

## **MARSHFIELD FALL SOCCER**

### **GOALS OF OUR PROGRAM**

1. This is a recreational league. Our goals are to teach sportsmanship, team play and soccer skills.
2. In competition, someone always loses. If you win, do it gracefully, not boastfully. If you lose, do not allow the child to become negative.
3. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch practices as well as games and lend the young players support in a positive manner. The overall purpose of the program is for parents and children to enjoy the game of soccer.
4. Disagreements with the coach or officials do not belong on public soccer fields. Questions, input, and positive suggestions should be voiced to the coach and/or MYSA member in an adult atmosphere. (The youth players should not be present.)
5. Referees this year will again be high school players. They are also learning how to officiate soccer matches. If a clear violation of game rules has occurred without being called by the official, please have the team coach point it out to the referee.

### **NOTES FOR PARENTS**

1. Recommended equipment includes a soccer ball (size 3 for K-1<sup>st</sup> grade group) (size 4 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade group), shin guards, shorts, sweatpants and shirt for cooler weather, rubber soled athletic shoes, a mouth guard for goalies, and a sports ban for glasses. Cleated athletic shoes are not required. However, no child will be allowed to play wearing athletic shoes with metal cleats. Shin guards will again be required this year. They are available at area sporting goods stores.
2. No games will be played during thunderstorms. Cancellations will be put on WDLB at noon on Sundays when Packer games are not being aired. Coaches will also be notified. Cancelled games will not be made up. The K-1<sup>st</sup> grade group will meet only on Sundays. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group will have one practice during the week and the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade group could have 2 practices per week. These practices should be for 1 to 1 ½ hours as determined by coaches and their respective teams. Players are assigned to teams in their age group. If you feel your child is at the wrong skill level of his or her size, you can request a move up or down to the next age group by calling the Marshfield Parks and Recreation Department at 384-4642 ext 0.
3. Parents are encouraged to bring water for the players to drink before, during and after the game. Dehydration is a major concern for young soccer players.
4. The season will run for 7 weeks.