



## Churchland Soccer League **FACILITATOR NOTES** Revised March 2025

### **Facilitator Notes:**

**\*\*All new facilitators will start with U4 and work up\*\***

- You must email the facilitator coordinator at [clsfacilitator@gmail.com](mailto:clsfacilitator@gmail.com) with your availability for the following Saturday by 8pm on Sunday night.
  - You can still email after 8pm in case I am still in need of volunteers
- If you cannot make your games due to illness/family emergency, please email the night before.

### **REVIEW THE FACILITATORS RULES!!**

- Review for each age group, in particular the one(s) you are facilitating that week.
- Check facilitator game sheet for the field locations

### **Dress/Equipment**

- You must have a stopwatch and whistle - DO NOT use your cell phone to keep time. You will be given a whistle. KEEP TRACK of your whistle. Stop watches are located under the facilitator game sheet, DO NOT take stop watches. Return them after you finish your games.

You must dress for the position

- Sneakers and cleats only, no slides or flip flops
- Wear the orange facilitator shirt (provided) and prefer you wear black shorts or warm up pants

Arrive 10 minutes prior to your first game. Get your stopwatch and have your whistle, shirt, and proper shoes.

You will receive a free facilitator meal at the concession stand whenever you would like. You will also receive your check at the end of the season.

### **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO BLOW YOUR WHISTLE**

- You are responsible for the kids' safety and teaching them the game.
- Do not be afraid to blow your whistle and interact with the kids in a fun way.
- If a child is being unsafe, talk to the child and if they do not fix it then you should go to the coaches and speak to them about it.



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### **Pre-Game Talk With Coaches**

Check equipment of all players

- Shin guards must be covered by socks
- Proper cleats (No metal studs) or tennis shoes
- No jewelry
- No hard hair pieces

Talk to each coach before the game, introduce yourself and make sure the coach is aware of the rules for that age group:

- Length of the game
- How out of bounds is handled

U4/U5 facilitator will put the ball back in play

U6-U8 throw-ins by the players

No slide tackling at any age

- U4/U5 just roll the ball back in - you shouldn't see any kids slide tackling at this age.
- U6 - Award a throw in to opposing team
- U8 - Give the fouled team an indirect free kick

For U7/U8 the following fouls will be called - fouled team will be awarded an indirect freekick

- Slide tackling
- Obvious handballs (on purpose)
- Tripping/Grabbing
- Pushing hard

### **U4/U5 Facilitator Instructions**

- Keep time
- Start the game and second half
- Restart after a goal
- Restart appropriately after the ball leaves the field of play (Facilitator will roll the ball back into play)
- End the game

The Game will consist of two 10-minute halves with one 5-minute half time.

Each team is allowed 3 players on the field at a time and may substitute at any stoppage of play.

Facilitators are NOT responsible for setting up for the fields or tearing them down, this is the sole responsibility of the teams.



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Facilitators will NOT be stopping the game for out of bound balls. This means no throw ins, goal kicks or corner kicks. The ball will be rolled onto the field by the facilitator and not directed toward one goal or the other.

One coach from each team may be on the field during play. The coach may not touch the ball in any way while in play and must not be between any player with the ball and the goal. Remember **YOU CONTROL THE GAME!** If there are too many kids or parents on the field it is your right to stop the game and ask the coaches.



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### **GAME MANAGEMENT (U6/U7/U8)**

When the ball leaves the field of play the following restarts will be used:

- **Kick offs:** Must be passed forward and cannot be touched by the person kicking the ball twice in a row.
- **Throw ins:** When the ball leaves the field over the touchline a throw in will be used. Throw ins are done outside the touch line, both feet on the ground all the way behind the head. If the child messes it up, blow the whistle and let them try again the right way.
- **Goal Kicks:** When the ball leaves the field over the goal line, but not into the goal, by an attacking player a goal kick will be used. The ball is to be placed anywhere on the goal arc. The defensive team may then kick the ball back into play.
- **Corner Kick:** When the ball leaves the field over the goal line, but not into the goal, by a defensive player a corner kick will be awarded.

For throw-ins, goal kicks, or corner kicks the defensive team must allow sufficient space for the ball to come back into play - 5 to 10 steps back from the player throwing/kicking the ball in.

### **U6 Facilitator Instructions**

- Keep time
- Start the game and seconds half
- Restart after a goal
- Restart appropriately after the ball leaves the field of play
- End the game

Each game will consist of two 14-minute halves with one 5-minute halftime.

Each team is allowed 3 players on the field at a time and may substitute at any stoppage of play.

Facilitators are NOT responsible for setting up for the fields or tearing them down, this is the sole responsibility of the teams.

Facilitators will NOT be stopping the game for out of bound balls.

One coach from each team may come onto the field only to place players but must move off the field while the ball is in play.

**Throw-ins and Kick-ins are encouraged but not required for U6 teams.**



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**U7/U8 Facilitator Instructions**

- Keep time
- Start the game and seconds half
- Restart after a goal
- Restart appropriately after the ball leaves the field of play
- End the game

Each game will consist of two 20 minute halves with one 5 minute halftime.

Each team is allowed 4 players on the field at a time and may substitute at any stoppage of play.

Facilitators are NOT responsible for setting up for the fields or tearing them down, this is the sole responsibility of the teams.

Fouls: The fouled team will be awarded an INDIRECT (has to touch someone from either team before goals into goal) free kick for the following fouls

- Slide tackling
- Obvious handballs (on purpose)
- Tripping/Grabbing
- Pushing hard

**NO COACHES ALLOWED ON THE FIELD**