

# ??? WEATHER ???

**In case of inclement weather, Stacy Nofziger will contact you, you must convey message to your team.**

## **PARK LOCATIONS:**

**Delta: 421 Fernwood St. Delta, OH**

**Swanton: Memorial Park Swanton, OH 43558**

**Wauseon: Biddle Park Biddle Park Dr Wauseon, OH 43567**

## **RULES:**

**Pre-K: all players play at the same time**

**K: 4v4 with 2 eighteen minute periods with 3 minute break... Coaches are allowed on the field, no refs. **NO GOALIE**, We are not going to use refs since we are allowing coaches on the field. Some fields will have a Penalty Arc, but they are not in play.**

**1&2 Grade: 4v4 with 2 eighteen minute periods with 3 minute break. Coaches are not allowed on the field. **NO GOALIE**, we will have a Penalty Arc in place of Goalie. A player may not touch a ball in the Penalty Arc until it comes to a complete stop, then it is a Goal kick. All play starts with a kick, **NO THROW INS**.**

**3&4 Grade: 7v7 with 2 twenty five minute halves & Build Out Line Rules.**

**5&6 Grade: 9v9 with 2 thirty minute halves**

**5 - 8 Grade: 11v11 with 2 thirty five minute halves**

**7&8 Grade: 11v11 with 2 thirty five minute halves**

Every player must play at least 1 half of every game.

Any player sent off (given a red card) during the game must retire to the team area. The player must give his name to the referee; the player will be suspended for the rest of the game. No substitute will be allowed to replace the player; the team will play with one less

player. ANY adult, spectator or coach may be ejected for the field for verbal or physical abuse of a coach, official or player. The individual must leave the field area and retire to at least the parking lot (Elementary School). TheVSC board will review any problem.

If injury occurs, the referee shall stop the game and signal for a coach who must immediately go to the aid of the player. If a coach cannot get the referee's attention, he may go out onto the field without permission and assist his player in case of an emergency. Coaches please use good judgment; the child should always come first. Any player found to be bleeding or to have blood on their uniform during the match must leave the field of play and return only after the bleeding has stopped and both player and uniform are clean of any sign of blood. The consent of the referee must be given for the player to return.

The spirit and intent of the VSC soccer program (participation, good sportsmanship, fun and a positive learning experience) shall be adhered to at all times.

## **THE VSC SOCCER: OFFICIAL LAWS OF THE GAME**

### Law 1 the field of play

Fields and goals will be scaled appropriately to the age of the players and the number of players on the field. Teams shall take the same side the field, opposite the spectator side. Spectators are not allowed in the team area. Coaches (no more than two per team) may roam their team's half of the touch line (midfield to goal line) to instruct players.

Kindergarten coaches: 1 coach per team may be on the field to position and instruct players, but must do so quietly and unobtrusively. Coaches and parents: Please do not stand behind the goal and instruct the goalies. Encouragement from the sidelines is always appreciated.

### Law 2 the Ball

Each team must provide a quality game ball. Divisions Pre-K-K use size 3 balls, 1grade - 6 grade use size 4, and 7 grade and higher use size 5.

### Law 3 the number of players

The number of players on the field during the game varies by division according to the number of children enrolled in that division. Small-sided games are encouraged in order to provide more time with the ball for each child. Check your game schedule to see how many players are on the field at one time.

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K - 2Grade: 4v4

3&4 Grade: 7v7

5&6 Grade: 9v9

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### Law 4 Players equipment

The VSC jersey's will be provided for each player. SHIN GUARDS ARE MANDATORY.. They must be worn under their socks. Shoes may be either tennis/gym shoes or soccer shoes with round rubber cleats. Shoes with detachable cleats, studs or metal of any kind are prohibited. ALL jewelry must be removed prior to the start of the game. Inclement weather clothing is permitted under the player's uniform. NO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS PLEASE! The goalkeeper shall wear a jersey that differentiates them from the team jersey.

#### Law 5 Referees

Referees are responsible for keeping the official time of the game and enforcing the rules according to their own interpretation. Abuse of the refs will not be tolerated and may result in removal of either a parent, or coach.

#### Law 6 Duration of the game

Divs. PK: Practice for 20 minutes and then a game for 25 minutes

**K: 2 EIGHTEEN MINUTE halves with a 3 minute halftime (new 2016)**

**1 & 2: 2 EIGHTEEN MINUTE halves with a 3 minute halftime (new 2016)**

3&4 Grade: 2 equal halves of 25 minutes each

**5-8 Grade: 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each (new 2015)**

5&6 Grade: 2 equal halves of 30 minutes each

7&8 Grade: 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each

The official clock is kept by the referee and shall run continuously unless stopped to compensate for injury.

#### Law 7 the start of play

A flip of the coin decides which team will kick off. Each team must stay on its own half of the field and the defending players must be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff and the ball must be kicked forward on the kickoff one ball rotation. SUBSTITUTIONS: Both teams may substitute between quarters, after a goal, before a goal kick is taken or as a result of an injury (one for one). Substituting players must go to the mid-line and await the ref's signal before coming onto the field. Only the team in possession of the ball may substitute before a throw in is taken.

#### Law 8 Ball in and out of play

The ball is out of play when it has COMPLETELY crossed the goal line or sideline whether on the ground or in the air. A player may be out of bounds and still play the ball as long as the ball has not completely crossed the line.

#### Law 9 Method of scoring

A goal is scored when the entire ball has passed over the goal line between the goal post and under the cross bar. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in or a kickoff.

#### Law 10 Off-side

A player is offside when he is behind the last defender without possession of the ball and the ball is passed to him. In K-4 offside will not be called unless the player is observed "parking" in front of the goal in an offside position.

#### Law 11 Goal Kicks and Corner Kicks

When the ball has completely crossed the goal line after being last touched by a player from the offensive team, it is put back into play by a kick from the goal area by the defending

team. (The kick does not have to necessarily be made by the goalkeeper). A goal kick must leave the goal area before it is considered in play and any player may take the goal kick. When the ball has completely crossed the goal line after being last touched by a member of the defending team, it is put back into play by a kick from the corner on the side the ball went out by the offensive team. You may score directly from a corner kick.

#### Law 12 Free Kicks and Fouls

A player who intentionally attempts to or actually kicks, trips, jumps at, charges violently from behind, strikes, holds on or pushes an opponent or unintentionally handles the ball is committing a foul for which the opposing team is awarded a free direct kick. Offside or minor fouls such as obstruction or dangerous player awarded indirect kicks. Free kicks are classified into 2 categories. "Direct" is a kick from which a goal can be scored directly against the opposing and "indirect" from which a goal cannot be scored unless a player other than the kicker has touched the ball before entering the goal. A penalty kick is awarded if the infraction happens in the penalty area (goalkeeper's box). All players except the player taking the kick and the goalkeeper must be outside the penalty area, at least 10 yards from the ball. Penalty kicks are not awarded in K-2. Instead, a direct kick is taken outside the box where the infraction occurred. The referee will direct the player as to the nature of the kick. Slide tackling is not permitted and will result in a foul. If no contact occurs, then an indirect kick is awarded. If contact occurs, a direct kick is awarded.

#### Law 13 Throw-in

When the ball has completely crossed the sideline it is put back into play by a throw in from the spot where it went out and by a player from the opposite team that last touched the ball. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in. The player taking the throw must have both feet on the ground and must throw the ball with both hands above the head. He may not cross over the line until the ball has left his hands. The player taking the throw may not touch the ball again until the ball has touched another player. The opposing player may not attempt to obstruct the throw in as players are allowed to do in basketball. In K-2 a referee may award a player a "second chance" after explaining the correct procedure for a throw in. No second chance for 3rd grade and up, the other team gets possession with a throw in if a poor throw has been made.