

## RULES

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade play 6 v 6 (5 players and a goalie)
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade play 8 v 8 (7 players and a goalie)
- 2 x 25 minute halves – no injury time
- **Only use size 4 balls**
- “Sub on the fly” – we do not want to hold up playing time for substitutions
- No slide tackling – please encourage players to stay on their feet
- **No Headers-** Going along with US Soccer rules heading the ball will result in an indirect kick
- **For U-10s The Goal Kick:** The defending players must stand at least at the halfway line until the ball is in play.
- All goalies **MUST** wear a shirt of a different color than both teams on the field if you don't have a goalie jersey a pinnie is acceptable if you don't have one that is a different color than both jerseys please see the directors tent to borrow one before your scheduled game time.
- **A child may NOT be rostered for two different school/town teams, players MUST play for the school/town they belong to unless they received permission from both directors. Players first play for their school, if there is no school team then they play for their town. If the player lives in more than one town they must play for the town that they go to school in. If there is no team in that child's town they can be rostered in an accepting town/school's team closest to their residence. If a player is playing for a different town attach proof of agreement of both directors to the roster.**
- **Schools/towns entering more than one team in an age division should have those teams divided into fairly equal strength, keeping with the rule NO SELECT or ELITE teams. Players can only be rostered for one team if you need to float or borrow players from your other team in the same division you can do so, so that you have 2 subs. These float players CAN NOT be the same each week. We will need a complete roster before the start of the first game. If there are players floating please let us know so that we can make note of it.**
- U10 Division Eligibility: Players in the 3rd/4th grade.
- U12 Division Eligibility: Players in the 5th/6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Only 2 coaches per team on the sideline

## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

- Please remember that this is a recreation level program for all levels of abilities
- In keeping with the spirit of our program we are asking coaches to keep winning and losing in perspective... a pre-occupation with winning should not be encouraged and players (as well as coaches) should accept victory and defeat graciously. Please refrain from directing abusive or sarcastic language or gestures toward officials, other coaches, or players. Please demonstrate respect for the authority of game officials and for the skills of opposing players and coaches.
- We are a non-results oriented program – we do not keep score or standings!
- KIDS FIRST! The program is for the kids – let them *all* play!
- As equal participation as possible.

## PARENT INFORMATION

- TEAMS AND FANS NEED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES. IT IS NOT THE LEAGUE DIRECTORS DUTIES TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOU AND YOUR FANS. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO THE CREW THAT KEEPS THE FIELD LOOKING SO NICE.
- This is a drug free program. There is no smoking tobacco, drinking alcohol, or any other drug allowed on the facilities. Please pass this along to all fans.
- Do not park where there is a “**NO PARKING**” and/or “**HANDICAP**” sign.
- All parents are to stay on one side of the field. The other side is for Players and coaches **ONLY!** No more than two coaches per team on the sidelines.
- Parents please remember that this is recreational league soccer and that all players and officials are doing their best. Encouraging words only. There is zero tolerance for inappropriate language or being disrespectful towards any players, coaches or officials.
- Cancellations will be posted on the website [www.rutlandrec.com/soccer](http://www.rutlandrec.com/soccer)