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YOUTH SOCCER RULEBOOK

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The City of Pompano Beach Parks and Recreation Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing outstanding sports, recreation and cultural arts facilities, programs and parks that protect the environment, contribute to the economic and social vitality of the community, and foster healthy lifestyles, creativity and cultural diversity.

I. GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

A. Registration

Registration will take place at the Civic Center 954-786-4111

B. Age Divisions Offered

1. 5-6yrs Co-Ed
2. 7-9 Co-Ed/Girls
3. 10-12 Co-Ed/Girls
4. 13-15 Co-ed/Girls

Players may play up an age division, but will not be allowed to play down

C. Roster Limits

- 5-6 Division 5 v 5 No Goalie
- 7-9 Division 7v7 (includes a Goalie)
- 10-12 Division 7v7 (includes a Goalie)
- 13-15 Division 5v5 (includes a Goalie)

Roster limits varies depending on enrollment numbers

D. Age Eligibility Date

The age cut off date for players is the first day of practice. The child's age at that time will determine in which age division they will participate.

E. Equipment (Game Balls):

- 5-6 – Size 3
- 7-9 & 10-12 Girls – Size 4
- 13-15 Co-Ed – Size 5

G. Forfeits

Only City Staff/League Director will issue a forfeit

II. PLAYERS & UNIFORMS

- 1.) Complete Uniform: jersey, shorts, shin guards and cleats. These must be worn by all players.
- 2.) Shirts will be tucked in at all times.
- 3.) Cleats and Sneakers are the only type of shoes allowed.

NO Metal Cleats ALLOWED

- 4.) Shirts with numbers must be worn at all times during league play.
- 5.) No Jewelry of any kind will be permitted.

- A. **Injuries to Players:** When an official recognizes an injury, it is an OFFICIAL TIME OUT and a Pompano Beach Staff member shall determine if the player may be allowed to continue play (if physically able to do so).

III. PLAYING RULES: It is the Pompano Beach Parks and Recreation's objective to have every child to participate during a game. Each player on each team must play at least half the game. This is mandatory for all coaches in all divisions.

All participants on a team must play in the game and rotate at the water break which is the halfway point of each half. In addition, no participant may sit twice until all participants have sat out once; No participant will sit three times until all participants have sat twice. This rule **WILL** be monitored.

Coaches in 5-6 division try to abide by this rule whenever possible/best of your ability.

IV. THE GAME AND PLAYING RULES

A. Game Duration:

- 5-6 – Four 10-minute quarters
- 7-9 & 10-12 Girls – Two 25-minute halves running clock
- 13-15 Co-Ed – Two 25-minute halves running clock

B. Game Schedules, Halftime:

A five (5) minute halftime will be allowed for all leagues

C. Game Play:

Games will be played in accordance to FIFA's "laws of the game and in adherence to the City of Pompano Beach Parks and Recreation rules.

<http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/footballdevelopment/technicalsupport/refereeing/laws-of-the-game/index.html>

No Offsides

No intentional "Heading" is allowed in any division

D. **Scores:**

No scores or standings will be kept for the 5-6 division but they will be kept in all other divisions.

E. **Substitutions:**

Either team can substitute when a ball is out of bounds or after a made goal.

F. **Regulation:**

Referees will call out of bound plays, contact fouls, hand balls and all other fouls or penalties that affect the flow of the game. A ten-yard grace will be given to all players when kicking a goal kick or after any dead ball.



Players are cautioned with a yellow card, and sent off with a red card.

V. **EJECTIONS PLAYERS & COACHES**

PLAYERS: ALL DIVISIONS EJECTION POLICY

1st = Suspension from next game

2nd = Suspension of Next Three Games

Note: A player may be ejected from the game at the official's discretion without receiving any warning

A player or coach may be suspended longer by City Staff/League Director if the offense is warranted

***If a player or coaches receives 3 ejections in a season- he or she will be suspended from the league. Only unsportsmanlike acts will count toward this. ***

(1) It is at the Staff's discretion to EJECT an unruly spectator. If he or she fails to cooperate, law enforcement will be called.

VI. **PLAYOFFS & OVERTIME**

No Defensive Walls for Penalty Kicks

Defensive walls are *not allowed* during penalty kicks.

Walls Are Only Allowed for Free Kicks, Outside the Goalie Box

Defensive walls may be used for free kicks, but **must be positioned outside the goalie box**. No walls are permitted inside the box under any circumstances.

Distance for Defensive Walls on Free Kicks

Defensive walls must be set **7 steps (approximately 7 yards/meters)** from the spot where the ball is placed for a free kick.

VII. PROTESTS

Protests will **NOT** be considered regarding judgment situations. Protests regarding rules will be considered:

1. Notice of intent to protest must be made to the official and League Director immediately when the situation occurs before the next live ball.
2. A written protest **MUST** be in the site office or given to the league director within 24 hours. The Pompano Beach Parks & Recreation Athletic staff will rule on the protest and their decision will be final.
3. **Players & Coaches will be assigned a sideline & parents/fans will be on the opposite sideline/end line. No parents/fans are allowed on the same sideline as the teams.**

Note: Coaches make sure all your players get equal playing time. Use a watch to keep track of playing times and remember this is strictly a recreational league first.