

## 2016 HOUSE LEAGUE SOCCER RULES (Mini & Youth)

- For the Mini and Youth division teams the game is to be divided into two periods of 25 minutes with a five-minute half time. .
- Each player must participate **EQUALY** in total playing time. Team benches should be on the OPPOSITE side of the field from the parents. **No parents are allowed on the players/coaching side of the field and/or to stand behind the nets or by the corner kicks. Parents must be located two yards behind the touch line to avoid player injury (i.e. hurt with a lawn chair if pushed).**
- **NO coaching staff and/or parents are allowed to coach from behind the nets and/or corner kicks. Coaches MUST remain at the touch line to coach and in their own half of the field, half way from the center line and the corner kick.**
- Unlimited substitution. Substitution may be done as follows:
  - After a goal kick has been scored
  - At the beginning of the halves
  - At any game stoppage
- Referee MUST be notified of any substitution and wait for his approval. **The substituted player MUST go to the centre field sideline before the substitute player enter the field**
- There is no offside in Mini or Youth House League games.
- The normal throw-inn will apply for Boys and Girls U10 and up
- Goal kicks must be taken from the six-yard area (small box). All opponent players must be outside the penalty area (bigger box) when the kick is taking place.
- The goalkeeper cannot use his hands outside the penalty box.
- The goalkeeper must wear the designated goalie sweater. In the event that one is not available, the goalkeeper should wear a colour that contrasts with the uniforms on the field.
- All free kicks are indirect (including corner kicks). A player cannot score on a free kick UNLESS the ball is touched by a second player, regardless if the ball touches a teammate or an opponent player before the ball crosses the goal line. ★

(Youth Divisions will apply the FIFA rules (12 and 10 Yards respectively))

## **Team Sizes:**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Players on Field</u>
	<b>Youth Divisions</b>	
<b>GU10/11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER</b>
<b>BU10/11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER</b>
<b>GU12/14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER</b>
<b>BU12/14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER</b>

In the event of a team having less than the required number of players, the opposing team must use the same number of players in the spirit of the game. Upon mutual consent, one team may “loan” players to the other team to create a more equitable situation. **In Play-off games if a team has two or more players less to complete a full team, then the game will be forfeited. In the case that both teams can't complete the minimum of players required, then NO points will be awarded to either team.**

- Shin pads and soccer shoes must be worn by all players. The shin pads must be worn under the socks. Team jerseys must be tucked into the shorts.
- **As per the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) players are NOT allowed to wear any jewellery (except medical bracelet), headgears or bandanas (except headscarves and turbans), sun glasses or eyeglasses that aren't approved for sporting activities (sport gaggles can be wear over eyeglasses ONLY).**
- Coaches shall be responsible for the behaviour of their team members, **including parents**, during practices and games. Please refer to the Zero Tolerance Policy regarding abusive or violent actions or language on the field.
- The referee has sole authority in the field. **In the event there is no referee, the home coach shall referee the 1<sup>st</sup> half, and the opposing coach shall referee the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. They shall have sole authority for their halves.**
- **No standings will be kept.** Game sheets must be completely filled out and given to the referee prior to the game. The game sheet is used primarily for the referee to be paid.

# RAIN OR SHINE

## PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!!

Only the Referee or Authorized Club Designate can postpone a Game due to Inclement Weather.

All Games will be played, rain or shine, **except** in the event of thunder or lightning, where the game will be postponed or cancelled **by authorized personnel**.

All cancelled games because of fields closure will be play in the alternate day.

### REMINDER:

The Referee's decisions are final. No protests are allowed.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS AND  
REMEMBER...  
IT'S ABOUT HAVING FUN!!!