



EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

Player safety is a primary concern for the Merrill Soccer Association. As such, the Board of Directors has outlined equipment guidelines to help ensure each player has a positive and safe experience.

All players are required to wear shinguards. Shinguards cannot have an exposed hard surface. Any guard that does have an exposed surface must be covered completely by a sock. Shinguards that have a fabric covering over the hard surface are acceptable as-is and do not require the player to wear a pair of socks over them. If your child's/children's shinguards do need to be covered, a simple tube sock will suffice. Soccer-specific socks work best because of their length, but are not mandatory.

All players must wear approved shoes for games, as well. No sandals, hard-soled shoes, baseball, football, softball, or any other cleats with a toe cleat will be allowed. No cleats with metal cleats or metal tipped cleats will be allowed, unless approved by a referee prior to the game. Referees will check all players' shoes before games and players wearing shoes found to be in violation of the aforementioned policy will be ineligible to play unless they switch into an approved pair of shoes (at the referee's discretion). Tennis/running shoes, while not ideal for traction, will be allowed.

The pictures below represent examples of legal soccer cleats (notice there is no toe cleat):



The pictures below represent examples of cleats that WILL NOT BE ALLOWED for game use:

FOOTBALL CLEATS



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BASEBALL CLEATS



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SOFTBALL CLEATS

