



## **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:** Are usually held 2-3 times/week, depending on age, and can begin *mid-April*. The first games will be *two weeks after* the first practices, and the last games on or about *the last week of school*. Coaches will receive their rosters about the first week of April and will contact families with additional detail about practices shortly thereafter. Games are played between the teams from the towns of Brooklyn, Plainfield, Killingly, and Canterbury and NECONN. The majority of games, with a few exceptions, are played on Saturdays.

**Coaches:** All coaches please plan to attend the coaches' meeting will be held on TBD at Prince Hill Field. You will receive your equipment and rules, regulations and any new procedures or areas of emphasis will be discussed. Immediately after is the annual field setup. All help would be appreciated.

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

### **Game Times**

Micros – 10 a.m.  
U8 – 1:30 p.m.  
U10 – 10:30 a.m.  
U12 – 9:00 a.m.  
U14 – 12 p.m.  
U18 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Playing Fields**

Prince Hill & Brooklyn Middle School-Brooklyn  
Blackwell & Manship Field-Canterbury  
Shepard Hill & Plainfield Memorial-Plainfield  
Owen Bell & Killingly Intermediate-Killingly  
Owen Tarr Park-Putnam  
(Note: All micro games held at Prince Hill Field)

### **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*