Bucyrus Area Youth Soccer
Under 12 Guidelines

-Field Size 50 x 80 Yards

-Goal size is 6ft x 18ft

-Ball Size #4 -Duration of match: Two - 30-minute halves (no overtimes until season end tournament) Games will end in a draw if score is tied. (Kept by referee)
-Players on the field- The number of players on the field should be 9 per side. However, this number can be flexible. Ranging from 7 to 9 depending on the team's player attendance that day. The number should be agreed upon by both coaches. The number includes the goal keeper.

-There is a goalkeeper and the goalkeeper shall wear different color shirt or practice vest then the rest of his/her team so the referee can readily recognize that team's goalkeeper.

-There is a two female on field minimum for the duration of the match.

-Corner kicks and Goal Kicks are standard. -Free kicks are standard and the distance of player separation from the kicking player should be a minimum of 10 yards.

-Yellow cards and Red cards do apply.

-Coaches will be sent off for misconduct. In this event an assistant coach will need to be present to coach the team or the game will be forfeited.

-Slide tackling is allowed for U12 – a slide tackle is defined as a player going to the ground to win the ball from the opposing player. Please note that when a slide tackle occurs contact can be made with the opposing player AFTER the ball has been cleanly pushed away. Also, slide tackling from behind on a breakaway play to the goal can result in a foul if the tackle is deemed unclean.

-Coaches or Asst Coaches will be sent off with a yellow or red card for misconduct. In this event an assistant coach will need to be present to coach the team or the game will be forfeited.

-Coaches and Assistants should remain by their bench and not enter field of play during the match and fans should remain on the fan side of the field of play (opposite side of the player/coach area). -There should be one coach giving verbal instruction at a time.

-Subs are controlled at the discretion of the referee.

-Team will loses possession for a foul throw-in.

-There is a blowout rule max positive goal diff +5 so there is no incentive to run up score for standing (if you win 10 to 2 you only get a positive of 5 that goes toward your teams' standings/points-for example the actual score would be recorded as 7 to 2).

-A mercy rule goes into effect when one team is 5 points ahead of its opponent. The leading team is then required to shoot outside of the 18-yard box. If a shot on goal is scored inside the 18-yard box in this situation a goal kick will be awarded to the defending team with no score.

-Score and league standings will be kept. The referee will report the final score of each match to the concession stand.

-Halftime is 5 minutes

-A maximum of 11 players are allowed on the field at any given time, however the number of players on the field will be agreed upon by coaches and the official.

-Remember above all, that our main objective is for the kids to have fun and play to the best of their ability.

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