AM (Game times will vary)
 - In case of any cancellations, the final make-up day will be Saturday, October 19.
- Ages 5-6 Division
 - Fridays, September 13 until October 11.
 - Game times are 5:30PM – 6:15PM and 6:45PM – 7:30PM (Game times will vary)
 - In case of any cancellations, the final make-up day will be Friday, October 18.

The schedule will provide a field number for your game. When arriving, there will be field numbers staked into the ground to label each field.

On game day, there will be NLCPD staff in neon yellow shirts that can answer any questions that you may have. The staff can be found by the table next to the sidewalk.

All spectators must be at least 5 yards away from the perimeter of the field during games. This is for the safety of the kids who are playing the game as well as those who are watching. Bleachers are not provided, but we encourage you to bring your own chair or blanket to spectate the games.

What to bring

Please make sure your player has the following items when coming to the program:

- Wearing their team uniform
 - When washing your jersey, avoid using any fabric softeners. This will help the screen print stay intact and prevent peeling.
- Players must wear shin guards
- Players are encouraged to wear cleats to help prevent from slipping while playing, but this is not required.
 - If cleats are worn, the bottom must be molded and not metal.
- Please leave personal soccer balls at home. We will provide them on game day.
- Water bottle

1st Day of the Program

The first day will consist of a 45-minute session where you will have the opportunity to meet the coaches and the other players on the team. Coaches will also be passing out the team uniforms to the players.

Weather Cancellations

In the case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted on the following platforms:

- NLCPD Facebook Page – <https://www.facebook.com/NLCPDPage/>
- NLCPD Team Sideline website – www.teamsideline.com/sites/newlenoxparks/home
 - It will be listed under the “Cancellations” logo

Due to the high volume of players within the league, phone calls for cancellations will not be made. Depending on the time of the cancellation, an email may or may not be sent. If there is inclement weather, make sure to first check our Facebook Page or the Team Sideline website. Games will be played in light to medium rainfall. If there is extreme heat/cold or consistent rainfall, the game may be shortened if both coaches agree.

Volunteer Coaches Make It Happen!

We are extremely grateful for the volunteer coaches in our leagues! These programs do not have success without them. Throughout the season, they may ask for help on game day. If you can, please step up and volunteer to help the team. The league rules can be found on the Team Sideline website under the “Downloads” tab.

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 29 at Lincoln-Way Central High School. The schedule for your team’s picture time will be emailed prior to this.

To order pictures, you will order them through an online link provided later in the season. All pictures will be shipped to the address listed on the order.

Trophies/Medals

Trophies or medals will not be given out to the players at the conclusion of the season. We ask that you do not do this on your own either as it creates confusion to other players and parents that they were given by the Park District. If you would like to do your own end of season celebration, please do this off-site.