**SPORTSPLEX SOCCER OFFICIAL RULES**

***(FIFA RULES APPLY IF NOT MODIFIED WITHIN)***

**ROSTERS:**All rosters are final upon team check-in. Roster maximum - 18 players.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**7 field players + a keeper (U10-14) and 6 field players plus a keeper (U15+). Minimum number of players must be 4 field players + goalkeeper. Players may only play on one team per division. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, but players must get referees attention and enter and exit at the half-field mark only.

**GENDER:** No males will be allowed to participate in any female divisions. Females CAN play in male divisions.

**EQUIPMENT:**Flats and turf shoes only! All players must wear shin guards. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play.

**GAME DURATION:**The game shall consist of one 25 minute game. Games tied after regulation play shall end in a tie. Except Playoffs, this will be a golden goal period.

**SCORING (IN POOL PLAY):**Games will be scored according to the following: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

**TIEBREAKERS***:* In pool play, ties between two or more teams will be broken by; 1) head to head results between tied teams; 2) goal difference in pool play Maximum of 5 goals per game; 3) Fewest goals against in Pool Play; 4) playoff team shootout.

**CHAMPIONSHIP OVERTIME:** *TEAMS WILL HAVE A “GOLDEN GOAL” OVERTIME PERIOD.*

**FIVE YARD RULE/Stoppages:** The field of play is 35 x 70 yards.

*There is* ***NO slide tackling*** *in* ***Sportsplex*** *games.* **(Exception Goalies in their own box)**

If the ball hits the ceiling ( pipes / fans hanging from the ceiling) in the field of play, an indirect free kick will be awarded from where the ball hit the ceiling.

**If the ball hits the field dividing wire … PLAY ON !!!**

In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball.

**PLAYER EJECTION (YELLOW/RED CARD):**Referees have the right to eject a player from the game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending the player off. RED CARD suspension = Rest of game PLUS next game. Tournament Director may eject player for rest of tournament.

**FORFEITS:** A forfeit shall be scored as 5-0.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of the referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify any rules as they see fit for the benefit of the overall tournament.