

## PRIDE DEVELOPMENTAL SOCCER GUIDELINES

1. Players must wear “Pride” red or white uniforms as issued and will not be allowed to play in similar or other colors during any league games. Players should be notified before the first game that uniforms are available at the Pride office. (The office is not open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday). Tournament shirts and alternative colors may be worn only during Pride Cup and/or other sponsored tournaments.
2. Any player who is not listed on the certified team roster (is not registered) will not be eligible to play during the developmental season. Coaches: Please check your team roster to ensure each eligible registered player is listed correctly on your official team roster.
3. It is recommended that coaches hold a parent meeting prior to the season to discuss “sportsmanship.” Topics to be discussed should include the following:
4. Sideline behavior: Parents are to remain on the sideline of their team. No one is allowed behind the goalie (goalposts). Only positive or complimentary language should be used. It is unacceptable for parents or coaches to make derogatory comments to the opposing players or the referees. This will not be tolerated. If a parent or coach is asked to leave the game for any reason, they will be automatically suspended from attending the next scheduled league game. Should this type of behavior reoccur, the next course of action may result in a hearing with the Pride Soccer Risk Management Committee.
5. Referees: The referees are usually young men and/or women who are trying to do the best that they can; at times they may miss a “call” and/or forget some aspect of the Rules of the Game. They are not intentionally favoring one team over another, or trying to manipulate the outcome of the game; and to suggest so would be very inappropriate. Spectator or coach questions concerning referee calls made or rules interpretation, should be directed to the Pride Office for clarification. Under no circumstances should a coach or parent approach the referee during or after the game. This is usually when conflicts arise. We have found that a cooling down period, prior to filing a complaint, allows for cooler heads to prevail and for better communication.
6. Players: Players are expected to adhere to acceptable and sportsmanly standards of citizenship and fair play at all times – both on and off the field. Physical or verbal altercations as well as derogatory expressions (trash talking) are considered inappropriate conduct and will not be tolerated.
7. Coaches: Coaches should be regarded as role models and should set the tone of sportsmanship and fair play at all times. Positive comments are a sign of respect for everyone involved with the game of soccer. Coaches should take a higher position with regards to these standards. Parents and spectators are encouraged to support the coaches and players by exhibiting positive behavior on the sidelines at all times.
8. 4. Finally, developmental soccer is about learning, not winning. Coaches are never judged by the record of their team but rather the character, sportsmanship, growth and desire to play the game they inspire in the players on their team.

## **PRIDE - U7/U8 6v6 RULES**

1. THE DURATION OF THE MATCH WILL BE 2 - 20 MINUTE HALVES. THE REFEREE WILL KEEP THE TIME ON THE FIELD.
2. 6 V 6 (GOALIE AND 5 FIELD PLAYERS)
3. THE HOME TEAM (LISTED FIRST ON THE SCHEDULE) WEARS PURPLE JERSEYS. ALL PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING BOTH COLORS TO THE GAMES. THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE TO BRING THE GAME BALL.
4. THE PLAYING FIELD IS 40 YDS. X 60 YDS. WITH GOAL BOXES. THE GOAL IS 6 FT. BY 12 FT.
5. ALL FREE KICKS ARE INDIRECT. THERE ARE NO PENALTY KICKS.
6. ALL THROW-INS SHOULD BE TWO HANDED. WE DO ALLOW RE-TAKES.
7. GOAL KICKS MAY BE TAKEN FROM ANYWHERE IN THE GOAL AREA. PLAYERS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 5 YARDS FROM THE "KICKER".
8. CORNER KICKS ARE AS USUAL.
9. SUBSTITUTIONS MAY OCCUR ON ANY DEAD BALL.
10. THE 4 GOAL "MERCY RULE" IS IN EFFECT THAT ALLOWS FOR A PLAYER TO BE ADDED BY THE TEAM WHICH IS BEHIND BY FOUR GOALS.
11. ALTHOUGH THE REFEREE RECORDS THE SCORES, EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON LEARNING AND PLAYING FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME. ENCOURAGING GREAT PLAY BY BOTH TEAMS IS VERY IMPORTANT.
12. THE REFEREE WILL BOTH "CALL" THE GAME, AND INSTRUCT THE PLAYERS AS AN EXTENSION OF THE COACHES WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FIELD DURING PLAY.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

## **Pride - U9 / U10 / U12 Rules**

1. The duration of the match shall be 2 – 25 minute halves. The referee will keep the time on the field.
2. 8 v 8, goalkeeper and 7 field players.
3. The home team listed first on the schedule wears purple jerseys. All players are encouraged to bring both colors to games. The home team is responsible for the game ball.
4. The playing field is 50 yards by 80 yards with goal boxes and penalty areas. The goal is 7 ft. by 21 ft.
5. A “re-take” or second throw-in is not allowed as in the younger age groups. Players should be taught proper throw-in techniques.
6. Goal kicks may be taken from anywhere in the goal area and the ball may not be played by either team until the ball is outside the penalty area lines.
7. Corner kicks are as usual.
8. Substitutions are as follows: After any score, on your throw in, and on any goal kick. You may also substitute one for one on an injury.
9. Although the referee records scores, emphasis should be placed on learning and playing for the love of the game. Encouraging great play by both teams is very important. The 4 goal “mercy rule” is in effect that allows for a player to be added by the team who is behind by four goals.
10. The referee will both officiate and instruct players as an extension of the coaches.
11. All other FIFA Laws of the game are in effect.

Good Luck and have a great season!