

## **JM McDonald Sports Complex**

### **Soccer Rules for Boardless Field**

The FIFA 17 Laws of Soccer will govern play at J.M. McDonald Sports Complex in addition to the house rules listed below.

#### 1) Coach/Captain Responsibilities:

- a) Coach /manager is a person or persons over the age of 21 who represents the team to the league, facility, and referees. This person must be present in the bench area at all times during all games without exception.
- b) The coach is responsible for the conduct of his players and spectators as per Facility Policies.
- c) Coach must submit a roster, certified for insurance, from NYSWYSA.
- d) All players (parents if player is under 18 years of age) must sign a waiver that must be submitted by the coach prior to the first game of the scheduled season.

#### 2) Equipment:

- a) Player required equipment includes a jersey (numbers optional, but preferred), shorts, shin guards, socks that cover the shin guard, and appropriate indoor shoes (no metal cleats).
- b) Players may not wear jewelry or other equipment that may be deemed inappropriate, dangerous or confusing by the referee. Referees may issue a yellow card for violations.
- c) Hard casts are permitted with a minimum of 1" padding and permission from the referee.

#### 3) Soccer Game Rules:

- a) J.M. McDonald Sports complex is promoting an attitude and atmosphere of fair play, respect for others, quality experiences and first class behavior. We hold ourselves, as well as our guests to those standards.
- b) The ball will remain in play except when it comes in contact with the netting, ceiling, or leaves the confines of the field. A ball contacting the ceiling will result in an indirect kick directly below the point of contact for the opposing team. Restart for a ball out of bounds will be with a legal through in.
- c) A free kick will be awarded to the opponent at the spot nearest to where the foul occurred. Restart must begin within 5 seconds of ball placement for any free kick.
- d) A player will not be allowed to make contact with the ball if an opponent is in the area creating a dangerous situation as perceived by the referee.
- e) Any form of slide tackling will be declared a foul and will result in a free kick for the opposing team.
- f) Bicycle kicks are not allowed. If contact was made against the opposing team a foul will be called.
- g) For any restart during the game the player putting the ball in play is not allowed to touch the ball again until another player plays it.
- h) During the game, substitutions for field players may be made at any time on an unlimited basis (Goal keepers must notify the referee), provided the player being substituted for is within the dashed marks at his or her own bench area
- i) There is no guaranteed substitution when the referee stops the game for fouls.
- j) Unsportsmanlike and inappropriate language or conduct directed at the referees, coaches, players or fans is not acceptable at J.M. McDonald Sports Complex. Repeated violations over time will result in removal for an entire season.

- k) The referees have been instructed to begin the games according to the posted schedules. Coaches are responsible to watch the clock and have their team ready to start on time. Referees will announce a 30 second warning with a buzzer or whistle.
- l) Game length will be based on Tournament or League specifications (running time). There will be a 2 to 5 minute warm-up / transition period at the beginning of each game and/or halftime based on the schedule. Players and coaches are asked to immediately exit the field at the completion of their game to keep games on schedule.
- m) During Co-ed play 2 female players must be on the field, no team may play with more than 5 male players at any one time (goalkeepers are not a part of this rule).
- n) Teams will play 7v7 plus a goalkeeper.

#### 4) Goalkeeper Rules:

- a) When a goalkeeper receives a direct pass from a team mate, the goalkeeper may not pick the ball up. Keeper must play with his/her feet unless the pass was deflected.
- b) A ball headed back to the goalkeeper may be picked up.
- c) The goalkeeper has 6 seconds to distribute the ball once he/she has possession. Any infraction of this rule results in a free kick from the top of the arc.
- d) Goalkeepers may not punt the ball to restart play. The goalkeeper may drop kick (with one bounce) the ball to restart play. The ball must touch the turf on his / her half of the field or another player before it can go in the goal.
- e) On a drop kick, the goalkeeper retains possession of the ball until the ball hits the ground a second time.

#### 5) Cautions and Send offs:

- a) There are colored cards that the referee will display if misconduct is deemed serious. It is the discretion of the referee to display a card.
- b) Yellow card is a penalty or unsportsmanlike decision regarding a player. Red card is a penalty resulting in ejection. Any red card will result in suspension for the following game for the ejected player.
- c) A carded penalty shall result in a time penalty divided into the following categories:
  - i) Yellow Card 2 minutes
  - ii) Red Card Ejection
- d) Yellow cards are a two-minute penalty **while the team plays short** and the player is not released if a "power play" goal is scored.
- e) When a player is ejected, the team will play short that player for the remainder of the game. The offending player may not re-enter the field or stay at the team bench. (In tournament games only, penalties carry over in overtime until the time is served or the opponent scores.).
- f) Time penalties occur only when the referee issues a yellow card.

#### 6) Coaches/Captains and Bench Personnel:

Each coach needs to understand these rules and communicate them to the players, families and spectators associated with their team.

#### 7) Teams will be ranked by points (tournaments only): WIN = 3 pts TIE = 1 pt Loss = 0 pts Shutout Victory = 1 pt

- a) A Tie will be broken by:
  - i) Winner of Common Match
  - ii) Goal differential – maximum of 3 per game
  - iii) Fewest goals allowed

- iv) Most games holding opponent scoreless
- v) Most goals scored.
- vi) A coin toss will be used if the tie breaking procedure does not produce a winner.

8) Overtime:

- a) Overtime is only played in the championship game.
- i) One minute sudden death format.
- ii) At the end of each period each team must remove a player. In co-ed play female players may not be removed until the female to male ratio is 1 to 1.
- iii) Substitutions may be made as long as the correct number of players are on the field (No substitutions during 1 v. 1 play).
- iv) When the match reaches 1 v. 1 play no time will be placed on the scoreboard and play will continue until a goal is scored.

9) Management Authority:

J.M. McDonald Sports Complex reserves the right to add, modify or change the rules of play at any time to ensure the safety and fair play of all teams and players.