

NECONN Soccer Club
Welcome's you to MICRO Soccer
Spring 2012

Dear Parents of Micro Soccer Players,

Welcome to the NECONN Soccer Club which includes players from the towns of Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, and Woodstock. We will be following the guidelines of "MICRO SOCCER" which means that our children, ages five and six, will be learning the skills of the game, in a fun environment. You will see how they enjoy themselves playing games like shark and minnows, red light - green light, and marbles. After the skill games, they will be broken out into groups to compete in "The Micro World Cup" 3V3 soccer matches.

This game format consists of 2 teams, each having 3 or 4 players. The games are played without goalies and "goal hanging" will be discouraged. This format allows each player to have more touches on the ball during the game. Encouraging the children to make the correct decision to pass or shoot, teaches better ball control and the players learn to work together on the field as a team. An added bonus is that there will be more opportunities for goals to be scored by all.

Each Micro player will need for following equipment: cleats or sneakers, shin guards with soccer socks **covering** the shin guards, and a **water bottle** to bring to all practices and games. A soccer T-shirt will be provided at the first session. We also encourage your child to bring his/her soccer ball to practice as well as play at home. Please put your child's name on the ball. If you are looking to purchase a ball, please purchase a Size 3 ball. You can find this equipment at almost any department or sports store.

This spring, the coaches from BEST Soccer will again be helping us with our Micro program. The kids and town coaches always benefit from working with these professionals. We will hold two sessions each Saturday at the Woodstock Middle School. The first session will be the players from Woodstock, and Pomfret and will go from 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. The second session will be the players from Thompson, Danielson and Putnam and will go from 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

As always, we encourage parents to help out with the children. We will be going around and asking parents to assist us on the field.

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- The first session will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Woodstock Middle School in Woodstock.
- Practice sessions will be from 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. or 10:30 p.m. - 11:45 a.m., every Saturday morning through June 16th, with the exception of May 26, 2011. The NECONN Soccer Club does not play any games on Memorial Day Weekend.
- Please help out in the flow of practice by arriving at the fields at least 10 minutes before the start time.
- There are very strict rules on earrings and anything metal (including in hair). The rule is "It must come out". The holes in your child's ear will NOT close up during practice time. This is a club rule and also a rule from CJSA. An earring can easily get caught in a shirt, especially with the younger players, as they tend to bunch together when they play.
- What do we do about inclement weather? If it is a light drizzle, we continue to play. Very rarely do we call the day because of rain, but it has happened before. Our fields can get quite soft and wet. The coaching coordinators will check the forecast and the fields early to make the decision to cancel the practice. Please listen to WINY Radio Station (860-928-1350).

For the latest information on the club visit our web site at www.neconn.org.

We are looking forward to having a FUN soccer season!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your town representative at www.neconn.org.