

HCRP Youth Soccer League Rules

7-8-Year-Old League (1st and 2nd Grades)

League Goal and Objective: To provide children with an opportunity to participate in a non-competitive soccer league which focuses on participation, fun, exercise, and development.

❖ **Field of Play**

- Cones are only permitted at the corners of the field and on the sidelines to more easily mark “out-of-bounds”. During the game, cones or other markers are not permitted on the field of play.

❖ **Number of Players**

- Each team shall consist of twelve (12) players on the roster.
- Maximum of seven (7) players on the field at a time / Minimum of six (6) players.
- There shall be unlimited substitutions, which may occur on the fly. All players should play an equal amount of time.
- Each team will have a player(s) as their goal keeper.

❖ **Equipment and Uniform**

- Size 4 Soccer Balls will be used.
- Each player will be issued a team uniform which is to be worn every game.
- Soccer or Tennis shoes must be worn. Boots, dress or casual shoes are not permitted.
- Each player must wear shin guards to play at both practices and games.

❖ **Referees**

- One coach from each team shall be on the field of play to act as the referee.
- The referee shall be the judge as to whether a goal is scored or not.
- The referee has the authority to have managers, players, and spectators removed from the playing area for persistent unsportsmanlike behavior.

❖ **Duration of Game**

- Games shall begin at the scheduled time and have two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves with a running clock.
- The half time break shall be approximately five (5) minutes.
- The clock will not stop for injuries or other loss of playing time.
- The referee keeps track of the official game time.

❖ **Violations**

- The following are considered violations for which an indirect kick will be awarded from the spot of the foul.
 - Slide tackling
 - Deliberate/Intentional handling of the ball (referees' judgement)
- There will be no offside violations.

❖ **Game Play**

- Any ball traveling out of bounds on either sideline will result in a kick-in by the other team.
 - Players shall be a minimum of 3 yards away from the player kicking in the ball.
 - The ball may not be played over 5 yards on a kick-in.
- Any ball traveling beyond the end line will result in either a goal kick (if last played by an offensive player) or a corner kick (if last played by a defensive player)
- On all goal kicks, all defensive players must stand behind the mid-field line (in the defensive half of the field) until the ball is played by the offensive team and has traveled to the midfield line.
- To start each half and after goals, the ball will be brought back to midfield for a kickoff by the

appropriate team.

❖ **COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures**

- Coaches, players and spectators, please check your temperature prior to leaving for scheduled practice or game on a HCRP field. If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher, you are not permitted to participate in an activity on a HCRP field for a minimum of 14 days. You may, however, return sooner if you have a Doctor's note for return to play.
- HCRP will follow all local and state guidelines for facilities.
- Players should arrive dressed and ready to play.
- Coaches and spectators are required to wear masks when arriving, leaving and the entire duration of the practices and/or games.
- Players are required to wear a mask when arriving and leaving practices and/or games. During practices and/or games, players are allowed to remove masks when they're on the playing field actively involved in practice/game play. Players are required to put on a mask when they're not actively involved in the practice and/or game play.
- Players and coaches should maintain social distancing (6ft) when on the sidelines of the practices and/or games.
- Benches and bleachers are closed. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and to maintain social distancing during all practices and games.
- As much as possible, players will be kept six feet apart from one another during warmups.
- No sharing of equipment, water bottles, towels, etc.
- No handshakes. No walk outs. No team huddles. A separate form of goal celebrations and team sportsmanship with no contact will be created.
- Teams must leave field immediately after their scheduled game or practice concludes. Teams will have 10 minutes to vacate the playing area.

❖ **Inclement weather**

- Call **410-313-4457** for cancellation information.