

# **Smithfield Cup Rules**

- All games are shortened by 5 minutes per half. U8 and Little Strikers play regular u8 game times of four 10-minute quarters.
- First team listed is the home team. Second team picks heads or tails at the coin flip.
- 50% play rules apply (all players are expected to play at least 50% of the game)
- Slaughter rule strictly enforced. If a team is ahead by six goals, they **MUST** remove a player and play shorthanded until the differential is four goals. Coach is expected to remove the player that caused the score to be lopsided. **IT'S ABOUT SPORTSMANSHIP!!!!!!**
- Every game must have a winner. Games that end up tied will follow the following procedure.
  - ❖ Coin flip to decide sides. Will play two 5-minute extra time periods. Will play the entire 10 minutes regardless of the score. Teams switch ends after the first five minute extra time period.
  - ❖ If game is still tied after extra time then game will be decided by “kicks from the mark”. Referee is to notify Adel to help manage situation.
  - ❖ Procedure for kicks from the mark.
  - ❖ Captains will be called and winner of coin flip decided whether to shoot first or second. Referee decides which goal shootout will take place at.
  - ❖ All players and coaches will report to center circle.
  - ❖ Goalies will report to the goal of shootout.
  - ❖ Any player can shoot; they do not have to be on the field when the game is over. Keepers can be one of the five shooters.
  - ❖ Teams alternate kicks from the mark. Five kicks per team until a winner is decided. If still tied, then we will enter a kicks from the mark sudden death.
- *Will have the international walk prior to all matches.*

***Smithfield Cup weekend is exciting and produces outstanding, passionate soccer. SYSA will not tolerate rude behavior by anyone. Coaches are to set high expectations for themselves and their teams. Best of luck to everyone!!!***