



Forks Township Athletic Association

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Forks Township Soccer Guidelines

FTAA provides equal opportunity for both girls and boys to play. FTAA Soccer teams are governed by the rules of the FTAA and the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League (BMYSL) www.bmysl.org.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- When registering your child to participate in Forks Soccer you agreed to the Forks Township Code of Conduct. It is imperative that the players/parents/guardians and coaches adhere to the code of conduct.
- It is the responsibility of every coach to address improper conduct observed by the coach or brought to the coach's attention in a timely and respectful manner.
- It is the responsibility of every head coach to contact the Forks Township Soccer Commissioner through email if they are unable to resolve any issues or if any issues/behaviors continue.
- Coaches are encouraged to keep the Forks Township Soccer Commissioner informed of any improper conduct and the steps taken by the coach to address the misconduct.

EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM POLICY

All players must be Forks Township residents unless specific approval is provided by the Forks Township Recreation Board.

- Every player participating in the Fall Season ages u9 – HS will receive a numbered jersey. This jersey is to be worn at all games. This jersey must be returned at the end of the season.
- Every player participating in the Spring Season will receive a Forks Soccer Shirt which they will keep.
- Every player participating in Fall Season ages u5 – u7 will be given a Forks Soccer Shirt which they will keep.
- Every player participating in the Spring Season u5 – HS will receive a Forks Soccer Shirt. Every player will keep this shirt.
- Players must supply their own shorts, soccer socks, shin guards, soccer cleats and appropriate size ball
- If there is an outstanding uniform from a previous season, the child may not register for another sport until either the uniform is returned or the replacement value is paid.



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Ages:

- The full soccer season (Fall and Spring) runs from August 1st through July 31st of the following year. The age guidelines listed below are used to judge a player’s eligibility at the beginning of the season. Once the age eligibility has been established for a season (Fall and Spring), it does not change until the following season.
- Players in soccer are grouped by their birth year, not their grade level.
- U9—Any player who attains the age of nine (9) on or before January 1st, is not eligible to play.
- U11—Any player who attains the age of eleven (11) on or before January 1st, is not eligible to play.
- U13—Any player who attains the age of thirteen (13) on or before January 1st, is not eligible to play.
- U15—Any player who attains the age of fifteen (15) on or before January 1st, is not eligible to play.
- U19—Any player who attains the age of nineteen (19) on or before January 1st, is not eligible to play.

Teams

- BMYSL offers game play for ages u9 – HS

	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u># of Players</u>
HS	80 min (40 min halves)	5	11
U15	80 min (40 min halves)	5	11
U13	70 min (35 min halves)	5	11
U11	60 min (30 min halves)	4	9
U9	50 min (25 min halves)	4	7

- The number of Forks teams formed at each level will depend on total number of players registered.
- Every effort will be made to make sure there will a be a team for all registered participants. However, there may be occurrences where we do not have enough players at a particular age group to make a team.
- Depending on the total number of teams registered in BMYSL there may be “A” Division and “B” Division levels.
 - At some age groups we will have an “A” team(s) and “B” team(s). If we have enough players to create these teams, there will be evaluations for players at those specific age groups. These evaluations will be conducted by Forks Coaches’. In order for your child to play on an “A” team, they must be evaluated by a Forks Coach.



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Playing Time:

- All coaches will make every effort to abide by the following playing time guidelines. Please be advised that these guidelines may be more challenging for coaches of teams with large rosters. It is also difficult as the availability to sub is controlled by the rules of the game as coaches are only able to sub on certain occasions.
- Playing Time per player-- all players on a team's roster must play the following:
 - A-Division, all age groups-- minimum Fifteen (15) minutes per regular season game.
 - B-Division, all age groups-- minimum 40% of game, maximum 60%, depending on size of roster.
- Playing Time per player for tournament play (Palmer Preseason Tournament and Garcia Cup) will be a minimum of 10 minutes per game as they games are much shorter than regular season games.