

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS PARKS & RECREATION ATHLETICS DIVISION

2026 YOUTH SPRING SOCCER PROGRAM INFORMATION

Welcome to the Newport News Department of Parks & Recreation Youth Soccer program. The following information should answer most questions and will serve as a guide towards what to expect during the program.

1. The program is offered for 5–17-year-olds with ages being split into five coed leagues: Bantam (5–6-year-olds), Mite (7–8-year-olds), Junior (9–10-year-olds), Intermediate (11–13-year-olds), and Senior (14–17-year-olds) leagues. **ALL 2026 SPRING TEAMS ARE MADE NEW. ALL AGE GROUPS ARE MADE AT RANDOM BY ATHLETIC STAFF.**
Players will not be allowed to change teams unless dire circumstances arise at the discretion of Athletic Staff. Requests for a specific team, coach, or with a player are noted but not guaranteed. No refunds will be issued after regular season games have started. If NNPR cancels the program for any reason, refund information will be distributed via email.
2. The age eligibility date for the spring soccer league is March 1, 2026. A player may move up one age group if he/she has a sibling actively playing in the older age group and only if the younger player is within ONE season of being eligible to move up (which means the player would use September 1 as the age eligibility date since that is the age eligibility date for Fall Soccer). Players will not be allowed to move up or stay down for any other reason. Only siblings living in the same household will be guaranteed to be placed together if age requirements are met, and Athletic Staff has been notified of siblings at time of registration.
3. All players are required to have shin guards and socks must fully cover the shin guards. Soccer cleats are highly recommended. Athletic shorts or pants without pockets should be worn. NO jewelry may be worn during games or practices at any time. This includes, but is not limited to hair beads, starter earrings, necklaces, bracelets, or any other item worn anywhere on the body. Medical alert necklaces or bracelets may be worn provided they are taped to the body.
6. The program cost is \$0 for Newport News City residents and \$60 for non-City residents. Team shirts will be provided; however, any shirt exchanges must be done within one week of distribution. The replacement shirt cost is \$15 per shirt.
6. Volunteer coaches are needed for all age groups. If interested in coaching a team, even if just as an assistant, please contact the staff at Warwick Recreation, 591-4892 or athletics@nnva.gov.
7. All NNPR Athletics information can be found on our website, www.nnathletics.com. This site includes registration/program information, schedules, and program updates. Our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/nnathletics, will also be used to facilitate program information.

IMPORTANT DATES (Subject to Change):

January 1 – February 1, 2026	Registration Period (Online or In-Person at Warwick Rec)
February 18, 2026	Coaches Meeting – Warwick Rec (ONLY COACHES) All Age Groups – 6:00 PM
March 2, 2026	Practice Begins (Tentative)
March 23, 2026	Games Begin (Tentative)