Registration for the NGS spring 2019 JUNIORS and CITY Soccer Programs is now open.
TRAVEL PLAYERS DO NOT REGISTER FOR A SPRING PROGRAM.

REGISTER NOW

The Juniors Program is for girls in grades K-2. The City Program is for girls in grades 3-9. Both programs offer a recreation-focused soccer experience that emphasizes fun, health and exercise. Players of all skill levels are welcome to register. Our programs are open to girls who live in or attend school in Newton.

For detailed descriptions of our programs, visit our website. Go to **http://newtongirlssoccer.org/home/register/** for a program overview, policies, fees, scholarship information, key dates, and a registration link.

Read on for key details…

Spring 2019 Season Schedule

The 10-week season starts on Saturday, April 6 and ends June 15, 2019. Sessions ARE scheduled for both Saturdays of the Newton Public School spring vacation week (April 13 & 20). We will not meet on Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend).

We cannot finalize our Saturday game schedules, practice schedules (for J2 & City), or field assignments until the City of Newton issues field permits. This often doesn't happen until late-March. However, the fall season's game schedules are posted and they tend not to deviate much from year to year. Coaches make every effort to find a practice time that works for most of their players.

Teams

Girls in our kindergarten program are placed on flexible teams and do not need to make friend requests. Our professional coaches will lead the entire group in learning activities for the first half of the session and will divide the players into smaller groups for the second half of the session.

Juniors Grade 1, Juniors Grade 2, and City players are placed on grade-level teams. Please note that we are a community program, not a school-based program. Therefore, we purposely create teams with girls from multiple neighboring schools and honor only one mutual friend request per player. Teams are generally mixed up from year-to-year so that players have the opportunity to

- develop good sportsmanship skills, winning some games and losing some games
- develop social skills, playing with friends and making new friends
- develop soccer skills, learning from multiple coaches

Families will be notified of their spring team placements by email in mid-March. Please help your daughter have a positive soccer experience by supporting her assigned team.

Registration Deadlines

You must register by March 1 to be guaranteed a spot on a Juniors or City team and to make a friend request. Setting up teams is a complicated process and late registrations delay team announcements and scheduling. Please support our efforts by meeting this registration deadline.

After March 1, we will continue to accept registrations but your daughter may be placed on a wait list. If your daughter is put on a wait list, we will make every effort to place her on a team but it may not be a team with other players from her school. You are only charged if your daughter is placed on a team.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is $180 for the spring season. If you register before March 1, you will receive a $50 early registration discount.

Sibling Discount

NGS provides a $20 discount per-child for siblings in the juniors, city and travel programs. Our online registration system will only automatically apply the sibling discount if you register two or more children in the same NGS program at the same time. If your children play in different NGS programs, email registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org BEFORE you register to get a $20 discount code. We cannot apply the discount after you have already registered and paid.

Scholarships

It is the policy of Newton Girls Soccer that no girl should be denied the opportunity to play soccer due to her family's financial situation. To request financial assistance, email the NGS

President at president@newtongirlssoccer.org. All scholarship requests are confidential. NGS may request documentation of need.

Requests should be submitted by email at least 7 days before the program registration deadline. Scholarships cannot be applied retroactively. Once you have registered and paid, we cannot refund your money in lieu of a scholarship.

Your request should include:

- Player's Name and Grade
- Guardians' Name, Phone Number, and Email
- Program Name
- Amount that you are able to contribute towards the registration fee

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Registrants must cancel prior to **March 15** to receive a refund, less a **$25 cancellation fee**. After this date, there are no refunds, except in the following situations:

- If a player moves out of Newton and notifies the registrar before the season starts, she may receive a refund of the registration fee, less a cancellation fee. Proof of relocation must be submitted when requesting the refund. Once the season starts, there are no refunds for moves.
- If a player has a season-ending injury, she may receive a pro-rated refund. A note from a doctor must be submitted within two weeks of the injury.

Uniforms

The uniform for all girls playing in the Juniors and City Programs is a reversible (orange on one side, white on the other), numbered NGS jersey with the player's last name printed on the orange side. Players may wear any color soccer shorts, socks, and shin guards; these items can be purchased on your own from any retailer.

Price:

- Juniors: $32
- City: $38

Sizes:

- Juniors: Youth Small – Youth XL
- City: Youth Small – Adult XL

Order your City jersey via the NGS Online Store. Your order will be shipped directly to you from our vendor and generally within 10-12 days. However, we recommend that you place your

order at least three weeks before the season begins – by March 16 – to ensure that your player has a jersey for the first game.

Because these are custom orders, no returns or refunds are accepted. We suggest that you confirm the size before placing an order. Sample sizes are available to try on at Lapels Dry Cleaners located at 319 Walnut Street in Newtonville (617-527-6700).

You only need to order a jersey if your daughter doesn't have one or if her current jersey no longer fits.

If you have any questions about the ordering process please email the registrar at registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org. Any questions about the product or your order should be directed to num1source@aol.com.

Volunteering/Coaching

NGS relies on parent coaches to help us accommodate the 1200+ girls who participate in our programs each year. **All volunteers receive support and guidance. Our main prerequisite for volunteers is a willingness to learn and a commitment to show up.** By all accounts, it is very rewarding to work with our soccer players and with the other volunteers in our community! Coaching a team includes teaching game skills, sportsmanship, team play, and other aspects of the game, as well as providing a high level of organization to the team both on and off the field. You will receive coach education and materials.

If you would like to coach, please sign up on Blue Sombrero when you register your daughter for the season. We cannot form teams until we identify a head coach for each team. No experience is necessary, especially in the younger grades. Volunteers will be contacted by a grade coordinator when we know what our coaching needs are.

Interested in volunteering in other ways? Please email registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org and we'll try to match you up with one of the best volunteer jobs you'll ever love. There's a volunteer job for virtually every skill set and schedule.

Player Safety Policy

Please DO NOT pierce ears within 6 weeks of the season start date. Players may not wear jewelry during practices or games. This includes, but is not limited to bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, beads, barrettes and other hard or sharp items. Newly pierced ears may not be taped. Earrings must be removed. Players may not participate with casts or splints of any kind. If a player refuses or is unable to remove the prohibited item, she will be asked to sit on the

sidelines and may not participate in the soccer activity. There are no exceptions to this rule for the safety of all our players.

Online Registration

All registrations and club communications are managed online through Blue Sombrero. Click here to **REGISTER NOW.** Login to your existing Blue Sombrero account or follow prompts to create a new account.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOU ARE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR THE CORRECT PROGRAM FOR HER GRADE IN SPRING 2019. If the program you are looking for doesn't appear as an option, please email the NGS Registrar for help.

When you are finished registering online you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please email the NGS Registrar to confirm your registration was successful.

If you have questions, please email Marysol Masse-Makimura, NGS Registrar, at registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org.