



St. Mark Festival 2016

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Midwest Coptic Orthodox Churches Soccer Rules

- 1. Only 3rd-12th graders can participate.**
- 2. Each church can have up to 3 teams: 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th grade (all teams can be mixed between boys and girls).**
- 3. If you do not have enough participants to make a team, the participants will join other participants from different churches who have that same situation and will be called "The Mahragan Team."**
- 4. Your church is only allowed to take one participant from the lower grade to join the higher grade group if there is not enough to make a team.**
- 5. Note: Each person wishing to take part in the Mahragan must take the written Spiritual exam to be able to participate in other activities. There will be NO exceptions to this rule.**
- 6. IF ANY CHURCH TEAM IS LATE 5 MINUTES IN THIS SPORT, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- 7. Regional Sports Competition is on Saturday, August 13th, 2016.**
- 8. Game is played with 6 players, including the goalie, playing at once.**
- 9. A minimum of 5 players is needed to start a game and at least 1 GIRL must be on the field AT ALL TIMES. If a team has fewer than 5 players 5 minutes after game time -- it is a forfeit. Teams may play if they choose, but it remains a forfeit regardless of the score.**
- 10. Rosters may only have 12 participants mixed of boys & girls on them.**

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11. Field will be split in half only for 3rd-5th graders and 6th-8th graders. A full field will be for 9th-12th graders.

Equipment

1. Each player must wear TENNIS SHOES OR CLEATS. NO FLIP FLOPS AND NO DRESS SHOES!!!!
2. Shin guards and mouth guards are strongly recommended
3. Goalies may use their own equipment (gloves) with prior approval from the Officials
4. No baseball caps are allowed to be worn during game play
5. Jewelry, chains, rings, or earrings that could interfere (officials / coordinators opinion) may NOT be worn

Playing time

1. Games will be played in 2, ten minute halves with the clock continuously running.
2. 1 minute half time.
3. Overtime: Sudden Death. For playoff purposes, a 3 minute Sudden Death overtime will be used and if still tied, and then a second 3 minute overtime will occur.
4. Substitutions. Teams can sub during dead play situations. All subs must inform officials before entering the game.

Rules of play

1. The game will begin with a kickoff at the center circle (the ball can ONLY be kicked forward. A player has to kick it forward FIRST before kicking the ball backwards). Defense must stand outside the circle, no closer than 4 yards.
2. Kickoffs will be used to start a half and after each goal scored
3. The ball is out of bounds when it goes out of playing area or it goes off opposing team player
4. When the ball is dead at the side line, the ball is put into play by opposing team player using proper throw-in to where it went out of bounds. Defense must stand 4 yards away
5. A Corner Kick will be awarded to opposing team, when player puts ball out of bounds at their end line. Defense must stand 4 yards away
6. A Goal Kick will be awarded to team, when ball is put out of bounds at their end line by opposing team player. Defense must stand 4 yards away
7. Goal Kicks must first be touched by another player (of either team) prior to half field line.

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8. All standard soccer penalties will be enforced: tripping, interference, or bodily contact; results in Indirect kick
9. Body Checking will NOT be allowed. The penalty for Checking is a Direct Kick. Intentional Checking will result in a player being ejected from the game possibly the league
10. Any penalties in the goal area shall result in a Penalty Kick.
11. The goalie may not cross over the half field line at any time.
12. Yellow card will be given to players committing harsh tackles. They must sit out for 2 minutes before they can enter back into the game. Two yellow cards will result in ejection of the game with a red card.
13. Any excessive or late slide tackles will result in a player receiving a red card and will sit out for the rest of the game.

Offside - The offside rule doesn't exist. With other words, you may stand in your opponent's penalty kick area and wait for the ball. In fact, this is a strategy that is pretty efficient especially for contra attacks.

Don't slide tackle - Slide tackling AN OPPONENT is not allowed. You should avoid executing sliding tackles because you will burn your skin!

Player conduct

1. No Swearing will be allowed. This will result in ejection from match.
2. Fighting by any player or team will result in automatic ejection.
3. Taunting of opposing players or officials will result in automatic ejection.
4. No Gatorade or other flavored drinks allowed! Only bottled water is allowed.

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