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PEE WEE & ELEMENTARY COED INDOOR SOCCER RULES

MPS Recreation reserves the right to change rules at any time.
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SECTION 1 - GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

SPORTSMANSHIP – Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in ejection from the contest. Officials, coaches, parents, players, and fans should always display leadership and sportsmanship qualities. Any players or coaches ejected from the game by officials/staff for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended until their case is reviewed by Milwaukee Recreation. The final disposition of the case will then be made. Sports Coordinators are required to check with the Youth Sports Office before allowing the player or coach in question to continue participation in Youth Sports Activities.

SPECTATORS – Spectators are to be seated opposite the player's bench. All spectators are asked to show good sportsmanship and character and offer only positive reinforcement.

COACHES – Only coaches and players listed on the TEAM ROSTER FORM are allowed in the team bench area. A maximum of three (3) coaches are allowed on the team bench. A coach must be present before a game may start.

FACILITY REMINDERS – Dogs, alcohol, smoking (including E-cigarettes), weapons, and grilling are prohibited during Milwaukee Recreation Youth Sports activities.

JEWELRY – Head decorations, headwear, and jewelry cannot be worn during competitions. This means that rings, wristwatches, hair curlers, combs, beads, earrings, or barrettes cannot be worn while participating in Youth Sports Leagues.

GAME RE-SCHEDULING/CANCELLATIONS – All school sport coordinator, coaches, or applicable staff will be notified of any reschedule games or game cancellations via email. Revised schedules will be posted on the Milwaukee Recreation Website: www.mkerec.net/YouthSports.

WEATHER HOTLINE – For inclement weather updates, contact the Weather Hotline at 414-475-8068. The hotline is updated on league play days by 8:00 AM on Saturdays and 1:00 PM on weekdays when inclement weather is expected. The hotline is available in English and Spanish. Coaches are responsible for informing players and their families of the weather hotline number.



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ROSTERS (UPDATED) – A copy of the team’s roster must be submitted to the Youth Sports Office using the online submission link prior to the deadline given by the Youth Sports Office at the seasonal Sports Coordinator meeting (Usually one (1) week prior to the team’s first scheduled game). ***Teams may only submit one (1) updated roster prior to the secondary roster deadline given at the seasonal Sports Coordinator meeting. Any additional updated rosters will not be accepted.*** There is no roster limit, however only fifteen (15) medals and/or awards will be given. Extra medals and/or awards are available for purchase from the MKE REC Youth Sports Office.

ONE TEAM, PER SPORT, PER SEASON – Athletes are permitted to play multiple sports per season by cannot play on more than one team in the same sports during the same season.

Exception: Athletes are only permitted to play on one (1) basketball team per academic year.

COED LEAGUE RULES – The term “COED” refers to the fact that both boys and girls are eligible to play on the same team. It is possible that teams will have varying numbers of boys or girls, but no special “coed rules” will apply. Teams made of one gender are allowed in the COED league.

FORFEITS (UPDATED) – The Youth Sports Office must be notified in advance of all forfeit contests. Notification must be delivered to youthsports@mkerec.net at least 36-hours prior to scheduled game start time. ***Teams that forfeit will be charged a \$50.00 fee per occurrence.*** See the Youth Sports Website and Opportunity Handbook for a list of forfeit situations.

PROTEST – Judgement calls made by the game officials are not eligible for protest and/or appeal. Protest on rule enforcement must be filed in writing with the Youth Sports Office with 48-hours following the incident. Protest on athlete eligibility may be filed any time during the regular season. Submit rules enforcement and athlete eligibility protest via email to youthsports@mkerec.net.

TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES (TROPHY SPORTS ONLY) – The Youth Sports Office will have full discretion determining the position and placement of all teams. Tie-break procedures are available online at www.mkerec.net/YouthSports.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (TROPHY SPORTS ONLY) – League Champions can be determined one of three ways.

- A. **Tournament** - A season ending tournament in which a championship game is played. The winner of the tournament will receive the league trophies regardless of their regular season record.
- B. **Position Day** - the number 1 and number 2 teams in the league standings will compete in a single game at the end of the season to determine the league champion. League record will not prevail as the determining factor, the single match up will.
- C. **Season Record** - Best overall season record in league play will determine the league champion.



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YOUTH SPORTS OPPORTUNITY HANDBOOK – The current version of the Youth Sports Opportunity Handbook is available at www.mkerec.net/YouthSports. All sports coaches and sports coordinators are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the rules, regulations, procedures, and policies governing the Milwaukee Recreation Youth Sports Programs.

SECTION 2 - BEFORE THE GAME

ARTICLE 1 – RULES:

The Youth Sports office can modify the rules at any time to improve the safety and understanding of the game.

ARTICLE 2 – ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Age/Grade Limits (**UPDATED**) – Students may not exceed the age/grade limits as listed below. Age is determined as of September 1 of the current school year. Middle School Coed and Girls Volleyball is only offered to students enrolled in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade at the beginning of the Winter season. **Elementary (1st-5th Grade) students are NOT eligible for participation in Middle School Coed or Girls Volleyball, unless an exemption is given by the Youth Sports Office.**
- 12 years old and under/6th grade maximum
 - 13 years old and under/7th grade maximum
 - 15 years old and under/8th grade maximum
- School Suspensions – Any student suspended from school must be reinstated prior to the close of school on the Friday before their next scheduled game to be eligible.

ARTICLE 3 - PLAYERS:

A full team consists of **seven (7)** players on the court, one of whom shall be a goalkeeper. To avoid a forfeit, a team may play with no less than **five (5)** players, one of whom shall be a goalkeeper. Late arriving players may be inserted into the game at the first opportunity.

- Player Sign-In – All players are required to personally sign in with their **FULL NAME** prior to the start of the game on the team roster. Coaches should **NOT** sign players in.
- Playing Time – **UPDATED** – It is mandatory that all players who suit up for the game play the equivalent of one (1) full game or the game will be forfeited. **Please notify the scorekeeper of any players that will be sitting out due to personal or disciplinary reasons, so that a note can be made on the scoresheet.**



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- **Substitutions** – Players may substitute at any time, but player must wait until other player is off the field of play.
- **Uniforms** – Teams are required to wear matching jerseys or t-shirts, gym shorts or sweatpants, and gym shoes. Shorts do not need to match jerseys.
 - **Exceptions:** Medic – Alert medallions may be taped securely to the body only.
 - **Goalkeepers** must dress in a different color than their team and opposing team.
- **Post-Game** – Opposing coaches and players can bump elbows or wave to each other after each match to show good sportsmanship but should **NOT** shake hands after each match.

Article 4 – Officials:

- A. All Officials will be trained and hired by MKE REC.
- B. The official's decisions on point of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player as needed.
- D. The game official can stop, suspend, or abandon the match because of outside interference of any kind.

Article 5 – Coaches: (UPDATED)

- A. A coach or other responsible adult must be present before a game may start.
- B. Coaches, and players not actively participating in the game, shall remain in the designated team bench area at all times. Players should remain seated at all times.*
- C. Only one coach (Preferably the Head Coach) may stand in the designated coaches box area (See gym floor – Lines are different in each gym) to coach, and must remain 6 feet from the mid court line.*
- D. Coaches that do not adhere to the marked team bench area will be given a warning for the first offense, a yellow card for the second offense, and a red card for the third offense. A coach that receives a red card will be asked to leave the bench area and gym for the remainder of the game, and will need to meet with the Youth Sports Office prior to returning to the sidelines for the next scheduled game. In the event a coach is removed from the bench area and gym, another parent or school representative can step in as the acting coach.*



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Section 3 - THE GAME

ARTICLE 1 – EQUIPMENT:

- The Ball –
 - Size Five (5) Indoor Soccer Ball for 6-8 Grade (*Gopher Indoor Striker Plus Soccer Balls*)
- Player Equipment –
 - Tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes are required
 - Spikes or molded cleats are not allowed
 - Shin-guards are required

ARTICLE 2 – TIMING:

- The game shall be divided into two (2) twenty-minute halves.
- There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.
- The only time the clock stops during play is if there is an injury requiring the referee's attention.
- Each team has two (2), three (3) minute time-outs per game.

ARTICLE 3 – FORFEITS:

- Teams must be ready to play within **five (5) minutes** after scheduled time for the first game. If a team is not ready to play within this time limit, a **forfeit** will be declared.
- Teams may play a **scrimmage** after a forfeit has been declared, but the scrimmage results will not count towards the 4-5th grade league standings.

ARTICLE 4 – START OF GAME/MATCH:

- **Visiting** team takes the first (1st) half kick-off per schedule.
- **Home** team takes the second (2nd) half kick-off per schedule.
- Opponents must be **ten (10) yards** from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.



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ARTICLE 5 – SCORING:

- **1-3rd Grade** – Score will **NOT** be kept.
- **4-5th Grade** – One (1) point awarded for each goal scored.

ARTICLE 6 – RULES:

- **OVERTIME** –
 - Overtime will not be played during the regular season.
 - Overtime will be only played when determining a League Champion in Tournament or Position Day format.
 - Golden Goal rule will apply with game being played until a team scores a goal at which point the game is won by scoring team.
- **HEADERS** – Headers are strictly prohibited. Infractions give opposing team a free kick.
- **SLIDE TACKLING** – Slide tackling is strictly prohibited. Infractions give opposing team a free kick.
- **FREE KICKS** – All free kicks are **INDIRECT** which means the ball must touch another player from either team after the kick before it goes into the goal to count as a goal.
- **GOAL KICK** – Goal kick may be taken from anywhere inside the goalbox. Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from ball in all directions.
- **CORNER KICK** – Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the corner kick in all directions.
- **PENALTY KICK** – Penalty kicks are taken in both leagues from spot inside the penalty box.
- **OFF-SIDES** – There is no penalty for being off-sides.
- **OUT OF BOUNDS** –
 - There are **NO** throw-ins.
 - Any ball kicked out of bounds will result in a kick from the spot of out of bounds contact.
 - If the ball touches the ceiling, a free kick will be taken from the spot below ceiling where the ball touched.
 - **Exception:** If the ball hits the ceiling above the penalty box, the ball will be placed at the top of the box.

Article 7 – Getting Started: **NEW**

- A. Five (5) minutes prior to the start of each game there will be a mandatory **pre-game coaches meeting** with the officials, coaches, and players at center court. At this meeting, the official(s) will introduce themselves and give reminders of select rules.