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Dear Coaches,

I'm sure this information is nothing new to most of you but please allow me to reiterate a few points that will promote an enjoyable winter for all:

- No food, gum or drinks allowed on the field, with the exception of water and sports drinks. This goes for parents as well.
- No spitting.
- Please be ready to play on time. While there is no dedicated space for warm-ups, various spaces off the field may be used for stretching. That being said, we operate on a running clock so it is your responsibility to be ready at game time.
- Please clean up after yourselves when in the facility. This applies to the benches, stands and anywhere else in the facility.
- Please exit the field area immediately after your game has concluded. You are welcome to meet with you team but please do so off the field so the next game can begin.

These simple points are really just common courtesy that will be shown by all patrons of this facility. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Below is a list of House Rules that will govern the MAPS Winter Indoor League. Should you or your players have a question with regard to any of the rules at any point throughout the season, please do not hesitate to ask a referee or myself.

Last but not least, HAVE FUN!

The Fields Sports Complex House Rules

NO FOOD, GUM OR DRINKS ARE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD BY PLAYERS OR PARENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WATER OR SPORTS DRINKS. THE FILEDS IS A ZERO TOLERANCE FACILITY.

Equipment:

FIFA Approved shin-guards are required for all youth players. Proper footwear is required. Molded cleats are allowed but not screw-ins. Baseball caps, earrings, rings (finger, nose, lip, etc.) or other jewelry may not be worn. Braces or casts must be properly covered and cleared by the referee.

For the most part, our rules are very similar to FIFA rules used in the outdoor games. Some adjustments include the following:

1. No spitting
2. There is no off-sides
3. All kick-ins, which will take the place of throw-ins, are indirect kicks.
4. All goal kicks and goalie distributions must bounce or be touched by another player before passing half-field. Infraction will result in an indirect free kick from the point on the half line

where the ball crossed). The only time a goalie may play the ball over half-field in the air is if they receive the ball as a pass-back during the normal run of play.

5. Goalies may not punt or drop-kick the ball. If they choose to put the ball down and play it with their feet, it is still considered a goalie distribution and must follow the laws outlined above, 3.
6. Balls that hit any infrastructure (e.g. wires, nets, lights, heaters, etc.) will be whistled dead, and an indirect kick at the adjacent point on the sideline will be awarded to the other team.
7. All restarts must be given 4 yards by the opposing team. Players that encroach (e.g. extending their leg or jumping in) may be shown a yellow card.
8. Any player issued a yellow card will immediately leave the game and sit out for two (2) minutes, and their team will play a player down for the duration of the penalty – unless a goal is scored (by either team). Referee will keep track of all penalty time.
9. A second yellow card for an individual will result in a red card for that individual and ejection from that match. Resulting disciplinary action will be determined by league management.
10. No slide tackling by field players. Slide tackling is defined as: "when the play involves an offensive and /or defensive field player and the ball, and the field player leaves their feet in an attempt to clear, steal, or defend the ball." Sliding to clear/ kick the ball when no other field player or goalie is nearby or any contact made will not incur a penalty. Goalies may slide inside the box. The referee's decision and interpretation of play and conduct is final. If referee deems that a slide tackle or hard foul took place inside the box, it will result in the awarding of a penalty kick from the top of the box.
11. FIFA rules apply for pass-backs to goalie.
12. Substitutions may be made "on-the-fly" at any time (including goalie). No referee check-in required. Exiting player must completely leave the field of play before the substitute may enter in their place.
13. All forfeited games will be scored 3-0. Team is still responsible for referee fees for that game.
14. Referee may end the game at any time, and at their sole discretion, should they deem that the playing environment is not conducive to the safe play of the participants or themselves. The score, as well as the final outcome (i.e. win, lose, draw, or a NO DECISION) will be at management's sole discretion based upon referee input.

*** The Fields Sports Complex reserves the right to revise and amend any and all leagues rules as needed and at any time. ***