## **Woodridge Park District**

Pee-Wee Soccer League Rules

- 1. Coaches will act as the referees. Make sure to bring a whistle!
  - a) One coach will referee, and the opposing coach will keep time. At period breaks they may switch duties.
- 2. Games will be split into six, 6-minute periods with a 3-minute break between periods.
  - a) Every player must play a minimum of 3 periods in a game.
- 3. Games are 4v4. The minimum number of players to start a game is 3. No goalie.
  - a) Encourage sharing of players when necessary to avoid a forfeit.
- 4. Coaches should divide their players up into two groups. Group A will be experienced and Group B will be inexperienced.
  - a) Connect with the other coach to ensure the two groups are playing against each other. (A vs A & B vs B)
- 5. The Away team will kick-off to start the game. The Home team will choose which goal to defend in the first period. The teams will change direction/sides after each period and will alternate to start the period with a kick-off.
- 6. Teams will kick-off at the start of each period and after every goal.
  - a) The opposing team must remain at least three yards away from the kicker until the ball is kicked.
  - b) Players must be on their own side of the halfway line before the kickoff.
  - c) A goal shall not be scored directly from a kick-off. The ball must be touched by one other player.
- 7. If the ball is kicked out of bounds at the sidelines, the following will occur:
  - a) Games 1-3: Indirect Free Kick at the spot of where the ball went out of bounds.
    - "Indirect Free Kick": someone else has to touch the ball before it can be taken as a shot on goal.
  - b) Games 4 7: Throw-in
- 8. If a penalty is called, an indirect free kick will take place.
- 9. If the ball is kicked over the Goal Line by the defense, the offense will then do a corner kick.
  - a) "Goal Line": boundary line on the short sides of a soccer field, on which the goals are situated.
- 10. During a throw-in, corner kick or Indirect Free Kick, the opposing team must stay back at least 3 yards and allow the offense to receive the ball before playing defense.
- 11. Intentionally heading the ball is prohibited. NO HEADERS
- 12. There are NO Offsides but players may not be planted by the opposing team's goal. No Cherry Picking.
- 13. There are NO penalty kicks
- 14. NO SLIDE TACKLING. Encourage the players to stay on their feet.

## **General/Equipment**

- 1. Size 3 Soccer ball will be used.
- 2. Shin guards are required and socks must completely cover the shin guards.
- 3. Players may wear either sneakers or soccer cleats. Baseball or football spikes (single spike in front of the toe) are not permitted.
- 4. Jewelry, watches or any objects that could cause injury may not be worn during a game.

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