



# WELCOME LETTER

2020 – 2021

Nature Coast Soccer Club



Nature Coast Soccer Family:

Welcome to the 2020 – 2021 Fall season at Nature Coast Soccer! We hope everyone is excited and ready to get started on a new season of soccer. First let me just say we are doing some new stuff this year with our recreational players. We are excited to introduce a night of training for every age group this year not just our U6 and U8 divisions. This welcome letter should explain most of the upcoming season with dates and info, however if you have any questions reach out to our board members on our Website [naturecoastsoccer.com](http://naturecoastsoccer.com), or like us on Facebook. You can always email me directly at [president@naturecoastsoccer.com](mailto:president@naturecoastsoccer.com) anytime.

Age Group (Birth Year)	Ball Size	Practice	Number players on Field	Max Number of players on Team	Length of game
Little Lightning {2017}	3	Once a week Saturdays			Open Play Have Fun
U6 (2015-2016)	3	Academy Tue @ 5:30 (5:00 after time change) Second practice coaches schedule	3 v 3	6	4 – 10min Quarters
U8 (2013-2014)	3	Academy Thurs @ 5:30 (5:00 after time change) Second practice coaches schedule	4 v 4	8	4 – 12min quarters
U10 (2011-2012)	4	Training Mon @ 5:30 (5:00 after time change) Second practice coaches schedule	7 v 7	10	2 – 25min Halves
U12 (2009-2010)	4	Training Wed @ 5:30 (5:00 after time change) Second practice coaches schedule	9 v 9	12	2 – 30min Halves
U14 (2007-2008)	5	Two times a week. Coaches Schedule	11 v 11	15	2-35min Halves
U16 (2005-2006)	5	Two times a week. Coaches Schedule	11 v 11	15	2 - 40min Halves

Fridays & Sunday Afternoons – Elite Academy Training Only @ 5:30 (5:00 after time change) on Fridays  
Sundays TBD.

- **EQUIPMENT:** We provide your player’s uniform; this includes jersey, shorts, and socks. You will need to provide soccer cleats, shin guards, and the proper size ball for your player’s age (see chart above). No player will be allowed to play or practice on club fields without shin guards.
- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE/ PLAYER PHOTOS:** Each player is required by the state to be age verified. To accommodate this requirement, you will need to provide the club a copy of the player birth certificate by uploading into the document section of your player’s registration. Florida Youth Soccer has wiped all player photos from the database that are used for player passes and will do so every 2 years going forward. The photo must be clear of head and shoulders only and uploaded into the player’s profile on [gotsoccer.com](http://gotsoccer.com)



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- **FUNDRAISERS:** We will be having at least one fundraiser this year. Participating in a fundraiser is a great way to show support for your club, team, and player. 100% participation is our goal. Remember to keep grandparents, friends, and other relatives in mind when fundraising.
- **PLAYER EVALUATIONS:** Player evaluations for player placement on teams. ALL players U8 through U16 need to attend their evaluation date for their specified age group. No evaluations for U6 and Little Lightning. Please show up rain or shine as we will do whatever we need to get these done. We will not do them if lightning is in the area. Players must be evaluated to be placed on teams to make teams as fair as possible. The dates are as follows:

- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> U8 @ 5:30
- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> U10 @ 5:30
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> U12 @ 5:30
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> U14/U16 @ 5:30
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> MAKE UP DAY @ 5:30

Uniforms will be available at this time to try on!

- **THE DRAFT:** Teams will be drafted based on age and experience on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Once the draft is complete, uniforms are ordered. If you are not contacted by Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> then please contact us by one of the above-mentioned contact methods.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
  - Parents Meeting Sept 12<sup>th</sup> @ Gulf to Lake Church - Time 9:00am – 10:00am
  - Coaches Meeting & Training Sept 12<sup>th</sup> @ Gulf to Lake Church – Time 10:00am - Noon
  - Opening Day October 17<sup>th</sup>. ALL players and teams at Fields at 8:00 am for opening ceremonies.
- **REMOVING A PLAYER FROM THE CLUB:** Once your player is placed on a team, **they will not be allowed to switch teams.** Please do not ask that your player be placed on a team with another player because of carpooling or any other reason; or to be placed on a specific team because you or your player has another commitment on a specific night of the week. If, once your player is placed on a team, you decide to remove your player from the Club; you must notify the recreational Club Registrar in writing. All refunds requests are subject to a \$30 per player processing fee. Any refunds from the club will be based on costs already accrued by the club at a prorated amount and will be approved by the BOD.



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- **PRACTICES:** Practices will begin approximately the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. As always, coaches will be asked to solicit the team as to what days will be best for all players; however, ultimately it will be your coaches' option as to when practices will be held unless as stated above. All age groups can practice no more than twice a week. All matches will be played on Saturdays. If for some reason you are unable to attend practices on the day and time your coach has chosen you will not be able to switch teams.  
**\*\*Please note** our U8 and up play in the West Citrus Soccer League and could travel for some games.
- **CODE OF CONDUCT:** As always, our goal remains to teach the fundamentals of soccer, and above all, instill good sportsmanship in the players. Please read the Code of Conduct given to you and discuss it with your player. This will help the season to run smoothly and provide you and your player with an enjoyable soccer experience.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** The Board would like to thank all the volunteers that help our Club run so smoothly. If you are interested in getting more involved, please feel free to reach out to any of our current board members located on our website.
- **REGISTRATION FEE:** The registration fee you paid today includes the following:
  - A five-month soccer season
  - National background checks for all coaches and board members
  - Uniform (jersey, short and socks)
  - Registration fees to the State Association/Insurance
  - Equipment (games balls, nets, cones, etc.)
  - Referee Fees
  - Paint to line fields
- **END OF SEASON:** Recreational season ends on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our in-house tournament will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. ALL teams are required to play in this tournament. This is NOT up to parents and/or coaches. This is part of the schedule.

Nature Coast vs West Citrus tournament will follow on TBD. At least the two top teams from our in-house tournament will represent Nature Coast in this tournament. To be held at Nature Coast Fields this year.