

# NVSC Spring 2024 Recreational Coaches Meeting

March 21, 2024 @ 7:30pm

# **Objective**



- To discuss NVSC Spring 2024 Recreational Season
- Address any questions prior to start of practices and match play
- Over 3000 players registered
- Still looking for coaches, mostly in the younger age groups.

Thank you for volunteering to coach.

### Welcome/Reminders



- Welcome to both new coaches and returning coaches
- NVSC hosts 4 districts
  - Hellwig Park
     – there is reference made to the front of Hellwig (fields 1,2,3) and the back of Hellwig (fields 6,7,8)
  - Valley View Park
  - Signal Hill Park
  - Ben Lomond Park
- NVSC Clubhouse is located in the back of Hellwig Park, at 14424 Bristow Road, Manassas VA 20112, next to Field 6.
- Office hours throughout the year are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5 to 7
  - Note that we do expand these days and hours for opening weekend and ending weekend.
  - Email to <a href="mailto:info@novasc.org">info@novasc.org</a> if you have general questions we can address

# **Spring 2024 Overview**



- The NVSC Fall Recreational program is shaping up to be an exciting season.
  - The fundamental objectives of NVSC are to provide a fun and safe environment for our youth players.
  - U4 to U12 will play in the NVSC in-house program; U13 and older players will play in the NCSL Rec (formerly SFL)
  - NVSC will host our end-of-year tournament for our U10, U12 and U13+ age groups
  - NVSC will be implementing the use of the Demosphere App for communication within the Rec Program.
- The NVSC office will be open for business via the concession window from 5PM to 7PM Tuesday – Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> match weekend, the clubhouse will be staffed on Friday evening (April 5<sup>th</sup>) 5PM to 7PM and Saturday (April 6<sup>th</sup>) 8AM to noon to handle last minute requirements)
- Fields are open as of April 1<sup>st</sup> (Turf fields are open year around).
- We always need more referees if you were recently certified, or recertified, please contact the NVSC Referee Assignor at <a href="https://nvscrefassignor@novasc.org">nvscrefassignor@novasc.org</a>.

# **Rec Club Contacts – Spring 2024**



### **NVSC Board of Directors**

Mark Ross-President

David Crisp – Vice President/SFL Coordinator

Dom Dinofrio - Treasurer

Brian Weaver - Secretary/Recreational Director

Kristen Neall - Travel Program Board

Representative

### **NVSC Staff**

Bill Gregory – Executive Director

Hans Etienne - Technical Director

Aaron Etienne – Future Stars Director

Corky Webster - Operations Manager

Susan Gregory – Administrator

Tracey Dinofrio – Administrator

Mari Zetino – Administrator

### Who Do I Contact?

General/Not sure who to contact - info@novasc.org

Recreational Registration / Roster questions – Brian Weaver – registrar@novasc.org

SafeSport/KidSafe - Brian Weaver/Michelle Price - registrar@novasc.org

NCSL Rec questions - David Crisp - NCSLrec@novasc.org

Uniform questions – Mari Zetino – recuniforms@novasc.org

Picture Day questions - Mari Zetino - pictures@novasc.org

Schedules (practice and game) Corky Webster - zzlive4soccerzz@gmail.com

Referee Feedback, Comments, Want to be a referee - nvscrefassignor@novasc.org

Travel Program - Hans Etienne - hans.etienne@novasc.org;

Coach Training - Hans Etienne - hans.etienne@novasc.org

Future Stars - Aaron Etienne - Future Stars Director - Aaron Etienne - futurestars@novasc.org

Concerns/issues/questions – <u>mark.ross@novasc.org</u>; <u>bill.gregory@novasc.org</u>

# Rec Age Group Commissioner (AGC) Contacts



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U12B	Scott Wall	spwall@gmail.com
U13-U19	David Crisp	dwcpcd@aol.com

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U13-U19	David Crisp	dwcpcd@aol.com		

# **Spring 2024 General Information Summary**



### **Picture Dates**



05/11: Valley View and Ben Lomond (near Field 1 at

Valley View Park)

05/18: Hellwig and Signal Hill (near Field 3 at Hellwig

Park)

Pictures are taken outside. If bad weather is projected, we have indoor facilities reserved as backup.

Picture distribution information will be provided once we receive the pictures.

Contact: Mari Zetino, NVSC; email pictures@novasc.org

Picture Day is an NVSC Club Fundraiser to help keep costs down and provide financial assistance.

- Registration continues into early April as long as roster spots are open
- Background Checks (KidSafe)
  (all coaches and assistants must submit)
- Abuse Prevention Training (SafeSport) (online course will be distributed thru email)
- Medical Release Forms
  (all players must fill out, must be retained by the coach)
- Uniforms Distribution prior slide and dependent on age group.
- Practice Assignments coaches have been solicited for time/day/locations
- Practices start week of April 1st (fields officially available April 1st)
- 1st game Saturday, April 6th; Last game June 1 no matches the weekend of Memorial Day Weekend
- Site Officials/Mentors at each District
- Field Conditions Demosphere App will be used to communicate field closures as well as the field widget on the Youth Recreational Page of the NVSC website.
- Participation awards for U4-U12 provided by NVSC
- NVSC End of Season Tournament (U12) Hellwig; (U10) Valley View on June 1st
- NVSC End of Season Tournament for U13 U19 June 8th and 9th

# **Spring 2024 Logistics**



- Kid-Safe Background Checks and SafeSport Training must be completed prior to being an NVSC coach
  - See separate slide
- Rosters Coaches, please call your players as soon as you can; AGCs, if you have additional players to place, please get them placed on a roster
  - All players must be officially registered with NVSC by their respective parent or guardian. Players must be on the roster; periodic roster checks are conducted.
- Practice times/locations an email has been sent to the coaches for requesting times and locations for those that have been assigned teams. Get those in as soon as you can - links to the practice request document and practice assignments can be found on the Coaches page.
- Matches first match weekend is April 6th, for all age groups
- Uniforms see separate slide
- Equipment We have game balls for coaches, along with training cones (for marking); as well as the U4
   U6 Pugg goals; these will be distributed from the clubhouse during office hours
  - We are conducting a handout of coaching equipment on March 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 1:00pm
- Coaching Support see separate slide

NVSC website is key location of information for coaches and parents

NVSC club-wide emails are the primary communication

NEW – We are incorporating the Demosphere App for club and team communication

# SafeSport/KidSafe



- In order to coach at NVSC, its is a requirement to fill-out the KidSafe form for conduct of a Background check.
- In addition, each coach must complete the VYSA SafeSport Training modules.
  - SafeSport has an initial module to complete if you are new, and requires a refresher course each year
  - You will receive confirmation of taking and passing the tests; please forward the confirmation to NVSC
  - SafeSport covers a number of sports if you coach or work with youth in another sport,
     you may have completed this course just provide NVSC with your documentation.

These are USYS and VYSA requirements to ensure the safety of the youth players.

# **Uniforms**



- U4/5/6 uniforms are being kitted by team for pickup by each team (either coach, manager, responsible parent) at the NVSC Clubhouse. Date TBD.
- U7/8/9/10/11/12 uniforms are separately purchased by the parents and are available for pickup at the clubhouse; parents have been picking them up already.
  - We have been handing out these uniforms since the start of February and will continue this distribution into the season
  - If a player has ordered, let them know to please come by the clubhouse at Hellwig to pickup; if they haven't ordered and need one, they can purchase/pickup at the clubhouse during business hours.
- U13 and older uniforms require numbers; we are holding those until the rosters settle (ie, no more changes) and will provide a date that they can be picked up at the clubhouse. A separate email will be sent to those that ordered uniforms detailing availability, and we will probably modify the office hours to help facilitate pickup.

# **NVSC Coaching Support**



- NVSC provides support to our new and returning recreational coaches via our technical staff.
- We have staff that will be at sites during the season to help with and be available for questions. Details will be provided.
- Our Staff hosted sessions at Hellwig earlier this week, if you missed those sessions and want support, please contact our TDOC at hans.etienne@novasc.org.
- Coaches may request a NVSC staff coach participate in a training session for their team, please email our TDOC at hans.etienne@novasc.org.
- Interested in USSF Grassroots courses, let us know (info@novasc.org).

Our Goal is to develop our coaches, demonstrating our coaching techniques using our players. It will be an interactive session for the teams.





# **Demosphere App**



- For our Recreational Program, NVSC is instituting the use of the Demosphere App for all teams.
- Information will continue to be posted on the website, with the day to day communications encouraged to be done via the App.
- App needs to be downloaded onto your mobile device
- Initial screen is shown to the right.
- NVSC held a quick clinic on its use last week; info is available if needed.
- We can provide Demosphere links for prior webinars as needed.
- Key items your game and practice schedules will be loaded and maintained; tracking of players available for games via statusing; field updates are included in the app information.



# Soccer Parent Resource Center



- NVSC has continued its partnership with the Soccer Parenting Association. All NVSC families receive free access to the educational content on the SoccerParentResourceCenter.com platform.
- To gain access to your NVSC membership and all the great content at SoccerParentResourceCenter.com simply follow the link below to register.





The Soccer Parent Resource Center seeks to improve and enhance the experience for youth soccer players by engaging and supporting the players' parents on topics related to the Body, Mind, Coach, Parent, Next Level, and the Game as well as providing coach education related to establishing positive relationships with players and parents

### Soccer Parent Resource Center





**Get Started** 

### Hello Bill!!

Our mission is to Inspire Players by Empowering Parents. We want you to have all the information and support you need to make sure your soccer player is inspired!

#### How to get the most out of the Soccer Parent Resource Center:

#### 1 Our Conton

While most of the content is in the Library, don't miss the helpful Gameplans and Courses too. Our content has 6 primary categories: Body, Coach/Club, Game, Mind, Next Level, Parent and in the library you'll find it organized into Interviews, Breakaways (short videos), Soccer Talk, Ask the Expert, Articles and some Player Education too. The library is simple to search using the sidebar, and you can also search the content on the entire site by using the search icon on right side of the very top navigation menu.

#### 2. The Community

We've just recently launched our Community Forums and we want you to get involved! Introduce yourself in the Community, post comments and questions, start or join a Group, and welcome one another! Our greatest resource is each other - so let's be sure to connect with vigor!

#### 3. Your Profile

You can edit your profile two ways. First - in the My Account section of the top navigation menu, if you add your address, we will put a special gift in the mail for you! Second, in the My Account area you can also update your Community Forum Profile. Add a photo, change you cover image, add a bio and more!!!

#### 4. Bookmarking and Favoriting Content

There's so much content on the site that you'll want to keep track of your favorites, and the ones you want to come back to. It's simple. On every page of content you will see a light blue bookmark and save button. Click those buttons and they turn darker blue and will now show up in your May Content page on the top equipation modul.

# **Sponsors/Affiliations**



- Dicks Sporting Goods Club Sponsor for sporting goods, soccer cleats, balls, shin guards NVSC Dicks Sporting Goods Days are March 29<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup>. DSG has provided sponsorship funding to purchase training equipment for our coaches balls, Cones, and Ball Bags.
- Olson Photography Picture Sponsor for NVSC.
- SCORE NVSC recreational uniform vendor which offers discounts to the club with associated coaching gear.
- Washington Spirit.
- DC United.

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA SOCCER CLUB

GEAR UP FOR THE SEASON AT DICK'S SPORTING GOODS



Take 20% off your Entire Purchase at the Manassas store March 29th - April 1st NOTE: ALL STORES WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> (CLICK HERE FOR 20% OFF IN-STORE COUPON) And if you need something before or after 3/29 - 4/1, CLICK HERE for other coupons good in-store throughout the year-- (20% off and season-long coupons cannot be combined\*)

# Resources



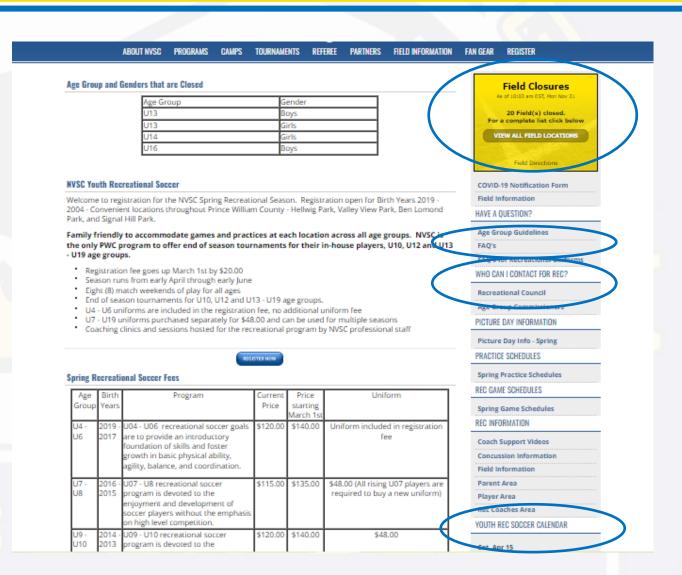
As found on novasc.org

### **NVSC** Website



Go to www.novasc.org. Click on the YOUTH RECREATIONAL SOCCER blue box, or click on the PROGRAMS menu. Select RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS and then YOUTH RECREATIONAL.

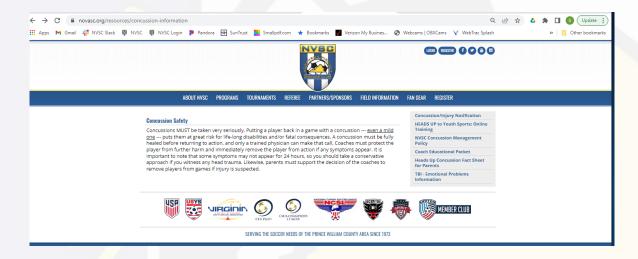
Key items include: Field Closures, FAQs, AGC Contact Info, Calendar, Schedules, etc.



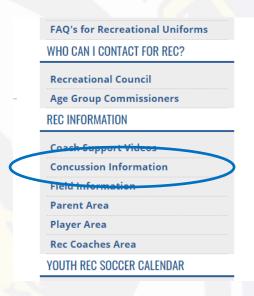
# **Concussion Protocols**



Go to <a href="https://www.novasc.org/resources/concussion-information">https://www.novasc.org/resources/concussion-information</a>



- Parents/Players are to report concussion injuries to the club so that we can be sure that they return to play in a safe manner.
- Head injury during a match remove the player until they can be fully assessed/evaluated
- In doubt sit them out.



Signs Observed by Coaching Staff	Symptoms Reported by Athlete
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache or "pressure" in head
Confused about assignment/position	Balance problems or dizziness
Forgets sports plays	Double or blurry vision
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Sensitivity to light
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to noise
Answers questions slowly	Feeling sluggish, foggy, or groggy
Loses consciousness (even briefly)	Concentration or memory problems
Shows behavior/personality changes	Confusion
Can't recall events prior or after hit	Does not "feel right"
Source: CDC	



# **Concussion Safety**



### SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACH/PARENT

Appears dazed or stunned
Is confused about assignments or position
Forgets sports plays
Is unsure of game, score or opponent
Moves clumsily
Answers questions slowly
Loses consciousness (even briefly)
Shows behavior or personality changes
Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
Can't recall events after hit or fall

### SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE

Headache or "pressure" in head
Nausea or vomiting
Balances problems or dizziness
Double or blurry vision
Sensitivity to light
Sensitivity to noise
Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
Concentration or memory problems
Does not "feel right"

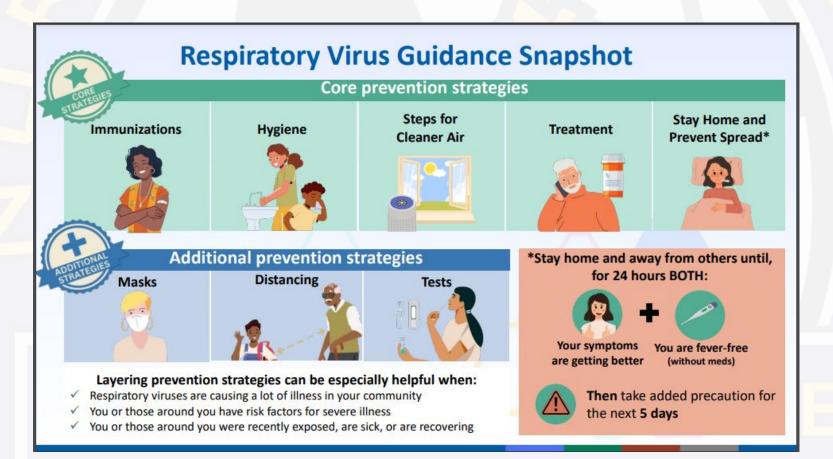
### **Coaches MUST:**

- Take concussions seriously and review the information on the NVSC website and learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion
- NEVER put a player back in a game if a concussion is suspected
- Realize that playing with an even a mild concussion puts a player at great risk for serious, life-long disabilities and potentially fatal consequences
- Realize that some symptoms may not appear for 24 hours, so you should take a conservative approach if you witness any head trauma

### COVID



 CDC recommendations for COVID were recently updated, noted below and at the following link (https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratoryvirus-guidance.html)



### **Practice**



### Where and When Am I Practicing?

Link for the Recreational Practice Request Area is:

<a href="http://www.novasc.org/recreational-practice-request">http://www.novasc.org/recreational-practice-request</a>

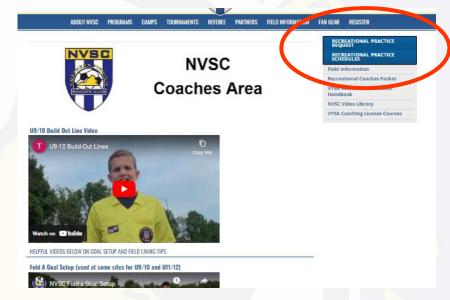
If you requested a practice and haven't gotten an assignment yet, send email to Corky at:

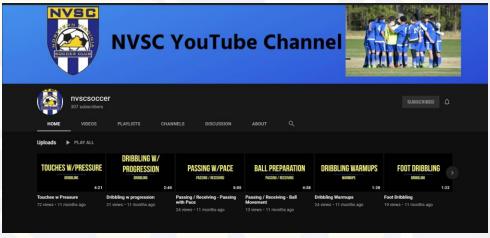
<a href="mailto:zzlive4soccerzz@gmail.com">zzlive4soccerzz@gmail.com</a>

### What Do I Do at Practice?

- Field conditions will be updated by the club between 3:00pm to 3:30pm on weekdays. The Demosphere app will send out notification if a training session is canceled due to field closure. You can also check Field Conditions via the Youth Recreational Soccer page on the NVSC website.
- Be On Time
- Keep Fields Clean
- Contact NVSC Staff for activities
- Search the web to get other ideas from US Youth Soccer and Virginia Youth Soccer Organizations
- NVSC YouTube Videos Available

https://www.youtube.com/user/nvscsoccer

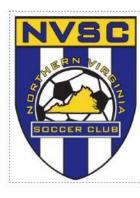




# What Do I Do on Game Day?



- Field conditions will be updated by the club between 7:00am to 7:30am on weekends. The Demosphere app will send out notification if a game is canceled due to field closure. You can also check Field Conditions via the Youth Recreational Soccer page on the NVSC website.
- Get there at least 30 minutes early!
- First Game Sets Up Field (both teams come early to set up)
- Last Game Tears Down (both teams take down & put away)
- Control Your Spectators
- Respect Referees
- Show Good Sportsmanship (don't run up the score /maximize playing time)
- Keep Fields Clean (have everyone help pick up any trash)
- Know and follow the rules of our Club and your league:



### Northern Virginia Soccer Club Policies and Operating Procedures March 2023

The following policies, operating procedures, rules of competition and modifications to the Laws of the Game pertain to all in-house age groups. Modifications and operating procedures for the Suburban Friendship League (SFL) supersede the rules and modifications contained herein – see <a href="https://www.sflsoccer.org">www.sflsoccer.org</a>.

GENERAL:

# For U4-U6 Coaches/Teams



- Starting Fall 2023, NVSC purchased sets of PUGG goals for each U4-U6 team (in each bag there are two goals.) and it went well/good feedback.
- These goals are to be used for practices and games.
- Each coach will set up a field for game day with their set of PUGG goals; since we play side by side games between teams, each team must bring their PUGG goals to the games.
- Coaches must come by the Hellwig clubhouse to pick up their PUGG goals; each bag and goal is numbered and marked as NVSC property.
- At the end of the season, the PUGG goals are to be returned to the club (even if you are returning) after the last game. A pick up email with details will be provided by the last game weekend.



# **NVSC Game Rules of Play**



NOTE: The NVSC Rules of Play are for U4 – U12; NCSL Rec Rules will be coming soon (after Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> their intent is to maintain continuity between SFL and the transition to NCSL.

Principal rule for all games – do not allow unregistered players to participate.

# **NVSC Game Rules of Play Key Features for U4-U8**



- A key concept for these age groups is that the teams play on parallel fields using split rosters.
- We establish rosters so that teams split up on game day and play matches on fields side by side.
- Players can be mixed and matched throughout the game to give all players lots of playing time and have fun.
- U4 U6 Balls going out of play need to be put back into play by the coaches.
   Objective is to keep play moving with few stoppages.
- U7 U8 Balls going out of play should be put back in play more officially, via throw-ins, corner kicks, and goal kicks as appropriate.
- Players should be encouraged to attack and defend the full field, ie, the intent is not to position a set defender to stand in front of the goal.
- No referees are provided for these age groups.
- Coaches should act as the referee and keep play moving; play should be stopped and restarted if the ball leaves the field or goes into the goal.

### Age Group - Game Info

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**U5 / U6**: coed - size 3 ball - plays 4v4 - 8 min. quarters - 5 min. break at quarter; 10 min. break at half. Continuous play with no throw-ins, goal kicks, or corner kicks - out of play balls get put back into play by coach. No goalies - children CANNOT stand in goal box of goal in a goalie position. No Referees are assigned and therefore no fouls called. Equal playing time for all players as best as possible (all players who are willing must play at least 1/2 the game). Coaches coach from within the field – play 2 fields simultaneously. Substitutions can occur at any time.

**U7 / U8**: separate boys and girls teams - size 3 ball - plays 4v4 (minimum 3 players) - 10 min. quarters - 5 min. break at quarter; 10 min. break at half. Throw-ins, goal kicks, and corner kicks are required to restart play. Offside position is <u>not</u> called. Players are encouraged to understand the difference between offensive and defensive play, but specific positions are not assigned. No goalies - children CANNOT stand in goal box of goal in a goalie position. No Referees are assigned and therefore no fouls called. Equal playing time for all players as best as possible (all players who are willing must play at least 1/2 the game). Coaches coach from within the field – play 2 fields simultaneously. Substitutions can occur at any time.

**U10**: separate boys and girls teams - size 4 ball - plays 7v7 (minimum 5 players) - 25 min. halves - 10 min. break at half. Throw-ins, goal kicks, and corner kicks are used to restart play and offside penalty is called. Specific positions are assigned (including goalie and mid-field) and players are encouraged to understand the strategy and purpose of their positions. Players should be encouraged to try all positions on the field. Center Referees are assigned to games and all calls (including fouls) are made by referees. Referees can give yellow and red cards, as needed. Equal playing time for all players as best as possible (all players who are willing must play at least 1/2 the game). Coaches coach on same side as their families and opposing teams sit on opposite sides of the field (NOTE – HW turf fields – players are on one side, spectators on the other). Substitutions can occur at any stoppage of play. Build out line denotes offside penalty and opposing team's positioning for goal kicks and goalie play. No punting – goalie must pass, roll, or throw ball. No headers allowed.

**U12**: separate boys and girls teams - size 4 ball - plays 9v9 (minimum 6 players) - 30 min. halves - 10 min. break at half. Throw-ins, goal kicks, and corner kicks are used to restart play and offside penalty is called. Specific positions are assigned (including goalie and mid-field) and players are encouraged to understand the strategy and purpose of their positions. Players should be encouraged to try all positions on the field. Center Referees and Sideline Referees are assigned to games and all calls (including fouls) are made by referees. Referees can give yellow and red cards, as needed. Equal playing time for all players as best as possible (all players who are willing must play at least 1/2 the game). Coaches coach on same side as their families and opposing teams sit on opposite sides of the field. (NOTE – HW turf fields – players are on one side, spectators on the other). Substitutions can occur at any stoppage of play. Midfield line denotes offside penalty. Punting is allowed. No headers allowed.

# **Game Info**



# All players must be registered in NVSC's Recreational League no travel players or unregistered players

Recreational League – U4-U12 (no heading in these age groups is allowed)

<u>AGE</u>						
GROUP	MAX	MIN	BALL	DURATION	BREAKS	NOTES
U4/5	4	3	3	8 min qtrs 5 min@	qtr/10 min@half	Coaches on Field (play 2 fields)
U6	4	3	3	8 min qtrs 5 min@	qtr/10 min@half	Coaches on Field (play 2 fields)
U7/U8	4	3	3	10 min qtrs	5 min@qtr/10 min@half	Coaches on Field (play 2 fields)
U9/U10	7	5	4	25 min halves	10 min@half	Goalies; Center Ref
U11/U12	9	6	4	30 min halves	10 min@half	Goalies; Center Ref

U13-U19 – see NCSL Rec Rules (coming soon) for specific game rules and policies; use of travel players on SFL teams may result in forfeit of any and all games up to that point

<u>AGE</u>					
GROUP	MAX	MIN	BALL	DURATION	BREAKS
U13	11	7	5	35 min halves	5 min@half
U14	11	7	5	35 min halves	5 min@half
U16	11	7	5	40 min halves	5 min@half
U19	11	7	5	45 min halves	5 min@half

# Wrap Up



- Non-compliance with NVSC rules, policies and protocols can lead to the player/coach being placed in bad standing.
- NO UNREGISTERED PLAYERS MAY BE USED.
- If you are unsure, or have a question, please ask.
- Need help, please reach out.
- As noted, our goal is to create a fun and safe environment for our players, coaches, staff and parents.
- Good Luck to everyone this season, lets make it successful, safe and healthy.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PLAYERS TONIGHT!