

Recreational Fall Youth Soccer - Athletes

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Youth Fall Soccer programs have been designed to provide our athletes the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of soccer through practices and games. Our dedicated volunteer coaches are there every step of the way to make sure your child is having fun in a safe and inclusive environment!

Registration Information

REGISTRATION BEGINS: Monday, May 6

REGISTRATION ENDS: Friday, July 26

Date: September–October

(starts Wednesday, September 4)

Please read guidelines below carefully:

- Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once we have reached our maximum capacity you will be placed on a wait list with no teammate requests or guarantees of a spot so it is recommended that you register early. In the event space permits after July 26 a \$25 late fee will apply per child.
- Only one teammate request will be honored or NO coaching requests will be granted.
- Anyone registering for our league and trying out for travel must withdraw from our rec league by July 26 if they have made a travel team for a refund.
- Coaches are required to contact all players assigned to their team by Labor Day weekend. **Please be patient, they are volunteering their time.**
- Schedules will be posted on our website towards the end of August under fall soccer.
- **Coaches do not have the authority to commit children to their team.** You may place a teammate request prior to July 26 when registration ends. We will do our best to accommodate during the coaches selection process but cannot make any guarantees.
- **Families will be notified of practice/game cancellations and announcements via email.** Please be sure you have an up-to-date email on file at the time of registration.

- Parks & Recreation has the right to reconfigure, merge divisions with other organizations or cancel leagues based on enrollment and not having enough coaches. There will be no make ups beyond October 31 due to the cold weather and start of basketball season.

Division Details:

- All division's practice and game days, locations and times are subject to change based on availability.
- ALL registered participants will receive 1 t-shirt.
- Grades/ages based on the 2019–20 school year.
- All participants must be potty trained.
- Parent/ guardians are required to stay on-site during practices in games in the event of an emergency.
- Please use the table below to determine which division your child should be in:

Division	Grades	Practices	Games	Fee
Little Foot (Co-ed Teams)	Ages 3–4	Days: Saturdays Time: 8:30–9:30am Location: West Hill, Upper	N/A	\$45
*Munchkins (Co-ed Teams)	K	Days: Saturdays Time: 8:30–9:30am Location: West Hill, Lower	N/A	\$55
*Kickers (Co-ed Teams)	1–2	Days: Mondays Time: 5:15–6:15pm Location: West Hill, Upper & Lower	Days: Saturdays Time: 9:40–10:40am Location: West Hill, Upper & Lower	\$55
*Dribblers (Co-ed Teams)	3–4	Days: Tuesdays Time: 5:15–6:15pm Location: West Hill, Upper & Lower	Days: Saturdays Time: 10:50am–12:20pm Location: West Hill, Upper & Lower	\$56
*Juniors (Boy & Girl Teams)	5–6	Days: Wednesdays Time: 5:15–6:15pm Location: West Hill, Lower	Days: Saturdays Time: TBD Location: West Hill, Lower for Home Games. Will require travel for Away Games.	\$65
*Sidekicks (Special Needs)	Pre-K–12	Days: Saturdays Time: 10:00–11:00am Location: Elm Ridge Park, Miracle Field	N/A	\$45

***Eligible for \$10 discount for each additional child you register.**

Cancellations: Practices and Games may be cancelled at any given time. The Parks & Recreation Department will make all efforts to notify teams accordingly in these circumstances. Efforts will also be made to re-schedule cancelled practices and/or games. Please note, re-scheduled practices and/or games may not take place on the assigned night of your division (ex. Kickers cancelled practice MAY be re-scheduled on a Thursday depending upon field availability.)

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department's Youth Sports Philosophy

The Youth Sports Programs offered by the Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation Department are designed to provide a positive sports experience. The primary purpose is to offer each participant the opportunity to pursue, through recreational sports, the physical and emotional benefits of the program. We strive to maintain our sport programs so that all players will have the opportunity to gain new skills, make new friends and have fun.

The emphasis is on good sportsmanship, proper conduct, and following the rules and policies of the Parks and Recreation Department. Although competition is a natural part of sport activities, winning is not the primary goal. We not only want our participants, but also the coaches and fans to play fairly and respect others. Cheer for ones triumphs and not for their shortcomings. Win with grace and lose with dignity. Encourage others to always do their best and try their hardest. The Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.

Code of Conduct for Players

- 1 Play by the rules.
- 2 Value safety and fair play above personal gain.
- 3 Accept the authority and respect the decision of all game officials.
- 4 Never use abusive or foul language.
- 5 Be a good sport. Applaud all good play.
- 6 Treat all participants as you would like to be treated.
- 7 Always cooperate with your coach and team mates.
- 8 Always participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

The role of parents and spectators is critical to the experience the player has in the youth sports program. Please follow these guidelines:

- 1 Support your child and the team in a positive manner. Cheer for your child and team, not against the opposing team.
- 2 Show respect for all players, coaches, game officials and other spectators. Set a positive example with your behavior.
- 3 Respect the decision of the officials and encourage others to do so.
- 4 Recognize that the children are participating in the sport for fun and their own enjoyment.
- 5 Abide by all regulations set forth by the schools and Recreation Department for facility usage.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

- 1 Set a positive example for the players and spectators to follow.
- 2 Play by the rules. Respect the decision of the officials and encourage others to do so.
- 3 Promote good sportsmanship and coach in a positive manner.
- 4 Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect.
- 5 Congratulate all players on the performance.
- 6 Provide a safe and healthy environment.

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to remove anyone from the program or facility for failure to follow the Code of Conduct.

Recreational Fall Youth Soccer - Coaches

Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Youth Fall Soccer programs rely heavily on volunteer coaches. Whether you're a former/ current soccer player, or have never played the sport before, we accept all coaches willing to dedicate some time to ensure our athletes have fun, safe and memorable experiences! **All volunteer coaches will be issued a \$50 credit on their account at the end of the season providing they have fulfilled the commitment and are in good standing with our department.**

Mandatory Meetings

- ▶ **Coaches team selection process Little Foot, Munchkin, Kicker & Dribbler divisions – Monday, August 5; 6:00pm, Room 1**

Once again this year we will be holding a coaches' selection process to help balance out the teams and try to place kids according to their teammate and coach requests. Each team needs to have representation at this very important meeting. It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure either he/she or someone is present to represent the team as they will be selecting their team on this night.

- ▶ **Coaches Training & Meeting – All coaches are required to attend – Monday, August 12; 6:00pm, Room 1**

Rosters will be handed out based on the selection process outcome along with schedules, equipment (soccer balls, cones, pop-up nets...), rules & regulations, etc, etc.



Youth Fall Soccer Coaching Interest Form

Any/ all who are interested in becoming a volunteer coach should complete the below form and return it promptly to the Parks & Recreation Department no later than **Friday, July 12, 2019.**

Return to Parks & Recreation (Soccer), 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Please check the applicable:

- I have coached previously for the Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department and would like to return for Fall Soccer as a coach.**
- I am NEW and interested in becoming a coach for Fall Soccer.** (Please visit www.rockyhillct.gov/departments/human_resources, click "New Hire Information" and complete a "General Authorization/Release" form. All new coaches a required to undergo a background check.)
- I am interested in becoming a referee for the Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department for Youth Fall Soccer.**

- Coaches Only – Please check the applicable:**

Grade(s) you would like to coach:

- Little Foot (ages 3–4) Munchkins (Grade K) Kickers (Grades 1–2)
- Dribblers (Grades 3–4) Junior (Grades 5–6 Boys) Junior (Grades 5–6 Girls)

Preferred Coach Type: Head Coach Assistant Coach

* Coaches will be able to put their own kids on their team during our selection process.

Please print your information below legibly:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Coaches T-shirt size (Adult): _____

