### **General Information**

The ball can be played in any direction to start the game; forwards OR backwards Shin guards are mandatory for ALL Players.

Cleats or tennis shoes may be worn. Cleats with a toe cleat are illegal and will not be allowed.

Jewelry of any kind may not be worn by a player during a game. This includes earrings and bracelets.

For all of our team formation, we attempt to keep our teams "age pure". As players enter in the older divisions (U10 thru U19) this becomes more difficult, and many of these divisions are mixed ages, i.e., U10 is actually U9/U10.; U12 is U11/12. Player soccer age is based on "Birth Year."

The next criteria is location. DSA teams are formed using Denton ISD school locations. Of course there are exceptions to these two basic team formation requirements. Age differences can be because of siblings playing on the same team (this is an exception we always try to grant) or because players have requested to Play-Up. School locations differences can be caused by not having enough players from one school and having to combine school locations (we make every attempt to keep players close to their schools), and in any SPRING season, teams folding and combining, players requesting to go in the player pool, Spring Registration fill-ins, etc.

Practice Times and Locations are determined by the Coach.

Your Registration Fees pay for a complete uniform, awards, insurance, NTSSA Fees, referee fees, Denton Parks and Recreation fees, and City of Denton Fees.

Each player is guaranteed 8 games and 50% playing time. (For ages 2013 through 2007, DSA schedules 8 games, with additional games if needed to account for inclement weather reschedules). Below are some specifics for each age group.

## **U4** Boys and Girls:

Use a #3 Ball.

Play 3v3 (No Goalie), no more than 6 on each roster.

Roster sizes are determined by DSA guaranteeing each player 50% playing time.

Play on fields 10B1 and 10B2, One Coach Must be on the field with the players.

Games are 24 minutes, 6 minute guarters.

No throw-ins. All out balls are kick-ins. No Direct Kicks - All corners, goal kicks, etc. are indirect kicks. (No Goal can be scored on a kickoff unless touched by another player!!!)

## U5 and U6 Boys and Girls:

Use a #3 Ball.

Play 4v4, (NO GOALIE) no more than 8 on each roster. Roster sizes are determined by DSA guaranteeing each player 50% playing time.

Play Fields 8A, 8B, 10A and 10B.

Games are 40 minutes, 10 minute quarters.

(No Goal can be scored on a kickoff unless touched by another player!!!)

# U7 and U8 Boys and Girls:

Use a #3 Ball.

Play 4v4, (NO Goalie) no more than 8 on each roster. Rosters sizes are determined by DSA going to small-sided games and guaranteeing each player 50% playing time.

Play Fields 6A, 6B, 11A and 11B.

Games are 48 minutes, 12 minute quarters.

(No Goal can be scored on a kickoff unless touched by another player!!!)

## U9 and U10 Boys and Girls:

Use a #4 Ball.

Play 7v7, (6 Field, 1 Goalie) No more than 12 - 14 on each roster. Rosters sizes are determined by DSA going to small-sided games and guaranteeing each player 50% playing time.

Play Fields 4 and 5.

Games are 50 minutes, two 25 minute halves.

## FOR TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PLAY IS 7v7

\*\*Coaches please send your game scores to dsaofficestaff@gmail.com, this will help determine who will go to the Tournament of Champions in the Fall.

## U11 and U12 Boys and Girls:

Use a #4 Ball.

Play 9v9 (8 on Field with 1 Goalie) no more than 14-18 on each roster. Rosters sizes are determined by DSA guaranting each player 50% playing time.

Play on field 3.

Games are 60 minutes, two 30 minute halves.

Coaches must have Roster and Game Report sheets at every game.