

**Hempfield Soccer Club
Parent and Player Guide
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Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

Please review the Hempfield Soccer Club guidelines for your child's (children's) age group in this booklet with your child and discuss them on an age-appropriate basis. I hope that you find the information informative and helpful.

The purpose of the guide is to communicate Club procedures and policies. Additionally, the Guide communicates the philosophy of the Club and the expectations of players and parents. As Hempfield Soccer Club members, both parents and players are held to high standards of sportsmanship, commitment, and respect set forth by the Club and US Youth Soccer. The aim of these high standards is to develop capable, "life-long" soccer players and produce reputable young people.

I hope that you and your child enjoy the game. Some of my fondest childhood memories are playing soccer games and watching professional indoor soccer games (The Pittsburgh Spirit) with my father!

Sincerely,

Linda Lee Hershey

Director of Player and Coaching Development

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U8 PROGRAM

In the fall of 1999, the Hempfield Soccer Club adopted United States Youth Soccer Association's (USYSA) Guidelines for Small Sided Games. The reason is to reduce the number of players on the field and the size of the field, and to provide the players with more opportunities to kick the ball, score goals, and have fun. The objectives of the U8 program are to develop the individual player, for the players to have fun, and for the players to desire playing soccer in the future. In the U8 program the score is not kept nor recorded. Learning and Having Fun should be emphasized. Coaches and Parents should not emphasize winning or losing.

The U8 Program will see the following changes for the 2004 Spring Season.

- Four sessions of structured, age appropriate, team-based instructional sessions led by Linda Lee Hershey, our recently hired U8 Director of Coaching and Player Development
- Training for, and introduction of the goalkeeper position for the 2nd Grade Teams (second half of the season will be played with an individual in the goal)

These enhancements are being made in order to further the development of each participant in the U8 program. With the addition of Linda Lee to the program, we have the ability to offer top-notch instruction to both the coaches and the players. This will have the added benefit of a more consistent skills development progression within the program.

U8 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The U8 Kindergarten program of the Hempfield Soccer Club is based on The Official 3v3 Program recommended by USYSA.

Field Size: Approximately 30x20 yard field.

Laws of the Game: Modified

Roster Size: No more than 6 players.

Field Players: 3 players on the field during the game (no goalkeeper).

Playing Time: All players play just about the same amount of time during the games.

Ball size: 3.

Games: Saturdays, One 32 minute game, 4 - 8 minute quarters.

Practices: One, 1 hour evening practice per week.

Fall Season: Begins the first weekend after Labor Day and runs for 8 weeks.

Spring Season: Begins in early April or the first weekend after Easter and runs for 8 weeks (No games Memorial Day Weekend. No games Easter weekend.)

U8 1ST AND 2ND GRADE PROGRAM

The U8 1st and 2nd Grade program of the Hempfield Soccer Club is based on The Official 4v4 Program recommended by USYSA.

Field Size: Approximately 50x30 yard field.

Laws of the Game: Modified

Roster Size: No more than 8 players.

Field Players: 4 players on the field during the game (no goalkeeper).

Playing Time: All players play just about the same amount of time during the games.

Ball size: 3.

Games: Saturdays, One 48 minute game, 4 - 12 minute quarters.

Practices: One, 1 hour evening practice per week.

Fall Season: Begins the first weekend after Labor Day and runs for 8 weeks.

Spring Season: Begins in early April or the first weekend after Easter and runs for 8 weeks (No games Memorial Day Weekend. No games Easter weekend.)

U10 INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Both U10 Boys and Girls play other Intramural U10 teams and may play in or out of house. The U10 intramural program of the Hempfield Soccer Club is based on the Official 8v8 U10 Program recommended by the USYSA (United States Youth Soccer Association). The composition of teams may be revised after the fall season, depending on number of players who sign up and ability of those players. Coaches are to provide the opportunity to players to play and learn a variety of positions. Individual player development remains the focus of the program. Instruction also includes some beginning tactics and team concepts.

Field Size: 70x50 yard field.

Laws of the Game: Modified

Roster Size: About 12 players.

Field Players: 8 players on the field during the game (including goalkeeper).

Playing Time: All players play at least 50% of the total playing time.

Ball size: 4.

Games: Boys - Saturday Mornings, Girls - Sunday Afternoons.

Practices: Two, 1 hour 15 minute evening practice twice per week.

Fall Season: Begins the first weekend after Labor Day and runs for 8 weeks.

Spring Season: Begins in late March /early April or the first weekend after Easter and runs for 8 weeks.

Fall Tournaments: Girls – usually the last weekend of October.

Spring Tournaments: Girls – usually the weekend after Memorial Day

Observance

U12 - U19 INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

The Intramural Teams in this age group play “out-of-house.” Hempfield teams play other intramural teams within Lancaster County. The Intramural Coordinators attempt to make the intramural teams competitive within each age group. The composition of teams may be revised after the fall season, depending on number of players who sign up and ability of those players. Individual skills are still taught. However, the emphasis on team play will be addressed as players progress through the years.

Field Size: Length - 100-130 yards; Width - 50-100 yards. Length always exceeds width.

Laws of the Game: Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with some modifications.

Roster Size: An average roster size is 16 players.

Field Players: 11 players on the field during the game (including goalkeeper).

Playing Time: All players play at least 50% of the total playing time.

Ball size: U12 - Size 4. U14 and older - Size 5.

Games: Boys - Saturday Mornings, Girls - Sunday Afternoons.

Practices: Two, 1 hour 30 minute (maximum) evening practice, twice per week.

Fall Season: Begins the first weekend after Labor Day and runs for 8 weeks.

Spring Season: Begins in late March/early April or the first weekend after Easter and runs for 8 weeks.

Fall Tournaments: Girls – usually the last weekend of October.

Spring Tournaments: Girls – usually the weekend after Memorial Day
Observance

Travel Teams

The goal of the Hempfield Soccer Club is to field at least one team of the most qualified players in each age group to represent the Club in league and tournament play. The program is designed to develop each player to reach full soccer potential as individual and team players.

The Hempfield Soccer Club sponsors boys and girls travel teams for ages U10 - U19. The travel program is open to all residents located in the Hempfield School District. Players from other school districts who are without a club team at their age level may tryout for HSC U10 and U11 Travel Teams. U12 and up is open to outside players. **

The objectives of the travel program are:

- Enhance the player's technical and tactical skills so they can effectively compete at an advanced level.
- Learn sound sports values.
- Create interest and challenge through a competitive environment.
- Have fun and make the experience positive and memorable.
- Develop a winning attitude.

Field Size: U10 70x50 yard field; U11-U19 Length-100-130 yards; Width - 50-100 yards.

Laws of the Game: Conform to all FIFA Laws of the Game with some modifications.

Roster Size: Rosters are typically 16 - 18 players. A travel roster may not consist of more than 18 players. U10 Rosters are no larger than 14 players.

Field Players: U10 - 8 players (including goalkeeper). U11-U19 - 11 players (including goalkeeper).

Playing Time: There is no guaranteed amount of playing time as a travel player.

Ball size: U10, U11, U12 - Size 4. U13 and older - Size 5.

Games: Approximately one per week, typically, Saturday or Sunday Afternoons. Usually within the county or not more than an hour away.

Practices: Two - Three times per week, about an hour and a half each.

Team Camp: Held in August, dates to be announced at tryouts.

Fall Season: Begins the first weekend after Labor Day, ending with league playoffs the second weekend in November.

Spring Season: Begins in mid-March, ending the weekend before Memorial Day Observance.

Fall Classic: All Hempfield Soccer Club travel teams play in the Hempfield Fall Classic Tournament the second or third weekend in November.

Field Lining: Each travel team is responsible for weekly lining and maintenance of an assigned field each season.

Other Tournaments: Teams will attend a total of 2-3 tournaments per season (4-6 per year). Travel time varies and might include an overnight stay. Players are expected to attend tournaments when agreed upon up front. Coaches are given guidelines for their specific age group.

Additional Expenses: In addition to the regular registration fee, travel players must pay an additional \$70 per season. In addition, travel uniforms cost approx. \$75 and the Club will generally use a style for two years due to manufacturer's style changes. Other costs include travel to games, meals, hotels. Possibly, another \$25-50 for tournament expenses.

Volunteers: Players and parents are expected to work for the club at tournaments and other functions. This might include field set up, food service, score keeping, field marshal duties, or various other needs. The travel parents are expected to work on the Fall Classic Committee to plan for the event in the months leading up to the tournament. They are also expected to set aside the Fall Classic weekend to be available to work shifts as needed. This tournament is generally held one of the two weekends prior to Thanksgiving.

Premier Teams

- Purpose - The purpose of the premier teams is to provide players with a higher level than travel to train and compete. The coaching committee of the Club will decide if there is a need for premier teams at any age level.
- Travel Distance - To provide premier teams with a higher level of competition, the teams typically compete in a league outside of our county. The travel distance for league competition may be up to two hours away.
- Paid Coaches - At the discretion of the Club teams may have a paid or trainer. A paid coach/trainer may add an additional cost of as much as \$180 per player per season. Money for the paid coach will be paid to the Club and the Club contracts with the paid coach.

Team Selection - In addition to Hempfield residents, premier level teams are open to non-Hempfield residents on a tryout basis.

Travel/Premier Tryouts - Travel tryouts are held annually in the months of May and June. Teams are chosen anew each year. Every player comes to the tryouts with a "clean slate." Selection for the teams shall be based on the performance of the one to two days of tryouts. All players who are willing to make the time commitment are encouraged to tryout for the travel/premier teams.

Eligibility/Team Selection - The Hempfield Soccer Club sponsors boys and girls travel teams for ages U10 - U19. The travel program is open to all residents located in the Hempfield School District. Players from other school districts who are without a club team at U10 and U11 may tryout for HSC Travel Teams. Premier and travel teams for ages U12 and up are open to non-Hempfield residents.

Number of Tryouts - One to two tryout opportunities are given in every age group. If the evaluators need an extra evaluation day, one will be scheduled.

Independent Evaluators - HSC will use its best efforts to use independent evaluators in the tryout process. Independent evaluators are qualified,

knowledgeable evaluators who do not coach nor are a parent of the age group which they are evaluating.

Tryout Criterion - Players are compared to the players who tryout with them at their particular age level. Players are evaluated in the following areas:

- Technical Skills
 1. Dribbling
 2. Passing
 3. First Touch
 4. Heading
 5. Shooting

- Personal Traits
 1. (Physical)
 2. Speed
 3. Endurance
 4. Power
 5. Agility

- Personal Traits
 1. (Psychological)
 2. Coachable
 3. Leadership
 4. Aggression
 5. Reaction to Pressure

- Tactical Performance
 1. Marking
 2. Tackling
 3. Vision
 4. Shielding

- Finishing
 1. 1v1 Defensive
 2. 1v1 Offensive

- Communication

- Game Insight
- Decision Making
- Technical Speed

Parents at Tryouts

The Club appreciates parents removing themselves during the tryout process . If you feel that your child would be too apprehensive if you leave the tryout site altogether, you are asked to go 200 yards (2 fields) away from all of the tryouts taking place. This eliminates the added stress of an audience for the players. It also allows the evaluators to discuss and document the attributes of the players confidentially. Those players who do not make a travel team may receive written documentation of the evaluation upon written request.

Tryout Activities

The tryout activities listed below are the guidelines given to the coaches and the evaluators. These tryout activities are what players should generally expect on the tryout days. However, variations to these activities may be necessary to meet the needs of the evaluators and the age/ability of the tryout participants.

- DRIBBLING with no Pressure in a confined area. Players may be asked to perform certain turns, moves, etc.
- PRESSURE TRAINING series which may include some of these variations: one-touch passing, certain preparation touches, heading, volleys, etc. First touch, technical speed, passing, and heading skills may be analyzed.
- SMALL-SIDED GAMES will typically take up one of the largest portions of the tryouts.
- FULL FIELD GAMES will also take up a large portion of the tryouts.
- SHOOTING may be evaluated by 1v1s to goal or with shooters shooting without a defender.
- DEFENDING skills may be isolated and identified through small 1v1 games.
- GOALKEEPERS will have a separate evaluation session at some point during the tryout period.

Playing Up:

EPYSA state team players may request to “play up” an age level.**

Hempfield Soccer Club encourages all players to play at their age level, however if at a certain age the child and parents request that the child be allowed to play up in order to play with classmates the coaching committee must receive a waiver document (see the travel coordinator for the document) and present it before tryouts to the travel coordinator for consideration. The coaching committee reserves the right to review and rule on each application to play up.**

There may be occasions where the HSC coaching committee decides to combine age groups in order to provide players with the opportunity to play travel. This situation may arise at the older age groups where there are not enough players to field a team in one particular age group.**

U10 Exception:

U9 Players may tryout for the U10 travel team.

REFEREES

Both players and parents of the Hempfield Soccer Club shall treat all referees with dignity and respect. On occasion, you may not agree with a referee’s decision, however, it is not your place to argue with a certain call.

Points to remember:

1. Referees have taken hours of training and passed a test in order to become a certified referee. They are more familiar with the intricacies of the Laws of the Game than the average parent and youth player. Referees also hold regular training meetings during both the spring and fall seasons. At the end of every fall season the referee must pass a written test to be certified to referee for the coming year.
2. Everyone, including a referee, is capable of making mistakes. Arguments with referees only add stresses to the situation and possibly result in more mistakes.
3. Referees have a different angle of the play than the players, coaches, parents, and fans. They are trained to be in an appropriate position to make the correct call.

4. Remember that all “fouls” called or not called by the referee are “in the opinion of the referee...” Not every contact play is a foul. Some are. Some are not. Drawing the distinction is the essence of refereeing.
5. The turnover rate for young referees is unfortunately too high. One reason for the high turnover rate is verbal abuse from coaches and parents of players. Young referees (typically older middle school or high school aged students) are often from our own club. They may be older brothers or sisters of teammates or your neighbors, etc. You must refrain from engaging in verbal abuse. If you feel a young referee did an adequate job, do not hesitate to give them a compliment after the game.
6. Referees, like players, are always learning and will only get better with more experience. If we treat referees with respect, they will most likely referee longer and gain more experience. The result: a greater number of more experienced referees.

Players, if you have a legitimate question about a call, ask your coach at half-time or after the game. At no time is it acceptable for a Hempfield Soccer Club player to show disrespect towards the referee. If your coach can not explain the call or does not remember the situation, ask him/her if you may ask the referee after the game. If your coach gives you permission and you approach the referee sincerely and politely, he/she will most likely be happy to explain the call or situation to you.

Referee Courses

Here is what you should do to get more information about becoming a referee:

Contact Tom Fischer at 285-4682 or Joe Varga at 285-5510

LAWS OF THE GAME

Listed below is a brief description of the Laws of the Game. Complete FIFA Laws of the Game may be found at:

www.fifa.com (under Laws of the Game, click on the most recent edition.)

The U6 (Kindergarten), U8 (1st and 2nd Grades), and U10 games use modified laws of the game. You may find a complete modified listing of the Laws of the Game for U6, U8, and U10 at the US Youth Soccer website:
www.youthsoccer.org

Law I The Field of Play

The field of play is to be rectangular. The length must exceed the width. Length = 100-130 yards. Width 50-100 yards.

Law II The Ball

The ball is to be spherical, made of leather or other suitable material, properly inflated, and the proper size. The referee approves the ball before the start of the game.

Law III Number of Players

A soccer match is played with two teams, each consisting of no more than 11 players one of whom is a goalkeeper. A minimum number of 7 players is required for a team to play a game.

Law IV Players' Equipment

The mandatory equipment of a player consists of: a jersey, shorts, socks, shinguards, and shoes. Socks must cover the shinguards. A player may not wear anything dangerous to another player. All jewelry must be removed. The goalkeeper must wear a color that distinguishes him/her from the other players and referee.

Note: If a player decides to put padding over a cast on his/her arm. It is the referee's decision to allow him/her to participate in the game. Padding a cast does not guarantee that you may be able to play.

Law V Referee

A referee has the authority to enforce the Laws of the Game. The referee's decisions are final.

A referee may refrain from calling a foul, if by doing so he/she would be giving an advantage to the team that committed the foul. At this time the referee may hold out both of his hands straight forward. This is a "Play On" or "Advantage" situation.

The referee may stop the game if he/she feels that a player has become seriously injured. If a player is slightly injured the play will stop when the ball goes out of play.

The referee shall stop the game if the conditions become necessary to do so.

Yellow Cards are a caution to a player guilty of misconduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, or persistent infringes of the Laws of the Game. Red Cards are issued by the referee to a player who is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play, foul or abusive language, or receives his/her second yellow card. When a player receives a red card he/she is removed from the game and his/her team plays down a player. A player who receives a red card will be suspended for the next game.

The Hempfield Soccer Club will not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior nor fighting. The club may suspend a player for fighting or continual unsportsmanlike behavior.

Law VI Assistant Referee

Assistant referees, or linesmen, signal when the ball is out of play, call offsides, indicate when a foul has been committed out of the view of the referee.

Law VII Duration of the Game

The game is played in two equal halves.

Total Duration

U10 - 50 minutes	U16 - 80 minutes
U12 - 60 minutes	U17 - 90 minutes
U14 - 70 minutes	U19 - 90 minutes

Law VIII Start of Play

All players must be in their half of the field before the start of the game. The team not kicking-off must be at least ten yards from the ball. The game is started on the referees signal, after a player kicks the ball forward into the opposing half of the field. The ball is in play as soon as it moves forward, even if it moves slightly forward.

Law IX Ball In and Out of Bounds

The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal-line or touch-line, whether on the ground or in the air. On a throw-in, if any part of the ball passes

over the touch-line, the ball is in play. In this case, the whole ball does not need to cross the touch-line completely.

Law X Method of Scoring

A goal is scored when the whole ball has passed over the goal-line, between the goal-posts and under the cross-bar.

Law XI Off-Side

To be penalized for being offside, a player must, at the moment the ball is kicked by a teammate, be in an offside position, and become involved in the play or interfere with an opponent, or gain an advantage by being in an offside position.

In order to be in an offside position a player must:

1. be in the opponent's half of the field, and
2. be ahead of the ball, and
3. have less than two players between yourself and the opponents goal-line.

A player in an offside position, can be penalized for offside even if the ball deflects off of a defender, goalkeeper, the goal posts or crossbar. A player is not offside if receiving the ball directly from a goal kick or throw-in.

Law XII Fouls and Misconduct

Players will cause their opponent's to be awarded a Direct Free-Kick for the following offenses: kicking or attempting to kick an opponent, tripping an opponent, jumping at an opponent, striking an opponent, pushing, holding, spitting, or handling the ball deliberately.

Players will cause their opponent's to be awarded an Indirect Free-Kick for the following offenses: playing dangerously, obstruction, and other fouls.

Note: Not all hand balls are fouls. The referee determines if the ball played the hand or if the hand played the ball. There is no foul if the ball played the hand. Again, this is "in the opinion of the referee."

Law XIII Free-Kick

Defending players must be 10 yards away from a Free-kick.

A player may score directly, from a Direct Free-Kick. A goal cannot be scored from an Indirect Free-Kick unless another player touches it before it goes through the goal.

Law XIV Penalty-Kick

Penalty Kicks are awarded for "Direct-Kick" fouls within the penalty area. A penalty-kick is taken from the penalty mark and all players except the kicker and opposing goalkeeper must be outside the penalty area, at least 10 yards away from the penalty mark.

Law XV Throw-in

The thrower at the moment of delivering the ball must face the field of play and part of each foot shall be either on the touch-line or out-of-bounds. The thrower shall use both hands and deliver the ball from behind and over his/her head. A goal may not be scored directly from a throw-in.

Law XVI Goal-Kick

When the attacking team kicks the entire ball over the end-line (but not scoring a goal), a goal kick is awarded to the defending team. When taking a goal-kick, the ball may be placed anywhere within the goal area (6 yad box). If the ball does not leave the penalty area the kick is retaken.

Law XVII Corner-Kick

When the defending team last touches the ball and the entire ball travels over the end-line (but not into the goal), a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PLAYERS

Equipment Players should bring the following equipment to every practice and game:

Soccer Ball **

Shinguards (with long socks pulled up over the shingaurds)

Water

Soccer Shoes

Appropriate Training Gear for Practice***

Uniform(s) for Gameday

****AT EVERY AGE** It is very important for every player to bring his/her properly inflated ball to every practice. With a good supply of balls, practice runs smoothly and players get more touches on the ball.

U8 Size 3 or 4

U10, U12 Size 4

U13 and up Size 5

*******Players should come to practice in layers dependent on the temperature. As they warm up they should have the option of taking off layers. If they are getting cold at practice, they should have the opportunity to put layers back on.

FIFA Player Code

Play the game for the game's sake.

Be generous when you win.

Be graceful when you lose.

Be fair always no matter what the cost

Obey the Laws of the Game

Work for the good of your team.

Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.

Believe in the honesty of your opponents.

Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

Role of the Parents

Parents shall make the children's soccer experience positive with encouragement and support for all of the players on the field. Parents should emphasize learning and having fun over winning and losing, especially at the younger ages.

Parents should not shout instructions to any child during a game. Soccer is intended to be "a player's game..." It is the coaches' job to instruct and it is the player's right to make decisions on the field. In soccer, players are constantly

making decisions based on the location of the ball, teammates, and opponents. Players need the opportunity to make their own decisions (and yes, sometimes mistakes) so that they may learn. Parents who constantly shout (sometimes contradictory) instructions, deprive the player of the opportunity to make decisions and learn.

Proper Cheering by Parents Comments by Parents

Improper

Go Hempfield!

Shoot the ball!

Nice pass Josh!

Don't dribble so much Sally!

Good effort Jessica!

Spread out Sam!

Concerns with the Coach

Remember, in most cases, your child's coach is a volunteer who spends many hours working to help your child. Sometimes, the coach may be learning the game. If you have a concern about the team, you should first approach the coach and ask to set up a meeting time or a convenient time to call him/her. If, after talking to the coach, you still have a concern, you may call the appropriate coordinator.

Concerns with the Referee

Parents shall never verbally abuse a referee. Although you may disagree with a referee's call at some time, your conduct establishes a standard for how your child and your child's team will react. If you have a serious concern about a referee's conduct (not a specific call) you should talk to your child's coach who will be able to inform the appropriate coordinator.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

There are many ways that parents may volunteer their time to the Club. At the top of the registration form, there is a checklist of areas to volunteer as a coach, assistant coach, or team parent. Additionally, volunteers are needed to line fields, for data entry, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering your time, please contact the volunteer coordinator.

EPYSA State Select Teams

The Hempfield Soccer Club encourages the most talented players to tryout for "the next level." Tryouts are held in the fall. Dates are found in the Touchline or on the EPYSA website: www.epysa.org

Website

Some of the information you will find on the Club website: coaching clinics, calendar of events, board context, links to other soccer sites, information from the newsletters, etc. The Hempfield Soccer Club website is: www.hempfieldsoccerclub.org

Play Days

The Hempfield Soccer Club sponsors a Play Day program for six Wednesday evenings in the summer. All Hempfield Soccer Club players are invited to play. The purpose of the Play Days are to give players the opportunity to organize games, make calls, keep the score without referees reffing, coaches coaching, or parents cheering. Play Days are to simulate “street soccer” that is played by kids in so many successful soccer nations. The only adults present at the Play Days are 2-3 volunteer coaches who will bring equipment and assure that the kids are playing safely.

Summer Soccer Camps

Hempfield Soccer Club endorses soccer camps. Summer soccer camp information will be available at Fall Registration, which is held in Mar/April.

Travel Players are expected to attend the August Team Camp. Info and dates will be available at May tryouts.

Kicking for Kids

During each fall season every Hempfield Soccer Club player will have the opportunity to raise money for the Special Olympics of Lancaster County. In 1999,2000,2001 and 2002 the our players raised over \$20,000 for the Special Olympics of Lancaster County! Thank you to all of the players who participated. For more information, contact Dave Lewandowski regarding this program.

Hempfield Fall Classic

The Hempfield Soccer Club hosts an annual travel team tournament for boys and girls the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. This is one of the major fund-raisers for the Club.

Fundraiser

At the present time we do not have fundraisers other than the Fall Classic. Individual travel teams may decide to do a fundraiser to offset costs. These must be approved by the treasurer and all funds go thru the treasurer.

Registration

Fall Registration typically is held for three days in April or May. Look for the dates in the Spring Newsletter or on the HSC website.

Spring Registration typically is held for three days in January. Look for the dates in the Winter Newsletter or on the HSC website.

Newsletter

The Hempfield Soccer Club publishes a quarterly (possibly more often) newsletter. Information on registration, coaching clinics, etc. are found in the newsletter. If you have information to include in the newsletter, contact the newsletter coordinator.

** or at coaching committee discretion