

Spring 2021 McMinnville Parks & Recreation Youth Soccer Return to Play Plan

GENERAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. The Spring 2021 Youth Soccer program will be slightly restructured from past seasons in order to comply with requirements due to Covid-19. **Registration deadline is Thursday, March 25.**
2. The Recreation program is intended to provide a recreational skill based learning opportunity for players in kindergarten through 6th grade.
3. The program will consist of 7 meetings beginning in April and ending in May. Teams will meet once each week (weeknights at 5 pm or Saturdays 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, or 3 pm).
4. All meetings will take place at Joe Dancer Park:
 - Grades K-1, 1 hour session
 - Grades 2-6, 1 hour 15 minute (75 minutes) session
 - There is a 45 minute buffer between Saturday sessions to disinfect equipment and clean high touch areas.
5. During each session, participants will spend the first 30-40 minutes learning rules, basic skills, and strategy through numerous drills.
6. The final 25-30 minutes will be a scrimmage/game with another Recreation team scheduled for the same time/field.
 - a. During scrimmage activities, teams will play by the modified McMinnville Parks and Recreation rules. <https://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/parksrec/page/soccer>
 - b. High fives and fist bumps between players are not permitted.
7. The schedule will be posted on the Parks and Recreation web page. <https://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/parksrec/page/soccer>
8. Participants will pre-register for the program in Activenet and they will be assigned a coach and placed on teams of 10 or less. Since all meetings will be held at Joe Dancer Park, players will be assigned to teams randomly (volunteer coaches will have their child assigned to their team).
9. Volunteer coaches will be given training on concussion and Covid-19 safety protocols, as well as age appropriate soccer drills.
 - a. Coaches will also act as officials during scrimmage activities for all leagues.
 - b. Parks and Recreation staff will be on-site to monitor activities and support coaches.
10. 2 teams will be assigned to side-by-side fields for the 30-40 minute practice session, then will play their scrimmage/game on one field. During scrimmage/game, there must be an open field between games to help comply with physical distancing requirements.
11. **No spectators allowed.**
 - a. Parents/spectators will stay in the parking lots, or within 20 feet of the parking lots, and will comply with physical distancing requirements.
 - b. Only registered participants, coaches, and staff will be permitted on or near fields.
 - c. Teams will occupy opposite sidelines during their scrimmage game.
12. Cleaning: Restrooms and soccer equipment will be cleaned according to a standardized sanitization procedure and schedule. Portopotties will be cleaned weekdays prior to each session, and between sessions on Saturdays.
13. Portopotty use:

- a. Portopotties will be assigned for use by field.
 - b. Participants (players, coaches, and staff) may only use portopotty assigned to their field.
 - c. General public park users cannot use portopotties assigned to fields, but will have other units available for use.
14. Participants will be asked to use hand sanitizer or handwash station prior to starting activities each day. McMinnville Parks & Recreation will provide disinfectant and hand sanitizer, but participants are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
 15. McMinnville Parks & Recreation will provide staff to assist with safety protocol enforcement, physical distancing reminders, and to clean equipment/high touch areas between sessions.

EQUIPMENT/ATTIRE

1. All participants must wear face coverings over the nose and mouth at all times at Joe Dancer Park from the time they exit their car to the time they get back in their car. Masks can be moved off the mouth briefly to drink.
2. Participants will be asked to provide their own water bottle. Water fountains are turned off.
3. McMinnville Parks & Recreation will provide all participants with a jersey. Participants will provide their own shorts, shin guards, and turf appropriate shoes. No metal cleats are allowed. Shin guards are required.
4. McMinnville Parks and Recreation will provide each field/team with practice balls and cones. Equipment will be cleaned after each session by staff.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE REQUIREMENTS

1. Participants will be asked to arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to their sessions and stay no more than 10 minutes after.
 - a. To ensure the safety of all participants, players will be asked to vacate the premises upon completion of their activities. Standing around and congregating will be prohibited.
 - b. All participants will be screened for fever, cough, chills, and shortness of breath upon arrival each week.
2. There will be separate assigned drop-off points for players. A map will be emailed to parents and posted on our website. <https://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/parksrec/page/soccer>

This plan was written in compliance with Oregon Health Authority Guidance. <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>