



**Registration for the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 NGS TRAVEL PROGRAM is now open.**

Please read the entire message for important information about registration, fees, assessments, volunteering and more. For detailed descriptions of our programs, visit our [website](#). For registration assistance, email [registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org](mailto:registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org).

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

### **Registration Deadline**

**July 17 is the on-time registration deadline for the Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 Travel Soccer Program.**

Players registering after July 17 will be added to a wait list and a **\$50 late fee** will be added to the cost of the program.

Setting up travel teams is a complicated process. Please support our efforts by meeting this registration deadline.

### **Wait List**

**Only girls registered by the July 17 deadline are guaranteed a spot on a team.** If you register late and your daughter is put on a wait list, we will make every effort to place her on a team. Names will be taken off the waitlist on a first-come, first-serve basis as space allows. Your credit card will not be charged unless your daughter is placed on a team.

### **Registration Criteria**

The NGS Travel Program is open to girls that live in or attend school in Newton. Players register for the division that aligns with both their grade (in fall 2020) and birthdate. The age and grade criteria replace the former U9-U14 divisions and meet US Soccer's birth year registration mandate. The 2020-2021 playing groups will consist of the following:

- Grade 3 - Players must be in the third grade AND born on or after 1/1/2011
- Grade 4 - Players must be in the fourth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2010
- Grade 5 - Players must be in the fifth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2009
- Grade 6 - Players must be in the sixth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2008
- Grade 7/8 - Players must be in the eighth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2006

**Important note to rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** NGS usually has two options for third graders, [city](#) and [travel](#). **We have made the difficult decision to only offer city soccer for third graders this fall.** This will allow all of our players another chance to participate on teams with friends and classmates. We hope to conduct parent education on the difference between the two programs this fall and in the spring of 2021, restart 3rd grade travel.

## NGS Travel Player Commitment Agreement

When you register your daughter for the travel program, you are asked to electronically sign a commitment agreement. Please read the agreement carefully and discuss the requirements with your daughter. **If there is any doubt that she will be able to fully participate, please consider registering for the City Program instead.** The agreement is as follows:

By registering, I [player and parent] understand that I am joining the Newton Girls Soccer Travel Program for the 2020/2021 seasons.

My commitment includes both the fall and spring seasons. I understand that by committing to my assigned team and to NGS I will be expected to participate in regularly scheduled practices, league games, tournaments and all other team obligations.

In case of an emergency, illness, or conflict with an important family, school or religious event, I will notify the team manager and/or coaching staff in advance. I understand that my teammates rely on my commitment and I am promising to myself as well as my teammates to live up to this commitment by joining the team.

I understand that any unexcused or frequent absences will be taken into account for both my playing time during games and team placement for future seasons.

Player Commitment:

- Practices: Travel teams practice a minimum of two (2) times per week for the duration of the fall and spring seasons.
- Fall games: 10 games on Saturdays
- Winter indoor training: Optional
- Spring games: 10 games on Saturdays

Acceptance:

I understand the requirements as outlined in this agreement. By checking below I indicate that I accept my assigned travel team and agree to all commitments.

## Travel Program Fees

Grade 3: \$205, includes spring season only. Registration opens in November 2020.

Grades 4 – 8: \$410, includes fall and spring seasons. On 7/18 the fee will increase to \$460.

## Sibling Discount

If you are registering more than one child for an NGS program, you can receive a \$20 discount for each additional player from the same family. Blue Sombrero will only automatically apply the sibling discount if you register 2 or more siblings in the same NGS program (e.g., both in travel or both in the city program) at the same time. **If your children play in different NGS programs, please email [registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org](mailto:registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org) BEFORE you register to get a discount code.**

## Scholarships

It is the policy of Newton Girls Soccer that no girl should be denied the opportunity to play soccer due to her family's financial situation. To request financial assistance for any NGS programs, email the NGS President at [president@newtongirlssoccer.org](mailto:president@newtongirlssoccer.org). All scholarship requests are confidential. NGS may request documentation of need.

Requests should be submitted by email at least 7 days before the program registration deadline. Scholarships cannot be applied retroactively. Once you have registered and paid, we cannot refund your money in lieu of a scholarship.

Your request should include:

- Player's Name and Grade
- Guardians' Name, Phone Number, and Email
- Program Name
- Amount that you are able to contribute towards the registration fee

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

Registrants must cancel prior to **July 31** to receive a refund, less a **\$50 cancellation fee**. After this date, there are no refunds, except in the following situations:

- **Given the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 outbreak, registrants will receive a full refund of NGS registration fees if a season is entirely cancelled due to social distancing measures, league cancellations, or school closures.** Multi-season programs that register annually instead of one season at a time will receive a prorated refund to cover the season that was cancelled. Travel is a two-season program: fall and spring. Each season is valued at 50% of the annual registration fee.
- If a player moves out of Newton and notifies the registrar before the season starts, she may receive a refund of the registration fee, less a cancellation fee. Proof of relocation must be submitted when requesting the refund. Once the season starts, there are no refunds for moves.
- If a player has a season-ending injury, she may receive a pro-rated refund. A note from a doctor must be submitted within two weeks of the injury.
- If a player transfers from the Travel program to the City program after the cutoff date (July 15), they forfeit the price difference.

## Online Registration

Newton Girls Soccer uses Sports Connect (formerly called Blue Sombrero) to administer the club's registrations and manage communication. Click here to [REGISTER NOW](#). Login to your existing Blue Sombrero account or follow prompts to create a new account.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOU ARE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR THE CORRECT PROGRAM FOR HER GRADE IN FALL 2020. If the program you are looking for doesn't appear as an option, please email the NGS Registrar for help.

Please note that Sports Connect will add a \$3.00 service fee to each transaction.

When you are finished registering online you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please email the NGS Registrar to confirm your registration was successful.

If you have questions, please email Marysol Masse-Makimura, NGS Registrar, at [registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org](mailto:registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org).

### **Team Placement**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, NGS was unable to hold travel assessments. All girls who register for travel teams before the June 30 deadline will be placed on a team according to her skill level. Players will be assigned to teams by the NGS Travel Committee after careful consideration of coach evaluations. We do not consider friend requests or schools. Families will be notified of their team placements by email in late summer. Coaches are asked to keep team placements confidential until all teams have been chosen. Please help your daughter have a positive soccer experience by supporting her assigned team.

**With few exceptions, travel players stay with the same team for both the fall and spring soccer seasons. You DO NOT need to register again in the spring.**

### **Player Safety Policy**

**Please DO NOT pierce ears within 6 weeks of the season start date.** Players may not wear jewelry during practices or games. This includes, but is not limited to bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, beads, barrettes and other hard or sharp items. Newly pierced ears may not be taped. Earrings must be removed. Players may not participate with casts or splints of any kind. If a player refuses or is unable to remove the prohibited item, she will be asked to sit on the sidelines and may not participate in the soccer activity. There are no exceptions to this rule for the safety of all our players.

### **Travel Uniforms**

All NGS Travel players are required to wear an official uniform for games. The jersey is orange with the player's last name and number (assigned by the registrar) on the back and the NGS logo on the front. The shorts are navy and the socks are orange.

Our partnership with Number One Source will provide you with a one-stop, online shop for all of your travel uniform and gear needs. Parents are responsible for ordering the correct sized jersey, shorts and socks. Your order will be delivered directly to you.

Please place your order through our [online store](#) at least 3 weeks before the season begins. If you order after August 10 there is no guarantee that you will receive your order before the start of the fall season.

You only need to order a new travel uniform if your daughter does not have one or her current uniform does not fit.

We strongly suggest that you confirm the size of the jersey and shorts before ordering. Samples are available to try on at Lapels Dry Cleaners, 319 Walnut Street, Newtonville (617-527-6700). Because the jerseys are custom orders, there are no returns or refunds.

If you have any questions about your order, please call Number One Source customer service at 617-593-7865 or e-mail [num1source@aol.com](mailto:num1source@aol.com). Other questions can be directed to [registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org](mailto:registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org).

Additional instructions are on our website: <http://newtongirlssoccer.org/store/travel-uniforms/>.

### **Volunteering/Coaching**

NGS relies on parent coaches to help us accommodate the 1200+ girls who participate in our programs each year. **All volunteers receive support and guidance. Our main prerequisite for volunteers is a willingness to learn and a commitment to show up.** By all accounts, it is very rewarding to work with our soccer players and with the other volunteers in our community! Coaching a team includes teaching game skills, sportsmanship, team play, and other aspects of the game, as well as providing a high level of organization to the team both on and off the field. You will receive coach education and materials.

**Please sign up to coach on Sports Connect when you register your daughter for the season.** We cannot form teams until we identify a head coach for each team.

**Interested in volunteering in other ways?** Please email [registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org](mailto:registrar@newtongirlssoccer.org) and we'll try to match you up with one of the best volunteer jobs you'll ever love.

We are looking for volunteers and Board members who:

- Dedicate themselves to equitably serving all NGS players, from kindergarten to high school, from most casual player to girls who may someday play in college.
- Understand that the lasting benefits most girls will get out of their soccer experience will be friendships, life lessons and good health, not trophies or medals.
- Appreciate that NGS occupies a special place not only in our city but in the world of youth soccer, as one of the only programs focusing exclusively on the needs of girls.

There's a volunteer job for virtually every skill set and schedule. Or, if you'd rather volunteer for with specific tasks or events and not make a longer-term commitment, you can help that way too.