LITTLE KICKERS

* Fields will be numbered. Report to the field that is indicated on the online schedule
* Each team take half the field to practice on
* 25 minute practice
* Coaches meet when both teams are ready and start the games. Decide how long will play each half for or if going to play straight through
* Use #3 ball only
* All kids must wear shin guards – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
* One coach per team on the field with whistles
* Assistant coach or parent volunteer should try to keep subs together on sidelines
* 5 players **NO MORE** per team on the field any given time
* Substitutions can happen anytime during the game whether or not the ball is in play. Try to be respectful, if a coach is substituting an entire team, hold the game and wait for him/her to be done before restarting.
* Keep players and ball on your field, blow the whistle and get kids back if ball goes onto other fields
* No score. Try and encourage each kid to at least touch the ball.
* When ball goes out of bounds instruct kids to give the ball to one of the coaches. No throw ins corners or goal kicks. Coach places the ball back in play. Try to be neutral when doing this, but this is a great way to get a kid involved that may not be going after the ball.
* Be aware of the scoring. If one team is scoring a lot, replace the dominant player or tell him/her to pass the ball instead of shooting. Have the dominant team play games such as count how many passes they can make instead of constantly shooting
* **NO GOALIES. NO** players should be standing in front of the goal at any time.
* When both coaches agree, blow whistle to end game. Have kids line up in middle of field and shake hands
* Suggest buying shin guards or yourselves!

**Positive encouragement only from the sidelines. Please speak with any parent that is being overly aggressive or is being negative towards players on either team. Report continued unacceptable behavior to League Commissioner or to Trustee**

**Have fun!**