



BROOKLYN (CT) YOUTH SOCCER, INC.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Brooklyn Youth Soccer ("BYS") is to organize and provide an environment for the youth of Brooklyn and surrounding communities to learn and play the game of soccer. The program is designed to teach soccer skills to youth of all ages and skill levels and to educate them on the rules of the game. BYS promotes sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, discipline, leadership, self-confidence and fair play. By working together with coaches, parents and players, BYS seeks to provide an opportunity for youth to compete in a fun, encouraging, and positive atmosphere.

Practices: Will be held 2-3 times/week, depending on age, which are usually allowed to begin the week before Labor Day. The **first games** will be the Saturday after Labor Day weekend and the last games are usually the first Saturday in November. Coaches will contact players with more detail about a week prior to the first practice. Games are played between the teams of the QUINEBAUG VALLEY SOCCER ALLIANCE, which includes the towns of Brooklyn, Plainfield, Killingly, and Canterbury. We also play games against Griswold and NECONN (Putnam, Woodstock, Pomfret and Thompson) in some of our older age groups. With a few exceptions, all games are played Saturdays.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR ALL PLAYERS: SHIN GUARDS (rubber or hard plastic only), CLEATS are OPTIONAL, but are *highly recommended*, since players in leagues U8 and above will play in inclement weather conditions. ***NO METAL or jewelry of any kind may be worn during practice or games!!***

Tentative Game Times

Micros-10 a.m. (all games at Prince Hill)
U8 – 1:30 p.m.
U10 – 10:45 a.m.
U12 – 9:00 a.m.
U14- 12:30pm

Playing Fields

Prince Hill Field - Brooklyn
Blackwell & Manship Fields - Canterbury
Shepard Hill & Plainfield Memorial - Plainfield
Owen Bell & Killingly Intermediate - Killingly
Owen Tarr Park - Putnam

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

OUR league has only survived over the years, and will only continue to survive, through the willingness of supporters to volunteer their time. With the exception of referees, EVERYONE involved with BYS is an unpaid volunteer. As with most youth sports leagues, our volunteers are almost exclusively people like YOU – the parents of children who participate in the league. Each season, however, as those children move through the league, we are in need of new volunteers at every level to fill the positions of those who have moved on. Therefore, as always, we are in need of new volunteer Board members, coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, and handypersons to help with occasional field painting and equipment maintenance. Remember, the more volunteers we have, the better OUR league runs and the better experience OUR children will have!!! Contact any current Board Member about a volunteer opportunity.

Sincerely,

BYS Board of Directors