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Fall 2018 BIG KICKERS' SOCCER RULES

Length of Game

1. There will be **two (2) twenty minute halves**. Three minute halftime.
2. All games must begin at the designated starting time. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. Have your team meet twenty minutes early so that you can be organized and prepared for your game. There will be no warm-up time provided before the start of the game.
4. There will be no overtime periods during the regular season.

Player Participation

1. Each team will carry 12-14 players on their roster.
2. **Ten (10) total players** will play at a time, including the goalie. Every team must have at least 7 eligible players to play.

Substitutions

1. There are **NO FREE SUBSTITUTIONS!** All substitutions must take place during the substitution time. Substitution times are every 10 minutes. Benches must be completely cleared at this time.
2. The only exception would be for an injury.
3. Goalies may switch during substitutions.

Start of Play

1. The start of the game will be determined by a coin toss. The team that wins the coin toss has the option to start the game with the ball or has to option to pick the attacking side. The other teams will get the opposite option of what the coin toss winning team picked.
2. If a team has **less than 7** players present after 5 minutes past the game time, a forfeit will be called and a practice game will be played. All practice games must have a matched number of players (7 vs 7, 6 vs 6, etc)
NOTE: A forfeit would be considered a 2-0 loss.

Goalies

Each team will have a goalie, whom will wear a contrasting mesh jersey ovetop of his/her team jersey (these will be provided). One player can only be goalie for a maximum of **one (1) half per game**.

Headers

Heading the ball is not permitted:

- Deliberate Heading will result in an Indirect Free Kick for the other team at the spot of the heading violation.

-Unintentional Heading will result in a Dropped Ball at the spot of the heading violation

Fouls

There will be **1 paid referees** for each game, whom will keep the game time and official score. The referee will use his/her best discretion to call the game, and will be asked to submit any persons or coaches that were out of line to the soccer coordinator. Yellow and red cards will be given to players who are intentionally holding, tripping, pushing, kicking, etc. Yellow and Red cards will be given to Coaches for unsportsmanlike conduct and illegal substitutions.

NOTE: Coaches who receive a red card, will be asked to leave the field.

Standings

A team will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. The team with the most points will be a top the standings and so forth down the line. If there is a point tie among teams, the first tie breaker is the goal difference. The second tie breaker would be determined by the head-to-head record. The third tie breaker will be determined by a coin toss.

Playoffs

A single elimination tournament will end the season. This may result in having double headers on the last day of games.

Field of Play

Games will be played on a 60yd x 40yd field with 8 foot goals.

