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The Arena Club Youth Soccer

Rules

All rules are those of FIFA Laws of the Game unless amended as follows by The Arena Club.

The field

The field is smaller than a regulation outdoor field therefore, there are NO offsides.

The ball

The home team must provide a game ball. The Arena Club is not responsible for providing a game ball. U13 and above should play with a size 5 ball.

The number of players

Each team is allowed 5 field players and a goalie to start. You can finish with less but must have five players to start the game

Substitutions

Substitutions are on any teams goal kicks and your own throw ins or corner kick. Team can also piggy back. No substitutions on the fly.

Roster

Every team must have a roster before the session can begin. It is up to the league administrators to collect these roster. Every player can only be on one roster and can only play on one team. If a player plays on a different team then that team will receive a forfeit for that game.

Conduct

Game referees and The Arena Club reserve the right to suspend or remove a player or coach from a league at any time for disorderly conduct. Harassment of officials will not be tolerated. Officials can end a game at any time if they feel the game is out of control and may cause harm to players, coaches or spectators. Officials can penalize teams if the players' benches or spectator areas are abusing any of the rules in the codes of conduct.

Equipment

All players are required to wear tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes. NO CLEATS ARE ALLOWED. Shin guards MUST be worn by all players in leagues U18 and below. All team members must wear the same color of team shirts. The goalkeeper must wear a different color of those on his/her team. Home team is responsible for uniform change in case of conflict. A player wearing a cast will not be permitted to play. Jewelry is not

allowed to be worn during a game. The only exception made is if a player has starter studs and they must be covered.

Cards/Suspensions

Any player, parent or coach that is ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for at least one game. Suspension time will be decided by officials and Arena Club management. If a player's conduct results in an offense, it is the sole discretion of the Official to decide if the offense warrants a yellow card or a red card. Two yellow cards issued in one game will earn a player an automatic red card. If a goalie commits a yellow card offense, the goalie must be the one to serve the penalty and the team must put in a replacement for the goalie. If a player is issued a yellow card, that player will serve a (2) minute penalty and there will be no substitution for that player. If a player is serving a penalty for a yellow or a red card, and the team with the advantage scores a goal, then the goal scored will cancel out the penalty time. If the ball is not in play, and a player on the field is given a yellow or a red card (example: language) then that team will play short. If a player on the bench is given a yellow or a red card, then the coach will have to select a player on the field to remove and serve that penalty. If a player is issued a second yellow card, then the time penalty served is (5) minutes. If a player is issued a red card, that player's team will play a man down for five (5) minutes and that player is ejected from the game and the following game minimally. A coach may NOT designate another player to serve a penalty. If a player or coach should receive a red card, he/she must give the official their name and phone number. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the Arena Club for one year. It is the sole discretion of the official if a slide tackle offense will result in a red card. If play has to be stopped to control a coach or a spectator, the ball will restart as a drop ball wherever the play had to end. Anyone in the arena can be asked to leave by a referee or Arena Club management for any unacceptable behavior. All suspensions will be listed in the officials' communication log.

Game time

Games will be played in two (2) 24 minute halves. Half time will be two (2) minutes. No overtime periods. Game time is forfeit time. The score will be recorded as a 0-1 loss for the forfeiting team. Clock will start at game time. Referees may choose to stop the game time in the last two minutes due to an injury.

Penalty Kicks

Any foul committed in the penalty area that would result in a penalty kick outdoors and for which the ref gives a red or yellow card will result in a penalty kick here as well. The penalty kick will be placed at the top of the goalie box.

Standings

A win is three (3) points, a tie is one (1) point, and a loss is zero (0) points.

General Rules

- ◆ An opposing player must be **10 feet** from the ball on free kick.
- ◆ A maximum of 2 coaches are allowed in the coaches and players area. Family, friends, and parents are not allowed in this area.
- ◆ On a throw-in or a kick-in if a ball does not cross the field of play, the possession is given to the other team.
- ◆ On a corner kick, the ball should be placed one (1) foot off of the corner. All balls are direct except for sidelines. You will be given 10 feet upon request.

- ◆ If a ball hits the ceiling, lights, or superstructure, the ball should be kicked directly from the spot it hit the ceiling and is a direct kick.
- ◆ **NO Slide tackling (goalies okay inside of box)**
- ◆ Individuals utilizing the facility do so at their own risk. The property owners, league administrators and the staff of Harford Health & Fitness, Inc and The Arena Club assume no liability for any injuries or accidents
- ◆ No tobacco products or alcoholic beverages are permitted inside/outside the facility
- ◆ No foul or abusive language at any time
- ◆ No fighting or arguing of any kind will be tolerated; You will be removed from the building immediately and if carded will not allowed to return for the following game
- ◆ Warm-up time before your match is not guaranteed. It is the referees job to maintain the game schedule
- ◆ Coaches are responsible for making sure their players clean their bench area before leaving the game (please do not leave your trash for another team to clean)
- ◆ Spectators are allowed to view the game from the bleacher area and behind the goal. Spectators will not stand on the players and coaches sidelines. Siblings are not allowed to sit on the players or coaches side either.
- ◆ Goalie cannot play the ball to himself into the goalie box and pick it up.
- ◆ Goalie can only throw the ball, no punts