

Abington Youth Soccer 2019 FALL REC SEASON

(Games September 7 – November 2)

Program Objective

The main objective of the program is for children to have fun and competitively play soccer with their friends in an organized program, while also learning soccer skills and teamwork.

Registration

Who: Our Fall Recreation program is open to children who reside in Abington (MA) from age 3 through Grade 9 as of September 2019.

When: We encourage families to register by July 15th to avoid a late fee, take advantage of our sibling discount and avoid being placed on a waitlist.

How: Please <u>click here</u> to access the Registration page!!!

<u>Costs</u>

Fees to Play:

Date	# of Players Total Cost		
By July 15th	1	\$100	
	2	\$190	
	3+	\$270 (Family max)	
July 16 th and After	Late Fee	\$25 (per family)	
	Each player	\$100 (no sibling discount)	

Where does the registration fee go?

Total Cost/Player: \$115.66

Note: Sponsorships and Fundraising help to offset cost overages

- Field Costs (UP and AHS Turf Rental, AHS Bathroom)
- Professional Training (Player Development and Coach Training)
- Referees (Pay, Training and Equipment)
- Mass Youth Soccer (Player Insurance, Coach Registration/CORI)
- Equipment (Shirts, Balls, Nets, Medals, etc.)
- Administrative Costs (TeamSnap Processing Fees and Annual Contract)
- Other (Finanial Aid, Scholarships)





Fee Assistance

If your family is experiencing a hardship, AYS offers fee assistance. Please <u>click here</u> to access the Financial Hardship Application.

<u>Games</u>

When: Saturday mornings Sept 7th – Nov 2nd (see Team Grouping section below for times) **Where:** Union Point Sports Complex

<u>Why Union Point?</u> It primarily comes down to the size of our program and the desire to have all games completed by noon. To do this in Abington, games would need to be played on the AHS turf, and two grass fields (Reilly Field and the new AHS front field). Having multiple locations is a challenge for parents who might have players scattered and depending on rainfall, the turf might be available but not the grass fields. The larger turf fields at Union Point allow us to play all games on adjacent fields and minimize rain impact.

Team Groupings

Players will be placed on permanent teams based on grade and gender.

Grade	Gender	Time	
Minikickers (Pre-K)	Boys	8:00-8:45	
	Girls	9:00-9:45	
Grade K/1	Boys	8:00-9:00	
	Girls	9:15-10:15	
Grade 2/3	Boys	8:25-9:25 or 9:35-10:35	
	Girls	9:35-10:35	
Grade 4/5/6	Boys	10:45-11:50	
	Girls	10:45-11:50	
Grade 7/8/9	Boys	8:00-9:25	
	Girls	8:00-9:25	

Note: Grade groupings have been adjusted this year to make sure all groups have at least 4 teams.

Practices and Clinics

<u>Note</u>: The below sessions are included in the fall registration fee. You must register prior to attending the summer sessions.

NEFC Summer training

Who: Grades K-6

When: Weekly in July and August (likely Tuesday nights)

Where: Abington Turf

NEFC Fall training

Who: Grades K/1
When: Weekly during season (Sept 7th – Nov 2nd)
Where: Abington (TBD)

Goalie clinic

Who: Grades 3-6
When: 8:30 – 9:30 on Saturdays during season (Sept 7th – Nov 2nd)
Where: Union Point

Fall Practices

Who: Individual Teams for Grades 2/3, 4/5/6, and 7/8/9When: TBD by coachWhere: Abington (TBD by AYS based on coach requests and field availability)

Equipment

- Shin-pads are required.
- Soccer cleats or turf shoes are required. (Mini Kickers may wear sneakers.)
- Players are also encouraged to bring their own ball (see sizes below). Grade K players are
 provided a free ball at the generosity of <u>Abington Bank</u>.
- All players will be provided a shirt.

<u>Rules</u>

Jewelry may not be worn during the program for safety reasons. **This includes earrings... even for newly pierced ears.** Taping over earrings is not allowed per MYS insurance rules The below is a matrix showing additional rules that will be followed for the 2019 season.

Rule	Mini Kickers	Grade K/1	Grade 2/3	Grade 4/5/6	Grade 7/8/9
No. of Players on field	n/a	4 v 4	7 v 7	9 v 9	11 v 11
Playing Time (minutes)	Instruction: 45	Instruction: 15 Game: 2 x 12	Game: 2 x 25	Game: 2 x 30	Game: 2 x 35
Halftime (minutes)	n/a	2	5	5	5
Goalkeeper	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heading	No	No	No	No	Yes
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	5
Goal Size	n/a	4' Popup	6' x 12'	6' x 18'	8' x 24'
Typical Field Size (yards)	n/a	30 x 20	60 x 30	80 x 60	110 x 75

And lastly WE NEED YOU!

We rely exclusively on volunteers to become coaches. Without coaches, we cannot offer our programs to the children of Abington. To ensure your player has the opportunity to participate, please consider becoming involved as a coach, assistant coach, referee or age group coordinator. Small commitment, BIG rewards! <u>Click Here to sign up!</u>