



## **INFORMATION & RULES**

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to the VSA Developmental Program 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Jamboree! Thank you for participating and we're looking forward to a great, fun-filled weekend of soccer. This document contains important information and the rules for the Jamboree games. Coaches, please be sure to review this information and share with your players and parents.

## **DIVISIONS**

- U07 through U10 Girls and Coed Recreational soccer teams are eligible and every attempt will be made to create “true” age divisions whenever possible.
- Teams will be placed in division of oldest player on roster. Divisions will be created as follows:
  - U07 Girls
  - U07 Coed
  - U08 Girls
  - U08 Coed
  - U09 Girls
  - U09 Coed
  - U10 Girls
  - U10 Coed
- If unable to create “true” age divisions, teams may need to be grouped into U07/U08 and/or U09/U10 divisions.

## **TEAM CHECK-IN**

- Coaches need to check their teams in an hour prior to their first game.
- Check in will be located at the concession stand.
- Player cards will be used to verify player ages.
- Medical Releases for each player must be presented at the time of check-in.
- Players without a player card or Medical Release will not be allowed to participate.
- Players do not need to be present at check-in.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT**

- Coaches, parents and players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and conduct at all times.

- Coaches, parents and players are to treat referees with respect and avoid making inappropriate comments and arguing with referees – all referee decisions are final.
- Use of profanity or derogatory remarks will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the complex and suspension from any remaining games.
- The intent of the Jamboree is to create an environment where youth soccer players can play soccer games and have fun – it is not the World Cup and ESPN is not broadcasting so please keep things in perspective.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT, SIDELINES & GAME BALLS**

- Players on same team must wear matching uniforms.
- Players must wear shin guards – players without shin guards will not be allowed to play.
- Players must wear socks that completely cover their shin guards.
- Players are encouraged to wear appropriate athletic shoes or cleats – shoes/cleats with toe cleats are not allowed.
- Teams will position themselves on one side of the field and parents and spectators will position themselves on the opposite side.
- No one is allowed to position themselves behind the goal lines or goals for any reason.
- Teams listed as “Home” should wear their light colored uniform/jersey.
- Teams listed as “Away” should wear their dark colored uniform/jersey.
- In the event that there is a conflict in colors, the home team will need to wear an alternate color.
- U07/U08 games will use a size 3 ball.
- U09/U10 games will use a size 4 ball.
- Game balls will be supplied to the Center Referee by the home team prior to the game.
- If the ball supplied is not acceptable, the Center Referee may obtain a game ball from a different source.

## **RULES**

- All games will be played under FIFA Laws of the Game except where amended by USYSA or ISA Rules of Play and except as noted below.
- These rules may be modified, in which case rule changes will be provided before the beginning of play.

## **U07 & U08 GAMES**

- **Format**
  - Small-sided 4 v 4 format.
  - No goalkeepers or stoppers – players need to be engaged.
  - Coaches are expected to remind players not to stand in goal and encourage them to come out of the backfield when the ball is on the opposite half.
  
- **Duration**
  - Four 10-minute quarters.
  - Two-minutes between quarters.
  - Five minute half time.
  
- **Substitutions**
  - Unlimited number of substitutions.
  - Substitutions will be allowed for both teams during a throw-in, goal kick, after a goal is scored and at half time.
  - No substitutions will be allowed on corner-kicks.
  - No substitutions will be allowed with less than a minute remaining in quarter.
  - If play is stopped due to injury the injured player must be substituted and the opposing team will be given the option to substitute one player.

## **U09 & U10 GAMES**

- **Format**
  - Small-sided 6 v 6 format with goalkeepers.
  - Goalkeepers need to wear jersey/top that easily distinguishes them from teammates and opposing players.
  
- **Duration**
  - Two 25-minute halves.
  - Five minute half time.

- **Substitutions**

- Unlimited number of substitutions.
- Team with possession will be allowed to substitute during a throw-in.
- Substitutions will be allowed for both teams during a goal kick, after a goal is scored and at half time.
- No substitutions will be allowed on corner-kicks.
- No substitutions will be allowed with less than two minutes remaining in half.
- If play is stopped due to injury, the injured player must be substituted and the opposing team will be given the option to substitute one player.

## **PARTICIPATION PINS**

- All players and coaches will receive participation pins.
- Coaches will receive participation pins during check-in.