

CARMEL DADS CLUB Recreational Soccer Program- Spring 2024						
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Legal Slide Tackles Allowed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside Called	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Retake Throw-Ins	1st two games	1st two games	No	No	No	No
Pass Back to Keeper Penalty	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intentional Headers Allowed?	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Direct Free Kicks	Indirect Only	Indirect Only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Penalty Kicks	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mercy Rule	4	4	3	3	3	N/A
Substitutions (see Note 1 below)	At quarters	At quarters	At quarters	Open	Open	Open
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Referees Per Game	1	1 or 2	2	2	2	2 or 3
Tournament Played?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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