

Hello Families,

Welcome to NGS and thank you for registering for the fall juniors program. The K program is the best place to start this wonderful journey. You and your daughter will find great families and make new friends while enjoying soccer on sunny days. (Ok, that sunny aspect, I just made that up. You know how it goes in New England). As you gear up for the season, we have a few reminders:

Grade Coordinators:

Each grade has a coordinator who supports coaches and parents in the program:

Juniors Program Director: Craig Lewis, Craig.Lewis@morganstanley.com

Kindergarten Coordinator: Ashish Chhabra, ashish_chhabra@yahoo.com

Coaching/Volunteers:

Kindergarten sessions are led by NGS Professional Coaching Staff. Staff are assisted by high school soccer players and parent volunteers. We are happy to involve all parents who want to help run the drills and scrimmages. We will definitely look for help when it comes to subbing, water breaks, and reminding the girls which direction they should be going during the scrimmages. To volunteer to help, please email your grade coordinator.

NGS is a volunteer run organization, for other ways to get involved, please visit <http://newtongirlssoccer.org/home/help/>.

Teams:

Players will not be assigned to teams. Players will break into groups for soccer learning activities and small sided (4v4) scrimmages. Instructions will be given on the field each week by our professional coaches. Players will be able to pair up with their friends during that time. We are happy to accommodate as many pairings as we are able, but we do need to make an even number of balanced teams so we may not succeed in all friend pairings each week.

Season dates:

The 10-week season starts on Saturday, September 8 and ends November 10, 2018. Games will be played over Columbus Day weekend and Veteran's Day weekend. It is not a problem if your daughter must miss a few sessions this season. The program is designed to be very flexible.

Session time:

The kindergarten program meets on Saturdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Session location:

Kindergarten teams will be playing at the [Brown / Oak Hill Field](#).

Uniforms:

The uniform for all girls playing in the Juniors Program (Grade K-2) is a reversible (orange on one side, white on the other), numbered NGS jersey. Jersey numbers are randomly assigned. Order your Juniors jersey via the [NGS Online Store](#). You only need to order a new jersey if your daughter doesn't have one. Order early to get your jersey before the season starts.

Players may wear any color soccer shorts, socks, shin guards and cleats; these items can be purchased on your own from any retailer.

Soccer Ball:

All players should have a size 3 soccer ball that they can bring to every session.

Safety Policy:

Please don't pierce your daughter's ears now. 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.

Please visit <http://newtongirlssoccer.org/home/register/> to review additional NGS policies.

Field Closures:

For weather cancellations and field closures, check the NGS website at www.newtongirlssoccer.org. Field status is updated by 7am on Saturdays, but be sure to check just before your session time as conditions sometimes change. (An update is only posted if conditions have changed since the previous posting.)

You can also sign up for texts or tweets regarding field status.

Visit <http://newtongirlssoccer.org/home/fields/> for instructions.

Snacks

Sharing snack time with teammates is a fun way to end a session. The NGS experience, and especially the kindergarten program, is a very social experience and a fun addition to this new chapter of their lives. This time at the end of a session is a nice time for them to further advance friendships (and a nice time for you to advance some new friendships as well).

We are asking that families take turns providing a snack for our K players. We have 45 players registered this season. It would be great if at least four families could sign up each week. **We recommend that snacks are healthy and nut-free.** Fruit makes a great snack.

Please sign up to bring a snack by visiting link below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GXyhjPBM76thyJMfnIU2qCRPiFUerAjvjkBWVzpw/o/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or the registrar.

Regards,

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