

## PLAY-OFF POLICES & RULES

### Fall 2017

The following information is relevant to the conducting of the GAASA Fall Play-offs to be played October 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> at Copley Road & Wadsworth/Muhl Park:

- As a closed tournament, it is only open to members currently playing the fall season in the GAASA, there is no need for team check-in prior to playing their first game. Referees will check teams in prior to the game.
  - **Teams are to go directly to the field that they will be playing on and present the official GAASA stamped game report/roster with their passes when asked for by the referee.** Do not use scrap pieces of paper, the stamped league roster or other non-conforming media. On the game report in the game information box **indicate whether it is a semi-final or final game, date, home or visitor** (the higher seeded team is home) and **age group/division**. Also have all players listed properly including their uniform number and be sure to sign on the bottom where indicated for the coach. No players should be handwritten.
  - The **winning** team is to bring both game reports to the awards tent after their game. In the event of a **red card** the center referee is to retain the pass and have the winning coach bring up the reports. After the referee's schedule of games, he/she is to bring the pass to the awards tent or a league official may come to the field to obtain the pass if it is needed sooner.
  - Only players who have been directly rostered to the participating team, either at registration or as a late register may participate in the play-offs. **No Guest Players allowed.** Violation of this policy will result in the forfeiture of any games and awards earned by the team as well as additional punishment as deemed necessary by the league. The league policy of only allowing the maximum number of players, depending on the age group, is in effect regardless of the number of players registered to a specific team. The maximum number of players allowed to dress for a match are:
    - **9/10U- 12 players**
    - **11/12U- 16 players**
    - **13U & up- 18 players**
  - **All games will be of regulation length** and in the event of a tie the game will be decided by kicks from the line on the field in use unless otherwise specified after regulation. These kicks will be conducted at only one goal to be chosen by the referee crew conducting the kicks and will be conducted in accordance with current FIFA rule.
  - The league has a foul weather policy that is specific to the play-offs and is provided to every coach. It is the responsibility of the coach to be aware of the policy. In the event a game is halted due to thunder and lightning **all** players and spectators are to **clear the fields immediately and return to their cars**. Coaches only are to remain at the pavilion adjacent to the concession stand.
  - There will be no grace period for warming up prior to the start of a game. Every effort will be made to begin games at their designated time and it is the responsibility of the teams to be ready to begin the game when indicated by the referee.
  - The referee's have been asked to use the international walk-out (the teams line up on either side of the referee on the team side of the field and walk to the middle of the field, acknowledge the spectators and then assume their positions for the start of the game) for all finals.
  - Conduct that is unbecoming to the game by players, coaches and spectators may result in the expulsion of the individual(s) from the tournament site. This is above and beyond the issuing of yellow/red cards by the referee which may also result in the removal of an individual. Additional sanctions may be applied by the league toward the parties involved as well as the club the team is representing. This has not been a problem for the league in the past and there is no anticipation of this season's event being any different. This tournament is put on for the benefit of the players and the enjoyment of all in attendance.
  - Awards for this event are as follows: individual medals for the season division champion; t-shirts for the play-off winner and finalist as well as individual medals for the play-off winner to be presented after the championship game. Awards for the championship game will not begin until both teams are in attendance at the tournament tent.
  - **No Pets Allowed at the play-off sites.**
  - All teams and spectators are responsible for policing their area at the conclusion of a game for the purpose of removing trash. We are guests at the fields in use for the tournament and as such we should respect our hosts by not leaving behind unnecessary objects.
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