



# RULES OF FACILITY & PLAY

## FALL 2009 – WINTER 2010

### HOUSE RULES:

#### Getting Started

- Teams must submit a completed Registration Form along with a \$250 deposit in order to be placed on the schedule.
- Teams must turn in a completed Roster Liability form in order to play.
- Teams must be paid in full **on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> game** of the session. **NO PAY, NO PLAY!**
- **TEAMS NOT PAID IN FULL BY THE 3<sup>rd</sup> GAME OF THE SESSION WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE SCHEDULING PROCESS.**
- Teams meeting all the above requirements will receive a full schedule AS SOON AS POSSIBLE But no later than the 4th game of the session. This schedule will be final with no changes allowed. **NO REFUNDS will be issued for games not played.**
- **NO-SHOW RULE** - Any team that does not show-up for a scheduled game is responsible for all referee fees (both teams) for the cancelled time slot. These fees must be paid in full before the next game or the team will not be permitted to take the field. **PISA will not be responsible for referee fees this year for any games cancelled without reasonable notice.**

#### Weather Conditions

- PISA is never closed due to the weather. In extreme weather conditions **participants are to use their own discretion.** Call the facility if you think your team will not make their game. We cannot guarantee that games your team cancels will be made up. However, PISA will attempt to re-schedule as many of these games as possible within in the same session. Missed games cannot be carried over to the next session. **THERE WILL BE NO NO REFUNDS FOR GAMES MISSED DUE TO WEATHER.**

#### Proof of Age

- All players registered with P.I.S.A. **MUST** be able to show proof of age. The only forms of ID that will be accepted are:
  - P.A. West Player Pass.
  - Birth Certificate with a Photo ID.
  - School ID.
  - Driver's License.
- All guest players must show proof of age.

#### Equipment

- **P.I.S.A. WILL PROVIDE ALL SOCCER BALLS FOR GAMES.** Players are not permitted to bring balls into the facility.
- Helmets are highly recommended for all goalkeepers.
- All participants must wear shoes (rubber soles preferred). **Participants shall not use shoes with metal cleats or studs.**

### Dress Code – No Exceptions

- **Team uniforms shall be as follows:** Jersey (all the same color), above the knee soccer or gym type shorts (all the same basic color preferred), knee high soccer style stockings (all the same color), and shoes.
- **All players (IN ALL DIVISIONS) must wear age appropriate (size) shin guards** covered entirely by stockings.
- Items worn for adornment that could be injurious to players are prohibited.
- Hair control devices must be made of soft material. beads, metal or plastic clips are not permitted.
- **High School age divisions and down, jewelry shall not be worn by any player. Taping over jewelry is prohibited.**
- ***Note: It shall be the responsibility of the team coach to enforce the jewelry rule. Referees do not have the time between games and are not aware of late comers. Players detected by the referee during play may be issued a yellow card for unsporting conduct and given a 2-minute penalty at the next stoppage in play.***
  - Religious or medical medals must be taped to the body with medical data visible.
  - Open division and older wearing of jewelry shall be at the referee's discretion.

**CHEWING GUM IS NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE IN THE PISA FACILITY**  
**P.I.S.A. IS AN ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE FACILITY!!!**  
**PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS ARE NOT TO CONGREGATE IN**  
**FRONT OF ANY OF THE DOORWAYS**

### Divisional Play Adjustment

P.I.S.A. will reserve the right to adjust divisional play according to the following:

- In the case of a team clearly dominating, they will be moved up.
- In the case of team clearly being dominated, they will be moved down.

### Game Rules

**All Fields: F.I.F.A. Outdoor Rules Apply with the following exceptions:**

- Subbing on the fly is permitted. Players leaving the field must be within **reasonable distance** of bench area, **as determined by the referee**, before the entering player is permitted on. **The player entering the field shall not be involved in play until the player leaving is off the playing surface.** Play will not be delayed for multiple substitutions. **First team violation will result in a verbal warning.** Starting with the second violation a two-minute penalty will be assessed to the offending team.
- Free Kicks – opposing players must be a distance from the ball equal to that of the kickoff before it is kicked. Dasher fields – 10 feet. Open field – 18 feet.
- No more than a 5-goal difference will be displayed on the scoreboard. Teams that score more than the 5-goal differential will have a goal added each time the opponent scores

### Open Field:

- Goalkeepers are not permitted to punt the ball back into play.
- Goal kicks and throws from the goalkeeper **may exceed** the midfield line.
- **KICKOFFS are indirect.**

### Dasher Fields:

- Goal kicks, punts or throws from the goalkeeper **may not exceed** three lines without bouncing or touching another player. Violation will result in an Indirect Free Kick (IFK) taken from the **blue dot** on the first line the ball crossed.
- **KICKOFFS are indirect.**
- **U8's and U10's – balls hitting the side netting shall remain in play.**
- All other age groups - balls hitting the side netting or beyond, will be restarted with an IFK taken from where the ball was kicked. If kicked from the penalty area, restarts will be from the top of the penalty arc. Goal kicks and corner kicks will be awarded when the ball hits the netting between the (white) corner dots.
- Free kicks or kicks crossing over **three lines** without bouncing or touching another player shall result in an IFK taken from the **blue dot** on the first line the ball crossed.
- Boarding is charging an opponent into the dasher field walls. This includes a fair charge. **The force on contact will determine the degree of penalty** – from dangerous play to serious foul play.
- Players cannot use the boards to gain an advantage by **holding onto the top railing** or extending their body from the boards (hands on wall) to shield the ball. Violation will result in a direct free kick (DFK) being awarded for holding or an indirect free kick (IFK) being awarded for obstruction.
- Shoelaces that come untied present a dangerous situation that could cause a player to crash head first into the boards. Players will be sent off the field immediately to tie their laces. **For their safety, and the safety of the other players, players shall not bend down to tie shoelaces on the field during play.**

### Time Penalties

- Any player issued a **YELLOW CARD** (caution) will receive a **2-minute penalty**. Offending team will play a man short for the full 2 minutes unless the opposing team scores a goal before the penalty expires; at which time the penalty ends.
- Any player issued a **RED CARD** (disqualified) will be sent off for the remainder of the game and shall not play in the team's next game (**one game suspension**). (If punches are thrown, see "PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT" below). The team of the offending player will play short for the full 2 minutes regardless of the number of goals scored against them. At the end of the 2 minutes, the player sent off may be replaced.
- **PENALTY BEGINS ON THE RESTART WHISTLE.**
- Balls hitting the ceiling (LIGHTS, BEAMS, INSULATION) will result in a **2-minute penalty**. Restart shall be an IFK taken by the opposing team from a location directly below the point of contact. **A deflected ball hitting the ceiling shall not be penalized.**
- At no time will a team play more than 2 players short due to multiple penalties. As penalty time expires any remaining penalty time will begin until all penalties are served.
- Goalkeeper is in possession when any part of his/her body has controlled the ball. This also includes **one hand on the ball**, and when the keeper is **lying on the ball, regardless of complete control.**
- Charging or running into the goalkeeper will not be tolerated.

### Sliding

- Slide tackling (**contact with another player when sliding to challenge for the ball**) is not permitted on all fields. A player will be called for sliding any time they leave their feet on their own to play the ball when being **challenged by an opponent** and contact or near contact is made. **First offense will result in a verbal warning** given to the offending player and an IFK awarded to opposing team taken from where the slide occurred. **Second offense by the same player** shall result

in a **YELLOW CARD** and a **2-minute penalty**. Third offense by the same player shall result in a **RED CARD** and a **2-minute penalty**.

- Goalkeepers while in the penalty box may slide and use their body to make a save or get control of the ball in ways that are permissible by FIFA rules.
- **Goalkeepers shall not slide tackle outside the penalty box. Penalty shall be awarded as stated above.**

**Clarification:** A player (including the goalkeeper outside the penalty box) may slide to save a ball from going out of play, from going into the goal, to score a goal, or to play a ball when there is no other player within playing distance (including a teammate) as determined by the referee(s). **SAVING A BALL FROM GOING OUT OF PLAY DOES NOT APPLY ON THE DASHER FIELDS.**

### **PLAYING RULES U8 – U12:**

- As above except for following changes:
  - U8 through U11 teams will play with a size #4 ball
- Dasher Fields:
  - 1 qualified referee will be assigned these games
- ½ Open Field:
  - 1 qualified referee will be assigned and play on one half of the open field. There will be no off sides.

### **PLAYING RULES U13- U16 and High School Girls:**

- As above except for following changes:
  - U13 and above will play with a size #5 ball
- Dasher Fields:
  - 1 qualified referee will be assigned these games.
- Open Field:
  - 2 qualified referees will be assigned these games.

### **PLAYING RULES U17, High School Boys AND ABOVE:**

- As above except for following changes:
  - 2 qualified referees will be assigned for all games except for over 30 divisions on dasher fields.

### **TEAM SIZES:**

- Dasher Board Fields
  - U8 through U10 --- 7 + Keeper
  - U11 and U12 --- 6 + Keeper
  - U14 through O30 --- 5 + Keeper
  - O40 and above --- 6 + Keeper
- ½ Open Field
  - U8 through U10 --- 7 + Keeper
  - U11 and U12 --- 6 + Keeper

- Open Field
  - U11 through U13 --- 6 + Keeper
  - U14 through O40 --- 7 + Keeper
  - Adult Coed --- 7 + Keeper (minimum 2 females)
  - O50 --- 8 + Keeper

**PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- **NO SPITTING IN THE FACILITY. SPITTING BY A PLAYER OR COACH DURING GAME WILL RESULT IN A 2-MINUTE PENALTY** with a live restart.
- Any player deliberately trying to injure another player will be given an automatic one game suspension.
  - Any player involved in a fight will be given a one game suspension.
  - Any player receiving 2 one game suspensions will be ineligible for the remainder of session or six games (which ever comes first).
- **Any player throwing a punch** will automatically be ineligible for remainder of session or six games (which ever comes first).
- **SUSPENDED PLAYERS WILL LEAVE THE FACILITY**
- **Player(s) using vulgar language or gestures** will be disqualified for the remainder of the game.
- Rules for dissent:
  - 1st offense - Verbal Warning
  - 2nd offense - Yellow Card
  - 3rd offense - Red Card
- **All referee decisions are final**

**COACH / MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- As above where applicable
- It is the coach's responsibility to abide by and enforce all facility rules among his team players and fans.
- P.I.S.A. Management and Referees have the authority to remove any person from the facility for improper conduct.

**ALL REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND ARE NOT TO BE CHALLENGED.**

**FANS' CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- As above where applicable
- There will be no tolerance for referee or player badgering. **REFEREES MAY AWARD A 2-MINUTE PENALTY AGAINST TEAM OF OFFENDING FANS.**
- All fans must remain in bleacher side of field.
- No coaching from the sidelines.
- Failure to concede to rules will result in removal from facility at the discretion of the P.I.S.A. staff.
- No viewing of or coaching of any games from behind goal areas.

**PLEASE HELP US IN OUR EFFORT TO CREATE A FULLY SAFE FAMILY ATMOSPHERE IN OUR FACILITY.**

**THANK YOU**