

## **SOCCER FORMAT**

**MCCS Youth Sports Soccer is governed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), as modified by these by-laws and the Youth Sports Director.**

### **Peewee Division**

a. Officials. There will be one (1) official used during all games. The Officials presence controls the game, applies rules and regulations, and explains the Laws and By-laws.

b. By-laws. Competitions will be held by the following by-laws:

(1) A game will consist of four (4) eight (8) minute quarters with a two (2) minute break between each quarter. Half time will be five (5) minutes.

(2) The first and third quarters will start with a kick based on the coin toss. The second and fourth quarters will be throw-ins. The team that kicks in the first quarter will throw-in the fourth quarter.

(3) **If a game does not have officials provided by the Officials Organization:** a coach or parent may be asked to officiate the game.

(4) The ball size is a (**size 3**) soccer ball, provided by a coach or Youth Sports staff for games.

(5) A team may only have a maximum of seven (**7**) **players** on the field to include the goalkeeper.

(6) A team may start and end a game with no less than five (**5**) **players**.

(7) A team may have one Head coach and three (3) Assistant Coaches present at all games.

(a) One (1) coach or parent may be on the field during games to assist players.

(b) One (1) coach or parent may also stand at the goal to assist the goalkeeper.

(c) Coaches may not physically assist or move active players on the field.

(d) All other coaches must remain seated on the bench or stand behind the bench.

**\*\*At no point in time will any coach interfere with the other team's bench or coach.**

(8) If needed, a team may have one (1) registered bench parent during games. Bench parents must complete the application process.

(9) Substitutions will be unlimited in number and will be made during any stoppage, with the consent of the center referee.

(10) The score will not be kept in this division. **There are no forfeits.** Pennies will be given out, and the opposing team may give the other team some players to allow the game to be played.

(11) A game in progress may be concluded at any time, providing both coaches agree.

(12) During games, spectators will remain on the opposite side of the field from the team bench side. Approximately 2-3 yards from the sideline when fields permit. No parents or spectators are allowed on any team's sidelines or behind the goals/end lines.

(13) No pets are allowed on the fields or surrounding areas.

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(14) **Goal Keeper Possession:** In the interest of safety, one finger on the ball is considered possession. Officials will call a foul on a player that continues playing the ball after the goalkeeper has gained possession. This violation will result in an indirect free-kick.

(15) **No SLIDE TACKLES:** If a player slide tackles twice in one quarter, the official will ask the player to sit out until the next quarter, via the coach.

(16) **No OFFSIDES:** There are no offsides in this age group.

(17) **No PENALTY KICKS:** All free kicks are indirect. The offensive team will take an indirect free kick from the top of the penalty box. Defensive players may assist the goalkeeper in the penalty box.

**No Headers**

Per *FIFA*: All Players age 10 and younger shall not head the ball directly from the air in any match or competition, nor shall these players practice heading the ball in any organized team setting.

(a) If a player age 10 or younger deliberately heads the ball in a match, the referee shall award an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the spot of the infraction.

(b) If the heading occurs within the penalty area, the referee shall move the ball outside the penalty area line closest to the point of the infraction.

(18) **Glasses or goggles must have a strap that wraps around the head.**

(19) The following shoes and items are not authorized:

(a) Shoes with any metal cleats.

(b) Football, Baseball, or softball cleats.

(c) Any shoe that has been modified from its original design.

(d) Hard accessories on the body such as beaded hair, hard cast, and jewelry.

Per *FIFA Law Rule 1. Safety*: A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous.

(20) During matches, all players must wear shin guards under socks, not in-between the socks if folded over. Players must have jerseys tucked in when on the playing field.

(21) **Undershirts:** Players may wear undershirts. They do not have to match the jersey or other players as this is not a competitive age division, but they must be a solid color. All players don't need to wear an undershirt. Anything with a hood is strictly prohibited.

**Example for 20:** *If Jimmie wears an undershirt and Jon also wears an undershirt, they do not need to be the same color, but they must be solid colors.*

(22) **Beanies** may be worn, but they must be a solid color, flat on top, with no bills or hanging decorations.

(23) **Socks:** All teammates must have matching socks. If your team chooses to wear multi colored socks, they must be the same color and pattern.

(24) Team sizes will be limited to thirteen (13) players. The addition of players to a team will be left up to the Youth Sports Coordinator's discretion.

(25) Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) will supply numbered jerseys and socks. The MCCS uniforms will be the only uniform authorized during games and cannot be modified in color or texture. Team equipment will be provided and is the responsibility of the coach.