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Dear Parents of a Brighton Soccer League Player:

The Brighton Soccer League Board is happy to announce that the 2010 season is underway. At this time we'd like to go over a few rules and concerns.

The rule upon which this league was founded, and the one that the Board respects more than any other in our rulebook, is the half-game rule. This rule states that any player who is registered on a team, arrives before the first quarter has started and is wearing a numbered shirt of the color assigned to the franchise, **must play** at least two quarters of that game. If your child is properly attired, the half-game rule should never be broken. If your child is overlooked in this way, we ask that you bring the oversight to the coach's attention so that he can immediately make an adjustment. If a coach purposely violates the half-game rule, the team will forfeit that game automatically.

Another rule to be aware of is the "play up" rule. This situation occurs when a child is invited to "play up" in a game (to fill in on the next older team in his or her franchise). If a player is invited to do this, he or she must play at least one quarter.

We would appreciate spectators -- whenever possible -- to sit at least ten feet from the sidelines. We say "whenever possible" because, as you know, where fields are lined up three in a row as at Brookside, it would be impossible in the middle.

The Brighton School District has asked us to remind coaches and spectators that Brighton is a smoke free district. Simply put, smoking/using any tobacco products is prohibited anywhere on the Brighton School property. Please take a strong pro-active stand in support of this policy and encourage healthy lifestyles.

We again appreciate your support of our Referee-trainees who are involved in keeping the games under control. For the most part, these are teenagers who are interested in refereeing and have taken training classes. They are playing a very important role in the league. Every call in every game is not going to please each observer, but we also know that bad calls eventually even themselves out. Games will be won and lost by calls that may be controversial. Our Referees are making every attempt to be unbiased and will call the game as they see it, being equally fair to both teams. Please refrain from harassing them. We consider the training of these youngsters to be as important as the training of the individual players. We hope you will take the time to encourage them as they try to handle a very difficult and often thankless task.

The philosophy of our league is one of fun and good sportsmanship for every child who wishes to participate. In my interaction with the various presidents of other soccer leagues throughout the county, it appears that Brighton has one of the strongest house leagues around, and we plan to keep working on all the little details that will keep it that way. If you have any questions, please use the Executive Board of Officers list to address your concern to the person in charge of a particular job. Also, please bring your comments and suggestions to Board Members at anytime.

Please note that most field locations do not have restroom facilities. Please make sure your children have availed themselves of your home facilities before coming to the fields.

Sincerely,

Dave Petri, President
Brighton Soccer League

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