



Beaver County YMCA Youth Soccer League - Spring 2021



OBJECTIVE:

The **Beaver County YMCA Youth Soccer League** is a co-ed league where all participants have an opportunity to play, grow and learn in a safe and fun environment. We prioritize and promote skill and character development over winning and competition. We understand that healthy competition has its place but not at the expense of sportsmanship, fair play and respect.

PROGRAM DATES:

Week of April 11th to Week of May 30th (8 weeks)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Sunday March 28th, 11:59 pm

LOCATION:

All practices and games for all age categories will be held at the **New Brighton Sewage Treatment Building** located at the following address: **22 Concord Street in New Brighton, PA, 15066.**

AGE CATEGORIES:

- 4 - 5 year olds
- 6 - 8 year olds
- 9 - 11 year olds
- 12 - 14 year olds

INFORMATION PER AGE CATEGORY*:

	4-5	6-8	9-13	14-17
Number of teams**	2 teams	2 teams	2 teams	2 teams

* Some parameters are subject to change during the season for the betterment of the league.

** May be subject to change based on final participant registration numbers per age category.



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	4-5	6-8	9-13	14-17
Players per team**	6	12	12	12
Number of players on field	3 vs. 3 <i>(No goalie)</i>	6 vs. 6 <i>(Including goalie)</i>	6 vs. 6 <i>(Including goalie)</i>	6 vs. 6 <i>(Including goalie)</i>
Field size**	20 x 25 meters	30 x 45 meters	30 x 45 meters	30 x 45 meters
Game length (Running time)	4 x 8 min quarters	2 x 25 min halves	2 x 25 min halves	2 x 25 min halves
Shift length	4 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Ball size	#3	#4	#5	#5
Goal size	4' x 3 ½'	6' x 12'	6' x 12'	6' x 12'
Practice day & time	Mondays 5:00 – 6:00 pm	Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:00 pm	Mondays 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm

NEW PROCEDURE & POLICY CHANGES DUE TO CDC & COVID-19:

- Upon arrival at the field, participants will check in with the coach and will use hand sanitizer in preparation for practices/games.
- All practice soccer balls and games balls will be sanitized after every practice and game.
- Hand sanitizer will be at the player's bench area for each team to use after every game shift.

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- Due to the program being outside, no facemasks are mandatory for players. However, we would ask that parents and spectators wear a facemask when not social distant from other families both during practices and games and adhere to any other CDC social distancing guidelines.
- Games will no longer be back to back as there will be a 30-minute transition time in between games in order to minimize traffic in the building, sanitize equipment and encourage social distancing.

GAME SCHEDULES:

All games will be played Saturday between 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Teams will be made up on the spot. The game day schedule will go as follow:

- 4 - 5 years old → 10:00 – 11:00 am (Small Field)
- *30-minute transition*
- 6 - 8 years old → 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (Big Field)
- *30-minute transition*
- 9 - 11 years old → 1:00 – 2:00 pm (Big Field)
- *30-minute transition*
- 12 - 14 years old → 2:30 – 3:30 pm (Big Field)

The 30-minute transition period will be implemented in order to respect the CDC guidelines of social gatherings and distancing, letting one age group completely exit before the next age group enters. This will also allow for our staff to disinfect materials and equipment as well as make any other setup adjustments for the following game.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Proper footwear is required either cleats or running shoes, no flip flops, crocs or sandals are allowed.



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- It is recommended to have outdoor soccer cleats for better traction but are not mandatory (only plastic cleats, metal cleats are forbidden).
- Shin guard are mandatory for safety reasons.
- Purchased game reversible jerseys will be provided by the Beaver County YMCA for those who ordered one upon registration.
- A water bottle is highly encouraged for proper hydration during physical activity.
- Because it is an outdoor soccer league, proper outdoor sports apparel is required depending on how cold or warm the weather is and if it is raining or sunny. We recommend checking the forecast before coming out and dressing up in layers to be safe as it is always easier to take layers off rather than add them on if you don't have the appropriate clothing to do so.

RULE MODIFICATIONS:

- Substitutions will take place every 4 minutes for the 4-5 age category and every 5 minutes for all other age categories.
- Halftime will be 2-5 minutes.
- Offside violation only for the oldest age category on the big sized field (subject to change)
- Time will only stop on timeouts and penalty shots.
 - 1 timeout in first half, 1 timeout in second half and 1 floating timeout
 - Timeouts are only called by the coaches from the bench
- All other PIAA standard rules apply

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Parents are kindly asked to be on the opposite side of the players' bench and scoreboard area (a couple meters away) during both games and practices in order allow players to have room for kicks and throw-ins and avoid as many distractions as possible.



- No park benches or seating will be available at the field, so please bring camping chairs or blankets if you would like to sit while spectating.
- All activities shall be stopped immediately as soon as thunder is heard or lightning is visible. All participants should remove themselves to a safe location, inside a building or vehicle. Activities shall not resume until 30 minutes after thunder is last heard.
- Trash receptacles will be provided at the field. All trash and debris must be properly disposed of prior to the leaving the field. Failure to do so could result in the loss of future field use privileges.
- Portable sanitation facilities are not provided at the field. Please use the Beaver County YMCA if you or your child requires to go to the restroom and take this into consideration when coming to practices or games as it will be your responsibility to bring them in the case of an emergency restroom situation. ;)
- All league participants, parents and visitors shall park along Concord Street and access the field by foot utilizing either of the two access roads.
- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, profanity, and objectionable language or disorderly conduct are strictly prohibited. Anyone doing so will kindly be asked to leave the field.

FIELD DIRECTIONS:

The field is a 3-minute drive or 12-minute walk from the Beaver County YMCA, so not too far if you need to use the facility for whatever reason.

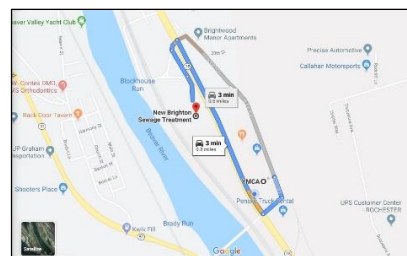


Figure 1 & 2: View of the field from 3rd Avenue & Google Map Directions view from the Beaver County YMCA to the field.



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From the Beaver County YMCA, head towards the following address, **22 Concord Street in New Brighton**, following one of two following options:

YMCA
2236 3rd Ave, New Brighton, PA 15066

- ↑ Head north on 3rd Ave
0.4 mi
- ↶ Turn left onto Penn Ave Exd
285 ft
- ↷ Slight left toward Concord St
400 ft
- ↑ Continue onto Concord St
328 ft

New Brighton Sewage Treatment
22 Concord St, New Brighton, PA 15066

YMCA
2236 3rd Ave, New Brighton, PA 15066

- ↑ Head south on 3rd Ave toward YMCA Dr
285 ft
- ↷ 3rd Ave turns right and becomes YMCA Dr
328 ft
- ↷ Turn right onto PA-18 N/PA-65 N
0.5 mi
- ↶ Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Penn Ave Exd
157 ft
- ↷ Slight left toward Concord St
400 ft
- ↑ Continue onto Concord St
328 ft

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Figure 3: Aerial View of field, parking area and Beaver County YMCA.



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If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at youthprograms@beavercountyyymca.org or give me call in the office by phoning (724) 891-8439 ext. 309. We look forward to an exciting and fun filled season with you all.

Tim

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