

Fall 2019
Youth Soccer
Parents Manual



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Parks, Recreation &
Cultural Resources

Mission Statement:

To enrich the Morrisville community by creating quality recreational experiences, celebrating local culture, and enhancing our natural resources.

THE FOLLOWING MANUAL HAS BEEN PREPARED TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH SOME GENERAL RULES AND CONCERNS REGARDING OUR SOCCER PROGRAM. PLEASE KEEP IT WITH YOU TO REFERENCE AS NEEDED.

We feel we have good coaches in our youth soccer program. However, if at any time you have a problem with a coach that cannot be worked out amongst yourselves, please bring these problems to the Athletic Staff's attention.

NOTE: Updated information for all leagues, including league rules, game schedules, standings (if applicable), and tournaments (if applicable) can be found at our town website at <http://www.townofmorrisville.org/parks/athletics.asp>.

Athletic Staff Contact Information:

Bryan Rhea, Athletic Programs Supervisor

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Registration Dates & Fees for 2019 Fall Soccer:

June 3rd for Residents of Morrisville; Cost is \$50/participant

June 17th for Non-Residents of Morrisville; Cost is \$75/participant

****Registration is taken only as long as space allows. Waiting Lists will be taken once leagues have begun to fill.****

LEAGUES OFFERED (NOTE: Ages are based upon child's age as of October 31, 2019):

5U League – Coed 4 & 5 year olds

7U Girls League – 6 & 7 year old girls

7U Boys League – 6 & 7 year old boys

9U Girls League – 8 & 9 year old girls

9U Boys League – 8 & 9 year old boys

11U Girls League – 10 & 11 year old girls

11U Boys League – 10 & 11 year old boys

13U League – Coed 12 & 13 year olds

PLACEMENT DATE:

There will be no placement this Fall 2019 season.

PRACTICES:

Practice dates and times will be assigned prior to the season beginning and handed out to coaches at the preseason Head Coaches meetings. Each team will have 2-3 team events per week, whether it be 2 practices/week; 1 practice/week and 1 game/week; or 2 games/week. Practice days during week will vary week-to-week Monday through Friday evenings and one practice/game on Saturdays.

NOTE: This schedule may vary as changes warrant, i.e. rain-outs, make-up games, etc.

NOTE: Each player is expected to be at all dept. scheduled practices and games. If player cannot attend, it is their duty to notify the coach. Missing practice repeatedly may result in disciplinary action, i.e. loss of playing time during games. Parents are responsible for keeping the coach informed.

REGULAR SEASON GAMES/TOURNAMENT:

Practices are scheduled to begin the week of August 6th and games are scheduled to begin week of September 4th. 7UB, 7UG, 9UB, 11UG and 11UB Soccer leagues will have their practices and games at Cedar Fork District Park. 5U and 9UG Soccer leagues will have their practices and games at Cedar Fork Community Center. **NOTE:** The 11U Leagues will have a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.

EQUIPMENT/ UNIFORMS:

Each player will receive a game jersey which he/she will keep after the season is over. **Each player is required to wear shin guards.** Shin guards are each parent's responsibility to purchase. If a child does not have on shin guards, he/she will not be allowed into the game for safety reasons. Cold weather clothes will be allowed as needed, but game jerseys should be worn over them for the benefit of the officials and other players on the field.

NOTE: No names are to be screened or ironed on the jersey fronts or backs for any reason.

NOTE: No jerseys are to be cut or altered in any way. If this is done the player will be required to replace that uniform at his/her own expense. The player will NOT be allowed to play in any games until an unaltered uniform is worn to a game.

PARKING:

Parking is available in designated areas around the soccer fields at Cedar Fork Community Center and Cedar Fork District Park.

WEATHER HOTLINE # (919) 463-6215:

For your convenience, we have an inclement weather hotline available to you. When you call the weather hotline, you will hear a recording informing you if practices and/or games have been cancelled or not. This line will be updated by 4pm during the week and by 7am on Saturdays. Unfortunately there are times when we cannot make decisions right up to game time, however, the main objective is always safety. Decisions to cancel scheduled practices and/or games will be based upon weather and/or playable field conditions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do my fees pay for?

The fees that are acquired through registration are used for a number of different things. It buys soccer equipment such as ball bags, soccer balls, stopwatches, cones, etc. Each child is also provided with a game jersey for the soccer season. Fees are also used to administer background checks for our soccer head coaches. We also pay for the costs of the National Youth Sports Coach's Association certification for all our volunteer head coaches. It also helps us fund our game officials as well as all of our MPRCR staff members.

Where can I register my child?

Participants can be registered in person at the Parks & Rec. Administration Building, or Cedar Fork Community Center. Registration forms may be filled out prior to your arrival at either center and are available on our website at <http://www.townofmorrisville.org>. The Town of Morrisville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department is proud to offer on-line registration to help facilitate your program registration. If you have participated with any of our programs before, please call the main office at 919-463-7110 to have your **User Name and Password** emailed to you. If you have not participated in our programs before, please visit <https://webtrac.townofmorrisville.org> to fill out the requested information to receive a User Name and Password. All User Names and Passwords will be sent to you within 48 hours.

How are players assigned to teams?

Players will return to their team from the Fall 2017 season if they remain in the same age group, unless a written request is received 2 weeks prior to start of season **and** is approved by MPRCR athletics staff. In these cases, the player will then go back into the leagues random computerized player draft system. Players who are moving to a new age group or are new to the program will be automatically drafted at random using a computerized system. Players who register late will not be guaranteed to play on the same team as the previous season. Once a player has been selected to a team they will remain on that team during the age eligibility for that league, unless a written request is made two weeks prior to start of season **and** is approved by the MPRCR dept. **NO PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE TEAMS DURING THE SEASON.** If a child registers late or is taken off of the waiting list, they will be placed on the first available team, no money or registration forms are accepted until a spot is open. The coaches will not be able to select players from the list. **NOTE:** Special requests (carpooling, classmates, etc.) will not be honored at any league level.

What is the NYSCA program?

The National Alliance for Youth Sports is a non-profit organization based in West Palm Beach, Florida, founded in 1981 as the National Youth Sport Coaches Association (NYSCA) with the mission of improving out-of-school sports for the more than 20 million youth participants under the age of 16. The Alliance believes that (1) participation in youth sports develop important character traits and values, and (2) the lives of youths can be positively impacted if the adults caring for them have proper training and information. We require our head coaches to go through this certification process before they can coach a team. This training program paid for by MPRCR provides coaches with information and skills that positively affect the children in their care.

What is your refund/cancellation policy?

ALL REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE IN WRITING ON THE CANCELLATION/REFUND/TRANSFER REQUEST FORM. A full refund is given if the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department cancels a program, facility rental or athletics league. Refunds are not given for individual class or game cancellations due to weather or circumstances beyond the control of the Department. Makeup sessions/games are scheduled whenever possible. For youth athletics registrations, a full refund minus a \$5.00 administrative fee will be considered if written request is received prior to the following: Spring leagues – March 1; Fall leagues – August 1; Winter leagues – November 1. For youth athletics refund requests received after these dates, a 50% refund will be considered only if the enrollment can be filled from a waiting list. No refunds are considered after completion of programs, facility rentals or athletic leagues. Medical hardship cases will be handled at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources. Medical documentation may be required during review of the refund request.

Volunteer Head Coach Opportunities:

Youth Athletics – August through October 2019

The Town of Morrisville is continually seeking positive role models to serve as youth coaches. If you are sports minded and want to enhance the lives of the youth in our community please call Bryan Rhea, Athletic Programs Supervisor at 919-463-7117. No previous experience required. Training will be provided.



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING WITH US AND ENJOY THE SEASON!!

Youth Basketball Registration Winter 2019-2020:
Residents of Morrisville registration begins October 1st;
Non-residents of Morrisville registration begins October 15th