2010 TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

KidsPeace is a private, not-for-profit charity dedicated to giving hope, help, and healing to children facing crisis. Our goal continues in ways to strengthen the family institution and give children the opportunity to grow strong in all areas of their lives. A sport is one avenue in which children can develop the courage and confidence to face and over overcome obstacles. It is also a means of connecting families by providing an opportunity to spend enjoyable time together. The KidsPeace Soccer Tournament will do so, not only by offering competitive soccer games, but by allowing the family and team members to interact off the field through swimming at our KidsPeace pool or other activities.

Competition will include boys and girls from the following age divisions: U-9's, U-10's, U-11's, U-12's, U-13's, U-14's, U-15's, U-16, U-17, and U-18. Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 games or 4 games if your teams go to the finals. The number of teams in each division will determine the format. Each game consists of two 20/25-minute halves depending on age. There are five minutes between halves.

Teams and Rosters:

- All teams participating in the tournament must be registered with EPYSA or the equivalent organization if the team is from outside of Pennsylvania.
- U-9, U-10, U-11, and U12 (8v8 play) rosters will be limited to 14 players.
    - U11 and U12 teams: 8v8 play will depend on how many teams register for the tournament. If there are not enough teams to fill an 8v8 division and there is room in the 11v11 division, you may have an opportunity to play 11v11 or opt for a full refund.
- U-11, U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, and U-17 (11v11play) rosters will be limited to 18 players.
- Players may only play for one team and one team only during the tournament. This includes primary, secondary, and guest players.
- All teams may have 3 guest players. Guest players are substitute players for a roster player in the event the roster player cannot attend the tournament. A players pass and medical release form is required for a guest player.
- Rosters are for the upcoming **fall season**

Sign in/Registration

- All teams must sign in at Soccer Central
    - **Friday, August 20th, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, for teams within a 50-mile radius or attending the coach's clinic.**
    - **Saturday, August 21st, beginning one-hour before the first game of the tournament begins.**
    - **Sign-in/registration must be completed at least one hour before your first game.**
- **All teams will be expected to provide a copy of the following documents at the time of sign-in/registration.**
    - **Current certified roster**
    - **Current player passes**
    - **Medical releases**

Determination of Division Winners and Runners Up

1. Team with most game points:
    - 3 games points for each win
    - 1 game point for each tie
    - 0 game points for loss
2. Head to head competition (this tiebreaker is not used if more than two teams are tied).
    - If three or more teams are tied to determine the next round of play, no head to head tie breaker will be enforced. Once the first place team has been determined, the remaining teams will go back to the first tie breaking rule and subsequent tiebreakers if needed to determine the next place. This will continue until all teams are placed. If two teams remain in a division and tie breakers are needed, the head-to-head rule will be utilized if needed to determine the winning team.
3. Goal differential (maximum of 3 points per game)
4. Team with the most goals scored (maximum of 5 goals per game)
5. Team with the least goals allowed (maximum of 5 goals per game)
6. Penalty kicks.

Games Halted by Weather

Games will only be stopped for thunderstorms or standing water on the field and when the officials or tournament committee determine that conditions are dangerous. The score of the game at the point the game is stopped due to weather conditions will be the official score of the game. Head referee and Tournament Committee will make final decision regarding cancellation of play. Play will resume after the Head Official and Tournament Committee make a combined decision. Game times and duration may be changed due to weather issues.

Duration of Games/Coin Toss

All groups will be playing two 20/25-minute halves depending on age. A coin toss will be done prior to the game by a referee. The top team in the game schedule will be the home team.

Games Starting Times/Time Constraints

Games must be started at the scheduled times. A team needs a minimum of seven players for the 11v11 and for the 8v8 to begin play. The tournament committee reserves the right to consider if a forfeit is appropriate at that time. As an alternative the committee reserves the right to consider rescheduling the game at a later time period if the schedule permits. If scheduled games begin running behind schedule, the tournament committee reserves the right to modify the tournament schedule and tournament rules as necessary for the fair and orderly conduct of the tournament. Warm up prior to your game off the field. There will be no time for warm-ups on the field prior to the beginning of your games.

Officials:

Each game will have a head official. U9, U10, U11, and U12 (8v8 play) teams are responsible for providing a linesman during their games. (Games both Saturday and Sunday)

Forfeits
A forfeit will be recorded as 3 to 0 win for the non-forfeiting team.

Uniforms
Home team wears the light jersey. Home team will be the 1st team or top team listed. Away team wears the dark jersey.

Overtime:
Overtime will not be in preliminary play. Any division that plays a round robin format **will not play any overtime** to determine a winning/losing team. Both teams will earn 1 point for the tie. If the official on the field inadvertently plays an overtime play and or shoot-out, the team points will still be awarded 1 point for each team despite the outcome of the overtime play.

Playoff:
Any divisions that play a play-off format to determine semi-final or final matches will play a 5-minute sudden death format to determine the winner. If the 5-minute overtime play, and no team has scored, a five shot penalty shoot-out will occur to determine the winning team. The winning team will earn 3 points and the losing team will earn 0 points. (This may play a role in determining third place if no consolation finals are played)

Red Card and Yellow Cards
A player/coach receiving a "red" card (equivalent two "yellow" cards) shall be barred from further participation in the game in which he/she received the "red" card (player shall not be replaced) as well as his/her team's next scheduled game. Additionally, the game official and tournament committee will review all red card infractions immediately after the game to determine if further disciplinary action is appropriate. The referee shall obtain the affected player's pass, and forward it with a game report to the tournament director, who shall return same to the coach after the suspension, is served. All "red card" incidents will be reported, as required by EPYSA, in the tournament summary report. A player/coach receiving two (2) "red" card equivalents, or being ejected for "violent conduct" (i.e. striking an opponent) shall be barred from further participation in the tournament.

Coach and Fan Behavior
Please keep in mind that Coaches are role models for their players. Please exhibit appropriate and good sportsman-like behavior at all times. Parents are encouraged to be positive, supportive, and under control. Coaches who are filing complaints about game/tournament conditions need to accomplish that in a professional manner. Parents/Coaches who display continuous disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the tournament site; they will not be permitted to return for the remainder of the tournament.

Protest
No protest of any kind will be allowed. The tournament committee's decision is final.

Medical
All fields will have a field marshal/field supervisor who will have a two-way radio to request medical assistance. An ambulance will be stationed at fields 7 and 8. First aid kits and ice will also be available at the fields. Each team must have a medical release form signed by the parent. These forms must be shown at the time of registration.

Awards
3rd, 2nd, and 1st place winners will receive **individual medals**. In an age group with a larger number of teams, the tournament committee will divide it into multiple divisions and awards will be presented in all divisions. Determination for 3rd place will be by team points and tie-breaking rules based upon the first three matches played in the tournament. Awards for 3rd place may be picked up at Soccer Central when all preliminary matches in that division have been played, unless otherwise noted by the Field Supervisors.

Patches
Exchanging patches is optional. Please discuss this with your opposing coach prior to your match. Each player will receive a KidsPeace Invitational patch (included in the coach's gift).

Security:
Please be advised that no one is to enter the houses on campus (no exceptions). If you are not sure where your field is or where the extra-curricular activities are located, please return to Soccer Central or ask a field marshal or site supervisor. Also, it is prohibited to climb on the Ropes Course elements.

Concessions/Merchandise/Bathrooms
Food, drinks, and merchandise are sold at all field sites. Indoor restroom facilities are available at the Aquatic Center and Soccer Central (lower fields). Fields #7 and 8 will have Port-o-Potties available.

Recreational
Camping is available for Friday and Saturday Night for a $30 weekend package. Registration for campsites is held at Soccer Central. Only 2 cars per site. Parking passes must be completed and placed on your dash at all times. All other cars may park in the parking areas. **Alcohol and pets are NOT permitted at any time.**

Parking
Parking will be available; this includes handicap parking. Please park in the designated parking areas only. If you are in need of special parking, please visit the Welcome Center upon arrival or go to Soccer Central.

Refunds
If a team is not accepted into the tournament their application fee will be returned. Teams who do not play due to weather conditions will receive a full refund. Teams who play one or more games will not receive a refund.

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament director.
Thank you for participating in the annual KidsPeace Soccer Invitational and visiting our campus. We hope to see you next year.