Divisions 5-6

* Report to field at least 15 minutes before start of game
* Ref will check players in. All must wearing soccer cleats and shin guards…No jewelry
* Ref will do coin toss
* Games will be 2-30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime
* Ref is in control of the game. Do not argue calls. Remember the refs are high school kids that may be easily intimidated. Let’s show the kids a positive example.
* Substitutions via notification and acknowledgement by the ref only during following situations
* Any goal scored
* Beginning of 2nd half
* Throw in where your team is taking the throw-in
* Any goal kick
* Injury – if player is hurt and coach comes on to the field the player must come out. The other team is permitted to sub one player as well
* Substitutions are not permitted:
* Any corner kick
* Any penalty kick not involving an injury as described above.
* Off-sides rules will be enforced. Remember there is no offsides on a throw in.
* One throw-in allowed. If throw-in is not legal, possession goes to other team
* Ref will keep official time and score
* You must sign the game card at the end of the game verifying the score. This is the score that will be reported and used for standings.
* Only 2 coaches allowed on the sidelines. **ALL** other parents must be on the other sidelines. No parents are allowed behind the goals
* 3 points per win 1 point per tie. We will deduct a point for a goal differential of more than 5 (6 goals ex 8-2). The second time a team reports a differential of more than 5 we will deduct 2 points. Any additional times…no points will be awarded for the win.
* The ref will be responsible for reporting the scores to the league commissioners. Every effort will be made to post scores and standings by the Wednesday after the weeks games. Your commissioner may request that you email him/her the results of the games as well.
* Game is 8 v 8. Minimum to play on field is 6 players. We will give a 15 minute grace period for the start of the game to get to 6 players. If you do not have 6 players by the 15 minute mark…the other team will be declared the winner. **STILL PLAY THE GAME** but try and split the kids up so that there is 6,7 or 8 per side. If after the 15 minutes additional players show, they may be placed in the game but the game will still be recorded as a 2-0 win
* If a team has eight players and the other team has a full roster, it is at the direction of the coach whether or not to remove players from the field. Meaning that 8v6 is acceptable to play.
* The last game of the year will be playoffs. Teams will be seeded according to win loss record. Tiebreakers will be used in this order:
* Head to head record
* Fewer goals allowed
* Higher goals scored
* The playoff game winner will win the place regardless of the team records. For example if the first seated team was 7-2 and the second was 5-4 and the second seed won the game, they will capture first place
* Players and coaches **MUST** line up and shake hands before any snacks/team or family celebrations. No player should be dismissed from the coaches sidelines until the hand shake is completed
* Don’t forget to thank the ref

**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!**