

# EPL Rules of Competition

## **Ages, formats and length of matches**

### **10U and below- two 25 minute halves with a 5 minutes halftime.**

Teams will play 7v7 with a designated keeper. You must have 5 players to start a match. Size 4 ball will be used. There is no heading or punting and a build out line will be used.

### **11U – 12U -two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.**

Teams will play 9v9 with a designated keeper. You must have 6 players to start a match. A size 4 ball will be used.

12U- 9v9 is unrestricted. You may both punt and head the ball

11U- 9v9 you may punt the ball but you may not head the ball.

11U teams playing in the 12U division will follow the 12U rules of unrestricted soccer. The 11U coach may choose to instruct his players to not head the ball but the referee will not enforce the non-heading rule in the 12U division.

**U13-U14 will play two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.** You must have 7 players to start. Size 5 ball will be used.

**U15-U16 will play two 40 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.** You must have 7 players to start.

**U17 -U19 will play two 45 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.** You must have 7 players to start.

## **Uniforms**

The league recognizes that teams might play multiple games in a day and planning team colors to avoid a conflict is not easy. We ask that teams cooperate during warmups to avoid issues. The referee will have the final say on if colors are too close for safe competitive play. If all efforts to solve this without a mandate by the referee fail, the team listed as home will have to change jersey colors.

## **Credentials and Team Check In**

Players must have a player card that the referee must see before that player may play. Coaches and all adults must have a current coach credential before being allowed to stay in the technical area during the match. Non credentialed adults must remain on the spectator side of the field.

## **Coin Toss and Team Sides**

There will be no coin toss in normal EPL pool play matches. Teams will take the field on the side of their bench and the team listed as visitor will have the KO to start the match. Teams will switch sides after the half with the home team having the KO to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

**Following TN Soccer guidelines parents will sit on the side of the pitch opposite their team.**

## **Substitutions**

Substitutions will follow FIFA rules. Substitution may be made at any stoppage **WITH** the permission of the referee. If the referee recognizes that a coach is abusing the rules with the purpose of retaining a lead late in the half the referee may wait until it is a throw in or CK in that teams favor or a GK.

## **Laws of the Game**

Fifa laws of the game will be used during play with the exceptions listed above. The Referee's judgment is final. There will be no protest of any judgment calls by the referee. Any questions of eligibility will be directed to the League for Interpretation.

Jewelry of any kind is not permitted in soccer under current USSF and TN Soccer Guidelines. Tape or a band aid covering the earrings is not permitted.

## **EPL Code of Conduct**

**The code of conduct is listed on a separate document. Please read it completely**

