



## MAYSO RECREATIONAL SOCCER

### GAME RULES

#### U6/Academy:

Each game will consist of four six-minute quarters. Parents / coaches are expected to “referee” the match. Please be cognizant of the time as the schedule needs to be followed. Game format is 4 v 4 with no goalies.

#### U7 & U8:

Each game will consist of 4 quarters at 10 minutes each. There will be a two-minute water break following the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters. Game format will be 4 v 4, **no goalies** with a #3 sized ball. There will be an arc around the goal area that players can't enter unless the ball is in there. In other words, no playing goalie! No throw in's, all starts, restarts and inbounds will be via kick in's and will be indirect. (Cannot Score directly from a restart or kick off) On goal kicks, the defensive team must retreat back behind the half line. Referee's will be responsible for keeping track of the game clock. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time.

#### U9 / U10:

Each game will consist of 4 quarters of 12.5 minutes each with a five minute half time . Game format will be 7 v 7, Goalies, with a #4 sized ball. Regular FIFA rules apply with throw ins, penalty kicks, corner kicks etc..per referee's ruling.

The defense cannot cross the build out line until the pass from the goalie, whether it be thrown or kicked has been completed OR stops moving. **The goalie is not allowed to punt, kick or throw the ball past the build out line. The objective is for the players to learn how to effectively play the ball out from their own end.**

*The penalty for breaching the line with the first pass is the same penalty imposed on the defensive team for breaching the line prior to the pass being completed: An indirect from the build out line.* Also, offensive players may not camp out any closer to the goal than the build out line and offsides will be called from the buildout line. Referee's will be responsible for keeping track of the game clock and manage substitutions.

#### U12

Each game will consist of 2 halves at 30 minutes each with a 5 minute half time. Game format is 9v9, goal keepers, size 4 ball, no heading!. Regular fifa rules apply with throw ins, penalty kicks, corner kicks etc.. per referees ruling. Referees will be responsible for keeping track of the game clock and substitutions. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time.

#### U14:

35 minute halves, 11 v 11, size 5 ball. Regular fifa rules apply with throw ins, penalty kicks, corner kicks etc.. per referees ruling. Referees will be responsible for keeping track of the game clock. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time.



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### U18

40 minute halves, 11 v 11, size 5 ball. Regular fifa rules apply with throw ins, penalty kicks, corner kicks etc.. per referees ruling. Referees will be responsible for keeping track of the game clock. Games will start promptly at the scheduled time.

### **Coach's Responsibility**

This is recreational soccer and every player, regardless of ability or performance has to play as least half of the game.

Communicate with your players and their families regarding practices and games as needed.

You need to communicate to your parents the importance of having your players there at the field 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time so that you can do a proper warm up and so the game starts on time.

Please let parents know that they have to be on the opposite side of the field from the players and they can't be standing or seated behind the end lines of the fields.

### **REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES**

You need to arrive no later than 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled start time.

If you are the first game of the day you should look to help make sure the field is set up for play. (goals, flags, sponsor signs)

If your game is the last of the day on your designated field then you should help breakdown the field. (goal, flags, sponsor signs)

Please make sure all players, coaches and team moms stay on one side of the field with all spectators on the opposite side of the field.

NOBODY should be behind the goals or goal lines.

\*Always politely ask people to move to where they're supposed to be. If they refuse, ask the coach to help you out. Next, look for a field marshall and last, but not least, look for a board member like Rui, Neil, Jerry, Michelle, Brittany, or myself to intervene.

- Remember: the ball doesn't need to go forward on the kick off. Players can kick it directly back after the whistle.