



IPSWICH YOUTH SOCCER

Safety and Field Usage Guidelines

Zero Tolerance Policy

The volunteer Board of Ipswich Youth Soccer (“IYS”) has established the following safety guidelines pertaining to the use of all soccer fields available to IYS for both games and practices, including those located at the Bialek Park/Kimball Avenue, Doyon Elementary School, Ipswich Town Hall, Ipswich YMCA, and New England Biolabs. These guidelines have been written to ensure the safety of our players, parents, coaches, and spectators.

These guidelines are available on the IYS website. Parents, coaches, and spectators are all expected to comply with these guidelines. It is also expected that parents will inform any extended family members, friends, or other invited spectators of these guidelines.

We ask your compliance with these guidelines in order to allow uninterrupted play to continue for this league. Continued noncompliance could result in the loss of field space and the interruption of play for not only your player, but all our players in our Youth Soccer program. The safety and enjoyment of our players is our first and foremost responsibility, and we ask your assistance in insuring this.

Please review these guidelines carefully. Registering for an IYS season requires a commitment from players and their families to comply with these guidelines. If this commitment cannot be made, we kindly ask that the decision to register for the season be reconsidered. Please contact any league representative or Board member if you have any questions.

- At all fields, vehicles must be parked off of the roadway. For safety reasons, no parked vehicles may block traffic at any time.
- Parking signs are not to be moved. These signs are placed in specific areas to designate the available parking areas.
- For safety reasons, please do not allow your player to play soccer in the roadways on the way to or from your vehicle.
- At all fields, please park only in designated parking areas. At many locations, designated areas are indicated by sandwich boards, signs, cones, or other markers.
 - ⇒ At the Doyon Elementary School, the Ipswich Town Hall, and the Ipswich YMCA, parking spaces are clearly outlined.
 - ⇒ At the Bialek Park/Kimball Avenue fields, vehicles must be parked in the parking area past the two fields. For safety reasons, no vehicles may park along the fields during games.
 - ⇒ At the New England Biolabs, the parking area for **practices** is specifically the parking corral on your left. On **game days**, the parking area is the corral and the designated IYS parking area on the right side of the driveway as you enter the gate of the property. Vehicles may not park along the left side of the driveway at any time, unless in the corral.
- For the safety of both pedestrians and drivers, there is no walking allowed in the roadway at the New England Biolabs, as the Biolabs are open for business 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please walk on the right side of the road on the way to the fields, and the left side of the road on the way back to your vehicles.
- During both games and practices, no IYS traffic is permitted beyond the stone bridge at the New England Biolabs without prior request and approval of the IYS Board, and therefore no drop-offs are allowed at the fields. Players must either be dropped off with a coach at the parking corral or parents must park their vehicle and walk their player to his/her field.
- All non-playing children are to be supervised at all times.
- As such items can catch on another item during play and cause injury, jewelry cannot be worn during a practice or game. Only jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition is permissible.
- As with most youth sports programs in Ipswich, the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on all our fields during games and/or practices.
- To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all our participants and spectators, no dogs are to be brought to the fields during both games and practices. Dogs prove to be a distraction for many players, when attention should be on the game. In addition, animal feces create quite a mess at the fields, and the coaches are often the ones cleaning it up.
- For both games and practices, there is a “carry in, carry out” policy regarding trash.
- At all times, IYS has a Zero Tolerance policy for all unsportsmanlike conduct and other negative behaviors on and off the field by players, parents, supporters, or coaches. This includes any abusive or obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting or other behavior detrimental to the game or directed at opposing players or referees will not be tolerated, and the Board reserves the right to take action against any violations.