

## Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League

### SPRING RECREATIONAL MICROSOCCKER MODIFIED RULES OF THE GAME

All spring recreational microsoccer games will be played using FIFA rules, with the following modifications:

#### 1. Protests

Games are considered final and NO protests are allowed. Spring MicroSoccer is a recreational program - team ranking and scores are not recorded.

#### 2. Sportsmanship

- Good sportsmanship and PCA principles will prevail at all times. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and spectators.
- Coaches and players are encouraged to shake hands with opponents after the game.
- If any issues arise during a game, discuss the issue with the opposing coach privately. Do not attempt to discuss issues in front of players and parents. Contact the Spring Director if there are any concerns which should be brought to the attention of the AVYSL Board of Directors.
- There will be no referees. Encourage the players to play the game with coaches providing oversight and (minimal) coaching during games.
- Fouls and Misconduct: Players should be encouraged to play a 'clean' game in an appropriate (recreational) manner. Coaches are responsible for working together if there should be any major or minor fouls which should be called. The penalty for all fouls is an indirect free kick with opponents six yards away from the ball. There will be no penalty kicks.
- When a team is ahead four or more goals, it is considered good sportsmanship to NOT run up the score. Coaches should make an obvious effort to reduce scoring and refrain from scoring further goals which would increase the lead.

#### 3. Alcoholic Beverages

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is expressly prohibited. Any team (players, coaches, parents or spectators) found violating this rule will be reported to the AVYSL Board of Directors. Disciplinary action may include expulsion from the spring program or league.

#### 4. Start of Game / Set up and Take Down

- The HOME team has the choice of side of field.
- The HOME team provides the game ball.
- On the first game of the day, the HOME and VISITING teams set up the playing field.
- On the last game of the day, the HOME and VISITING teams break down the field, lock up the goals and clean-up.

#### 5. Players/Coaches/Spectator Viewing Line

- Players, coaches and spectators must be within 10 yards to the left or right of the mid line.
- No player, coach and/or spectator may stand behind the goal line during the game.

#### 6. Start of Play

- A coin is tossed and the team which wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match. The other team takes the kick-off to start the match.

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- The team which wins the coin toss takes the kick-off to start the second half.
- In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack the opposite goals.
- Opponents must be six yards away from the center mark when the kick-off occurs.
- The kick off must go forward one ball revolution before another player may touch the ball.
- A goal CANNOT be scored on the first touch of the ball after the start of play.

#### 7. The Field

- Field size shall be 30 x 40 yards for all age groups.
- There will be no goal box markings since there is no goalie.
- There will be a center line where kick offs occur and 6 yard lines out from the goal to establish where the opponents must be when the defense is taking a goal kick.

#### 8. The Ball

- Under 6 & Under 8 shall use ball size 3
- Under 9 & & Under 10 shall use ball size 4
- Under 12 & Under 14 shall use ball size 4

#### 9. The Goal

- The goal shall be approximately 4 feet high by 6 feet wide.

#### 10. Number of Players

- Maximum on the field is four (4) players per team.
- Minimum on the field is three (3) players per team.

#### 11. Players' Equipment

- All players must wear appropriate soccer attire including: a uniform T-shirt in a contrasting color from the opposing team, shin guards, socks which completely cover shin guards, and cleats.
- For player safety, no front cleats are allowed such as baseball and football cleats.
- Players shall not wear anything that might be considered dangerous to himself/herself or another player including: watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, baseball caps, etc.

#### 12. Game Duration

- The game shall be played in two halves separated by a five minute halftime period.
- U6: twenty minute halves
- U8, U10, U12, U14: twenty-five minute halves
- In all games, ties will stand. There is no overtime.

#### 13. Off-side

- There will be no off-side penalties.

#### 14. Goal Kick

- When the ball is last touched by an attacking player before going completely over the goal line and a goal is not scored, play is restarted by the defending team kicking the ball from anywhere along the goal (end) line. All opposing players must be at least 6 yards from the ball when the goal kick is taken. The ball is in play when it has been kicked and moves.

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#### 15. Corner Kick

- When the ball is last touched by a defending player before going completely over the goal line and a goal is not scored, play is restarted by the attacking team taking a kick from the corner on the side of the field where the ball went over the goal line. Defenders must be at least 6 yards away when the corner kick is taken. The ball is in play when it has been kicked and moves.

#### 16. Kick-In (Rather than Throw-In)

- When all of the ball passes completely over the touch line (side line), play is restarted with a kick-in taken by a player of the team opposite to that of the player who last touched it. All opposing players must be at least 5 yards from the ball when the kick-in is taken. The ball is in play when it has been kicked and moves.

#### 17. Goal Scoring

- A goal is scored when the entire ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar. Goals may be scored from anywhere in the offensive half of the field, but cannot be scored directly from a kick-off, goal kick, kick-in, corner kick or a free kick. A Goal scored from a kick which originated behind the half line does not count, to minimize 'kick-ball' type of play.
- When a team is ahead four or more goals, it is considered good sportsmanship to NOT run up the score. Coaches should make an obvious effort to reduce scoring and refrain from scoring further goals which would increase the lead.

#### 18. Substitutions

Players may be substituted at the following times:

- a. Prior to a kick-in, by your own team  
(Except for U6's who can substitute on any kick- in).
- b. Prior to a goal kick, by either team
- c. After a goal, by either team
- d. Prior to the resumption of play after an injury, by either team
- e. At half time

Every effort should be made so that all players play a minimum of 50% of each game.

#### 19. Goalkeepers

- There shall be no goalkeepers; therefore no one is allowed to touch the ball with their hands. However, any player can assume a defensive role and clear the ball from the goal using their feet.
- No player may stay near or in the goal for extended periods of time when the ball is not in the vicinity of the goal.

#### 20. Special Rule for Under-6 Teams

- Only 1 coach **per** team is allowed on the field to help with the direction of the ball. That coach will stay in their half and help **ALL** players in that half regardless of what team they're on. Coaches will agree before the game starts what "half" is theirs.