



RULES FOR END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT 2016

1. All games except the Championship game will consist of:
 - a. 20 minute halves for U10 and U12 divisions
 - b. A 5 minute break at the half
2. Unless otherwise stated, tournament format will be **Pool Play**, with pool winners continuing on to Championship Play:
 - a. Points for Pool Play will be:
 - i. 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, 0 points for a loss
 - ii. +1 point for a Shutout
 - iii. +1 point for each Goal scored, up to a maximum of 3 per team, per game.
 - iv. -1 point for each Yellow card a team receives
 - v. -2 points for each Red card a team receives
 - b. Tiebreakers for Pool Play will be the following, in order:
 - i. Head to Head results
 - ii. Least Goals Allowed
 - iii. Goal Difference (Goals Scored less Goals Conceded)
 - iv. Penalty Kicks (Best of 5 attempts)
3. If the format is **Bracket Play**, a winner must be established to move onto the next game. Tiebreakers in bracket play will be as follows (unless stated on schedules):
 - a. Two, 5 minute "Golden Goal" overtime periods (first team to score a goal wins)
 - b. Penalty Kicks (Best of 5 attempts)
4. The Clock will not stop for injuries or for any other reason.
5. Substitutions (unless otherwise stated on schedules):
 - a. Prior to a **throw-in** *in your favor*
 - b. Prior to a **goal kick** *by either team*
 - c. After a goal is scored, prior to the **restart (kick off)** *by either team*
 - d. In **replacing an injured player** if play is stopped.
6. Championship games will consist of either 25 minute halves (**U10**) or 30 minute halves (**U12**) with a 5 minute break at the half. Ties at the end of regular play will immediately lead to a shootout (penalty kicks) to determine the winner.
7. This is a **RECREATIONAL** tournament: ***all players*** will play at ***least half of every game***

Except as set forth above, all regular season rules as established by the host association will apply during the tournament.

***Please respect the decisions of the referees – they do their best to ensure a fair and exciting tournament. Tournament play lends itself to more excitable players, coaches and parents – please don't let things get out of hand. Remember:
PLAYERS PLAY, COACHES COACH, PARENTS CHEER & REFEREES OFFICIATE.***