



NOPOSC Coaches Meeting - Fall 2021 Season

August 17th, 2021

Welcome to North Portland Soccer 2021 soccer season. Your community and our board thank you for volunteering. Hopefully this guide will cover most of the things that you and your families will need to know. Please read through tonight as we go through updates for this year. This will also be available to you online at northportlandsoccer.com.

Game Schedules

Portland Youth Soccer Association (PYSAs) does the scheduling for all the recreational clubs in the city. Schedules sync with our Team Connect software and will automatically appear on your calendar page in Team Connectteam. Schedules are also posted directly to the PYSAs website (portlandyouthsoccer.com), just simply click the schedules tab. Find your age group and gender. Coed teams are listed as boys teams. Look for NOPO preceding your team name (for example NOPO Cheetahs). Please remember to check your schedules regularly, especially the night before a game, because last minute changes sometimes occur. First games begin **Saturday, September 11th**. Games generally run through the end of October.

Equipment

Equipment bins, including nets, corner flags, popups, cones and more, can be picked up tonight at the coaches' meeting. NOPO board members will be able to help you. Please email Kelly Carlsmith, vice-president@northportlandsoccer.com if you need to arrange pick up outside of the coaches' meeting time. Please make sure to get your equipment prior to **September 10th**, otherwise you may not have your bins and equipment for your first game.

Fields & Practices

Please send field requests to: coaching@northportlandsoccer.com

Coaching Education

There are many free clinics available this summer to advance your coaching knowledge. Sign up for any that sound interesting. Tonight there is a clinic right in North Portland at Arbor Lodge Park. It might be perfect for you, but if not be sure to peruse the calendar to find one that is. To look at all the clinics available to you, please go to www.oregonyouthsoccer.org and click on the coaches link, then coaching education. Click on the calendar in the middle of the page to view all the upcoming clinics. Please don't forget to register for a clinic if you plan on attending! If they don't know you are coming, there is always a chance they could cancel due to insufficient numbers.

Uniforms for U7 to U14

Uniform kits can be purchased at the Tursi Soccer Supply East : 5010 NE Oregon St. Suite A, Portland, OR 97213, Phone: 971-254-9287. There are uniform scholarships available as well to families in need. Please have players contact our scholarship coordinator: registrar@northportlandsoccer.com (Tursi's West does NOT have our jerseys).

Team Photo Days

NOPO coaches schedule their team photo-day online. As in the past, you will receive packets of order envelopes for your players to fill out and bring with them to photo day. In addition to the packet, you will receive a letter detailing how to use the new online scheduling system. It's REALLY easy: go to the website, enter a code, click on the day you want! *Order packets will be available for pickup around the first week of September - stay tuned for details.

GoalKeeper Training

Joel Geisler, NOPO's President and Goalkeeping coach is available for more assistance. Contact Joel at president@northportlandsoccer.com if you have questions.



U9 Jamboree

Teams at the U9 level will take part in a 1 day mini event called a Jamboree on their first game date. This is a mandatory event. Every U9 team in the city is registered. Instead of 1 game, teams will be scheduled two shortened games. The Jamboree is used to acclimate players to playing on a full field with a goal keeper. It is also used as a training ground for new referees. It always proves to be a fun day.

Contact Your Team via *Team Connect* from Stack Sports

Team Connect is a communication tool designed to sync with our registration software, to make life easy on coaches and families. We sincerely hope all coaches are using it. You can view your roster, send team emails, share a calendar and much more.

Coaches use the same credentials to log into Team Connect as they use to register at NOPO. When our registrar makes your team active in the system, you will receive an invite from Team Connect. Please check your junk mail. After you have accepted the invite, you will go into your team page. Please remember that from this point forward to get into your team page you will go to <https://www.team.stacksports.com> and sign-in thru the link in the top right corner.

Use your NOPO credentials (usually your user name is your email and the password is whatever you set it to be) and then you will open to your Team Connect page. Click on your name at the top center and your teams will appear. When you click on your teams that are currently active, you will have access to lots of helpful information. Be sure you are accessing the roster from the correct season.

Your team members do not ever have to activate their accounts to receive email from you through Team Connect. However, if they do not respond to email, they might need a phone call. Remember, to go back to your team page the next time, just go to <https://www.team.stacksports.com> and type in your credentials.

Other Recommendations

Please solicit parent volunteers and have them register at northportlandsoccer.com

We suggest calling every family once so you make sure no one is falling through the communication crack. Check your rosters for any last minute additions. We occasionally have to add or move a player based on requests. Have a parent meeting at the beginning or end of your first practice to go over season details and parent expectations.

Rosters for Games

A roster called a Game Day Roster is needed on game day. The referee will ask teams for a copy at team check in. To access your Game Day Roster, log into Team Connect and click on the schedule tab. Then click on the pertinent game. Towards the top of the box that pops up, you will see a "Create Game Day Roster" option. After clicking on that you will have the option to create a roster from the list of team players. You will even be able to add players (borrow) from the same age group or 1 age group younger. You will need to present the referees an accurate game day roster to ensure that your players get to play and to ensure that all players are legal players.

*U7-U8 - Just have one copy of your Game Day Roster on hand. You might never need it, but you are encouraged to have one in the case of a player dispute.



Medical Release Forms

It is mandatory that you have a copy of your players' medical release forms on hand at both practices and games. It is smart to store them in the equipment bin so that you always have them. You will print your team's forms in Team Connectteam. Go to [Team Connectteam.com](http://TeamConnectteam.com) and hit the sign in link in the top right hand corner. Put in your NOPO credentials (email address and password). When you reach the site, click on your name and find the pertinent team. Click on the team. Click on Roster. Then click on Print Rosters and Medical Release Forms. You will want the Official Team Connect Medical Release. To be safe, please have your parents sign them. Also read through them to see if any players have life threatening allergies (i.e. bee stings).

Risk Management

Please never be alone with a child.

- Establish a bathroom procedure that includes 2 parents escorting children.
- Establish that a parent will remain with you until all children are picked up.
- Do not give a player a ride home if you are the only person present in the car.

Safety & Concussion Protocols

- Have your medical release forms on hand.
- If a player is hit in the head, please pull them from the field and make sure their parents take every precaution.
- In the case that a referee does not show up for your game, a coach or cleared volunteer must referee, not a parent on the sideline who has not undergone the volunteer registration process.
- No jewelry allowed. No exceptions, not even brand new piercings. Earrings must come out, taping over them is not acceptable.

Games

PYSA mandates that every player plays $\frac{1}{2}$ a game. Please make this happen. This is recreational soccer and everyone plays! Be prepared and have fun!

Game Day Resources

PYSA Game day hotline: 503-619-6971

PYSA port-o-potty combo: 639

Uniform/Gear Exchange

Please direct parents who need lightly used gear or who have lightly used gear to donate to Sara Ryan at 1901 N Winchell St in Kenton. Sara can be reached at 503-957-0306.

Tournaments

There are a handful of tournaments that your team can enter. PYSA sponsors a tournament at the end of fall season. As a coach you will periodically get emails advertising their existence. Tournaments are a team to team decision and come at extra cost. Our club currently does not subsidize tournaments.

Questions:

If you have questions that you believe are not addressed here, please consult the FAQ at www.northportlandsoccer.com. If that is still not sufficient, please feel free to contact a board member. Hint: Usually there is a corresponding board position to the questions that you might have!

COVID:

No Guidelines now...

No Masks outside - but this could change. We base all decisions on PYSA protocols and decisions.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We hope you have a great season. Thanks for all you do.