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## PITTSFIELD | NORTHERN BERKSHIRE | BENNINGTON REC CENTER

# Soccer 2021 FAQ

### What are the dates of the program?

- Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire: 9/11/2021-10/30/2021
- Bennington: 9/11/2021-10/16/2021

### When and where are practices and games?

- Pittsfield: City of Pittsfield Field (TBD)
  - Saturdays
    - Pre-K & K Tappers: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
    - Gr 1 & 2 Mini-Kickers: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
    - Gr 3-5 Kickers: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
    - Gr 6-8 Seniors: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Wednesday Practice TBD
- Northern Berkshire: Alcombright Field, Protection Ave, North Adams
  - Saturdays
    - Pre-K & K Tappers: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
    - Gr 1 & 2: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
    - Gr 3-5 Kickers: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
    - Gr 6-8 Seniors: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Wednesday Practice TBD
- Bennington: Location TBD
  - Saturdays
    - Pre-K & K: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
    - Gr 1 & 2: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### Does this league travel?

- Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire: Players in grades 3-8 travel between Pittsfield, Lanesboro, North Adams
- Our Bennington players DO NOT TRAVEL.

### Does my child need shin guards and cleats?

- Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire: Shin guards and cleats highly recommended but not required.
- Bennington: Shin guards highly recommended., no cleats please.

### What should my child wear to games and practices?

- Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire: Shorts and t-shirt for practices and games. T-shirt provided to be worn on Saturday, Game Day.
- Bennington: Shorts and t-shirt. Y shirt given as swag but not required to be worn.

### Will my child receive a shirt or uniform?

- Yes, a shirt will be provided on the first day.

### Can I drop off my child for practice and leave or do I need to stay for the duration of the practice/game?

**BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA:** [www.bfymca.org](http://www.bfymca.org)

**Pittsfield (Corporate Office):** 292 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201 **P:** 413-499-7650 **F (All Locations):** 888-965-0663  
**Northern Berkshire:** 22 Brickyard Court, North Adams, MA 01247 **P:** 413-663-6529  
**Bennington Recreation Center:** 655 Gage Street, Bennington, VT 05201 **P:** 802-442-1053

- Parent/guardian attendance is optional but encouraged.

**Will pictures be taken?**

- Pittsfield: Yes, picture day is scheduled with Judy Dias on Saturday, September 18, 2021 during scheduled game time for all ages. Fees for pictures are an additional fee and paid to the photographer.
- Northern Berkshire: TBD
- Bennington: Action shots yes – no team/official photos.

**What first-aid do you provide?**

- Berkshire Family YMCA program employees are onsite and certified in First Aid and CPR.

**How will I be communicated with throughout the program?**

- Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire: Facebook (facebook.com/BerkshireFamilyYMCA), email, and Remind App (remind.com) to communicate major program changes.
- Bennington: Facebook – Bennington Rec Center; and Team Snap

**When will I hear from someone after I've registered?**

- Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire: A message via the Remind app will go out to parents the week before the first practice.
- Bennington: Email before the first day.

**Who is my child's coach?**

- All BFYMCA Volunteers are CORI checked individuals that have a love of children and the sport.

**What is the weather policy?**

- Practice/game updates will be communicated as soon as possible depending on the status of the fields. Those updates may be communicated the morning of the practice/ game and may be determined during practice/game.

**How will I know if practice or a game is cancelled?**

- Parents will be notified as soon as possible via the Remind app or Facebook (Pittsfield & Northern Berkshire) and TeamSnap (Bennington).

**How do I become a volunteer coach?**

- [bfymca.org/volunteer](http://bfymca.org/volunteer)