### **General League Rules**

| Section  |          | Description  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 1 ()   | ilooonby | We are a RECREATION LEAGUE focused on skill development, learning of the game and HAVING FUN! We have structured the league around the goals & objectives of the US Youth Soccer organization, and embrace the views of: Coaches Coach, Players Play, Referees Ref, and Parents Cheer! Players or Coaches interested in a more competitive environment should consider joining our competitive league. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          |          | The official game schedule is provided on our website, <u>WWW.RVSOCCER.ORG</u> , and should be checked each week (on Saturday) for changes. All changes will be posted to our website and communicated to the league participants as needed.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.0 Sch  |          | We have scheduled ALL games to occur within a ONE HOUR time slot with all games ending at :55 minutes past the hour. It is imperative that all games conclude on-time regardless of when the game begins. This includes delays resulting from teams, coaches, players or referees arriving late.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          |          | Teams should arrive 15 minutes before their assigned start time to allow for coaches preparation and player warm-up. You should be prepared to take the field at the start of your scheduled time slot. Throughout the game, all Coaches, Assistants, and Players will be positioned along one sideline in the designated area.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.0 Gan  |          | The spirit of "Fair Play" is fundamental to our league. If either team does not have sufficient players to play the specified format (e.g. 8v8), then both teams are encouraged to share players and/or play at a reduced format (e.g. 7v7). All players should be afforded the opportunity to play ALL positions throughout the season to provide for learning of the game.                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          |          | Scores & standings are not part of our league. Teams should be aware of their scoring during a game and shall not exceed a 5 goal goal-differential. Coaches shall we warned once and then removed after a 2nd offense.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|          |          | Detailed Game Play Rules are provided in Table 1 and Table 2. All Coaches, Assistants, and all Parents should familiarize themselves with these rules.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.0 Play | Players  | Each player has been provided with a complete uniform consisting of a Home Jersey (RED) and Visitor Jersey (WHITE) and matching shorts (BLACK) & socks (BLACK). To aid in any issue of what color jersey should be worn, players are encouraged to bring BOTH shirts to each game. Goalkeepers will be distinguished by wearing a YELLOW pinnie.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.0 Play |          | For ALL practices & games: 1.) Players must wear Shinguards, covered completely by socks; 2.) Players must wear Soccer Cleats, not baseball or softball cleats; 3.) ALL jewelry (hard or soft) must be removed; 4.) Players are encouraged to bring a size-appropriate ball to practices and games; 5.) Players can not play while wearing any form of a soft or hard cast/brace.                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 5.0 Coaches    | Coaches/players should be located on ONE side of the field while parents are located on the opposite side of the field. Coaches/players should be positioned along the sideline located between the Half-line and 5 yards before the corner flag. At no time should a coach, assistant, or parent be located towards a corner or adjacent/behind a goal.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | The league assigns 1-2 referees for all games. If a referee does not arrive for their assigned time, the coaches or assistants shall referee the game, and inform the League Coordinators of the "no show".   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.0 Referees   | Our referee's are experienced High School soccer players and have excellent knowledge of the game and associated rules. At no time shall coaches or parents challenge a referee play call nor shall they be disrespectful in any way. Any concerns with referee performance should be addressed to the league Referee Assignor. Their contact information is available on the RVSC website.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.0 Speciators | ALL spectators are permitted along ONE sideline (not end-lines) of each field, and are to be positioned on the opposite sideline from both teams. In addition, spectators should sit approximately 6 feet behind the sideline to allow players room for sideline play (e.g. Throw-ins).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.0 Spectators | Without exception, pets (of any size/type), smoking, or alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any of our facilities, including parking lots, hosting our practices or games.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | While taking part in the Recreation League, we expect all spectators to act respectful to league representatives, coaches, players and referees. Poor conduct (yelling, arguing, profane language, abusive acts) by anyone (parents, spectators, coaches, players, referees) will not be tolerated for any reason. At all times, arguing with the referee is unacceptable. Coaches shall report any incidents of misconduct to their Division Coordinator. Contact information is available on our website. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.0 Conduct    | Slide-Tackling is not allowed. The referee will call a penalty for the first occurrence. Subsequent occurrence will result in removal of the player from the game if found doing this.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.0 Conduct    | Player mis-conduct will result in a 2-game suspension for the first offense and a full-season suspension for the 2nd offense with NO REFUND/CREDIT.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | Coach mis-conduct will result in a 2-game suspension for the first offense and a full-season suspension for the 2nd offense PLUS they cannot coach the following season.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | Parent/Spectator mis-conduct will result in a 2-game suspension for the first offense and a full-season suspension for the 2nd offense.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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### **Game Play Rules - Table 1**

| Divisions      | Grades                      | Play<br>Format                     | Approx<br>Field<br>Size<br>(in yards) | Ball<br>Size | Goal<br>Size                 | Total<br>Game<br>Time<br>(running clock) | Break<br>between<br>periods | Practices                  |  |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Division Pre-K | Kindegarten<br>Boys & Girls | 3 v 3 or 4 v 4<br><b>No Keeper</b> | 15 x 25                               | Size 3       | 3' x 5'                      | 10 min quarters                          | 3 min                       | N/A                        |  |
| Division K     | Kindegarten<br>Boys & Girls | 4 v 4<br>No Keeper                 | 15 x 25                               | Size 3       | 4' x 8'                      | 10 min quarters                          | 2 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 1     | 1st Grade<br>Boys & Girls   | 5 v 5<br><b>No Keeper</b>          | 20 x 30                               | Size 3       | 5' x 10'                     | 10 min quarters                          | 2 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 2-3B  | 2nd - 3rd<br>Grade Boys     | 6 v 6<br>includes keeper           | 30 x 40                               | Size 4       | 6' x 12'                     | 25 min half                              | 5 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 2-3G  | 2nd - 3rd<br>Grade Girls    | 5 v 5<br><u>No Keeper</u>          | 30 x 40                               | Size 4       | 6' x 12'                     | 10 min quarters                          | 5 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 4-5B  | 4th - 5th<br>Grade Boys     | 6 v 6<br>includes keeper           | 40 x 60<br>(shorten the<br>field)     | Size 4       | 6.5' x 18'                   | 10 min quarters                          | 5 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 4-5G  | 4th - 5th<br>Grade Girls    | (shorten the   Size 4              |                                       | Size 4       | 6.5' x 18'                   | 10 min quarters                          | 5 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 6-8B  | 6th - 8th<br>Grade Boys     | 11 v 11<br>includes keeper         | Full                                  | Size 5       | 6.5' x 18'<br>OR<br>8' x 24' | 25 min half                              | 5 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |
| Division 6-8G  | 6th - 8th<br>Grade Girls    | 1 30 x 40                          |                                       | Size 5       | 6' x 12'                     | 25 min half                              | 5 min                       | 60 min,<br>on separate day |  |

#### **Game Play Rules - Table 2**

| Divisions      | Grades                      | Play<br>Format              | Referees | Sub-<br>stitutions<br>(see Note 1) | Throw-ins<br>(see Note 3)             | Goal<br>Kicks<br>(see Note 2) | Corner<br>Kicks<br>(see Note 3) | Free<br>Kicks<br>(see Note 3) | Penalty<br>Kicks<br>(see Note 4) | Off-side<br>Ruling |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Division Pre-K | Kindegarten<br>Boys & Girls | 3 v 3 or 4 v 4<br>No Keeper | N/A      | On the fly                         | Dribble-in                            | -                             | -                               | -                             | -                                | -                  |
| Division K     | Kindegarten<br>Boys & Girls | 4 v 4<br>No Keeper          | 1        | On the fly                         | Dribble-in                            | -                             | -                               | -                             | -                                | -                  |
| Division 1     | 1st Grade<br>Boys & Girls   | 5 v 5<br>No Keeper          | 1        | On the fly                         | Kick-in<br>progressing to<br>Throw-in | Yes                           | -                               | -                             | -                                | -                  |
| Division 2-3B  | 2nd - 3rd<br>Grade Boys     | 6 v 6<br>includes keeper    | 2        | Stoppage of Play                   | Regulation<br>Throw-in                | Yes                           | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                              | Yes                |
| Division 2-3G  | 2nd - 3rd<br>Grade Girls    | 5 v 5<br>No Keeper          | 2        | Stoppage of Play                   | Regulation<br>Throw-in                | Yes                           | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                              | Yes                |
| Division 4-5B  | 4th - 5th<br>Grade Boys     | 6 v 6<br>includes keeper    | 2        | Stoppage of Play                   | Regulation<br>Throw-in                | Yes                           | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                              | Yes                |
| Division 4-5G  | 4th - 5th<br>Grade Girls    | 5 v 5<br>includes keeper    | 2        | Stoppage of Play                   | Regulation<br>Throw-in                | Yes                           | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                              | Yes                |
| Division 6-8B  | 6th - 8th<br>Grade Boys     | 11 v 11<br>includes keeper  | 2        | Stoppage of Play                   | Regulation<br>Throw-in                | Yes                           | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                              | Yes                |
| Division 6-8G  | 6th - 8th<br>Grade Girls    | 6 v 6<br>includes keeper    | 2        | Stoppage of Play                   | Regulation<br>Throw-in                | Yes                           | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                              | Yes                |

<sup>1.)</sup> Substitution can occur on any "Stoppage of Play".

<sup>2.)</sup> For Goal Kicks in Div 1, defending players must be in their defensive half.

<sup>3.)</sup> For Throw-ins, Corner Kicks, and Free Kicks the defending players must be a minimum of 5 yards away from the possessing player.

<sup>4.)</sup> For Penalty Kicks, ALL players must be 5 yards behind the shooter.