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**5V5 TOURNAMENT RULES**

*The tournament will conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following modifications.*

**All Divisions**

- LAW 1** The field will be 58 yards long by 35 yards wide. Goals will be 7x21 ft or 6.5x18 ft.
- LAW 3** Teams will be composed of 5 players on the field (4 field players & a goalkeeper) with a maximum roster size of 9 players. The minimum number of players to field a team is 4.
- LAW 6** There will be no Assistant Referees used.
- LAW 7** The match lasts two equal periods of 20 minutes with a 5 minute half-time interval.
- LAW 11** This law will be omitted, there will be no offside.
- LAW 14** For any situation requiring a penalty kick, the team awarded the penalty kick will identify a player to take the ball from the midfield line. The player will have one opportunity to score. The ball must move continuously toward goal once touched. A second shot may not be taken from a rebound off the goalkeeper or goal. The restart will be either a kickoff (goal) or goal kick (no goal).
- LAW 15** There will be no throw-ins. A ball out over the touchline will be restarted with a kick-in at the point where the ball left the field of play. All kick-ins are indirect.
- LAW 16** Goal kicks must touch either the ground or any player prior to crossing the halfway line. An indirect free kick is awarded on the halfway line for any infraction.
- LAWS 13/17** There will be no direct kicks. All restarts including corners and free kicks will be indirect.
- OTHER** Players participating in the tournament may not participate on more than 1 team.
- OTHER** If a team does not have enough players to field a team within 5 minutes of the scheduled game time, the match is a forfeit and the winning team is awarded a 3-0 win.
- OTHER** Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Cautionable offenses include the following: excessive foul language, dissent, time wasting, reckless play. Cautions will be issued at the discretion of the referee.



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**OTHER** A red card offense (other than a second yellow) will result in the offending player being ejected from the game, as well as a one-game suspension. Substitution of another player is allowed after 10 minutes.

**OTHER** Goalkeepers will not be permitted to punt, drop-kick, or throw the ball from their hands across the halfway line without the ball first touching the ground or any player. An indirect free kick is awarded at the halfway line for any infraction.

**Silver & Over 35 Division Only**

**OTHER** There will be no slide tackling permitted (except by a goalkeeper in an attempt to make a save). This does not prevent players from sliding to stop or intercept a ball, but no contact can be made with opposing player sliding for the ball. Infringement will result in a yellow card, and a direct free kick for the opposing team.

**PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF A MATCH**

- Games requiring a winner will be decided by a shootout following the amended Law 14 procedure.

**TIE BREAKERS**

- For league play, 3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point will be awarded for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. In the event of a forfeit the score will be recorded as 5-0
- For the purposes of breaking ties at the end of the league stage, the following will determine tie breakers.
  1. Goal Differential
  2. Goals allowed
  3. Goals scored
  4. Coin toss