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PARENT'S PACKET

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Parents Welcome to the Salvation Army Kroc Center's Youth Soccer League. Below are excerpts from our Youth Basketball League rules and regulations that will help you navigate through our season.

LEAGUE REGULATIONS

SAFETY:

Safety is the number one priority for all participants of the Youth Soccer League. In a concerted effort with our employees, athletic staff, coaches and referees; it is each participant's responsibility to ensure that any hazards to safety are identified, reduced or eliminated before an accident occurs. By abiding by the rules and regulations of the Salvation Army Kroc Center, the Mississippi State High School Federation rules and common sense, we can ensure we have a safe season.

PARTICIPANTS:

- The K.Y.S.L. has adopted a non-discrimination policy that ensures participation for all coaches and players regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status or ability
- All children who live on the Mississippi Gulf Coast or surrounding communities who are the appropriate age are eligible to participate in the league
- All participants must have parental authorization (this authorization for players is identified on the registration form)
- Players must be between the following ages of 5 and 15 as of 1 September of the current year
- Siblings in the same division **will** play on the same team unless otherwise requested in writing prior to the draft
- Middle school Soccer team players and High school Soccer team members are eligible to participate fully in our league
- Players wishing to move up to the next level after turning the appropriate age, will not enter the draft unless requested by parents
- Players with **exceptional athletic** ability who clearly dominate their Division may move up with the Athletic Attendant approval. This may require the player attend evaluations with the age group they are moving up to.
- Returning players are normally returned to their last season's team
- During registrations **only**, parents may request for their child not to return to the same team; if this occurs:
 - Players must attend Evaluations and reenter the draft
 - His/her old team **will not** be able to select that player in the draft

DIVISIONS

The K.Y.S.L. will do its best to have both a boys and girls league per division. If registration's does not support at least 3 teams for boys and girls, the division will be made co-ed.

- Spikes: Boy(s) /Girl(s) 7U children are 3-6 years old

REGISTRATION:

- The league will open player registration in February and close registrations in March or Sooner based on;
 - Maximum preferred roster limit of 4 children per team
 - Limitations of field space
 - Uniform/equipment ordering deadlines
- All registration fees will be determined and agreed on by the Director of Operations prior to opening registration.
 - For a single player
 - For multiple players from same family
 - For hardship cases
- Registration fee rates are as follows:

	Kroc Members	Potential Kroc Members
	\$35	\$50
- Each player must be a registered player prior to participating in any practices or games
 - Players not registered in the league **will not** be allowed to participate in practices or games
- Hardship cases:
 - The Athletic Attendant and Director of Operations will review and approve/disapprove the request
 - If an individual has been granted a hardship, a discount will be granted on all league fees. This discounted amount will still cover the player cost (uniform fee)
- Parent Request:

K.Y.S.L. will do their best to accommodate parental team placement requests. However, all requests must be made during registrations; this does not guarantee that all requests will be honored

- Parental requests **must** be made during registrations and prior to evaluations
- Request made after registrations may be denied

SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- Established teams are welcomed in the KROC league as long as each player completes the league registration
- There will be no more than ten (8) players on a team
- Teams that do not have 8 players will be able to draft players from the draft
- Players not on an existing team will enter the league's draft
- Coaches that do not have a pre existing team's will have first choice of selection of players in the draft, followed by coaches with teams that do not have 8 players
- The place and time for registration and evaluations will be set by the Director of Operations
 - Registration forms must be filled out
 - Registration fees must be paid
 - A copy of the child's Birth Certificate will be required
 - If these items are not received, the player is ineligible until all registration requirements are met
- All new players entering the draft must be evaluated, unless they are returning or retained by an existing team
- Coaches moving up in divisions may retain the players that are also moving up in division with them; unless parents request otherwise
- All coaches will be invited to league Evaluations to assist with player's assessments for their division
- During Evaluations, player's overall skills will be evaluated amongst their division in the following areas for the Draft:
 - Speed
 - Height
 - Ability
- Evaluations are optional for coaches' children; coaches' children will not be drafted since they will be placed with their parent
- Following Evaluations, coaches will be invited to conduct the draft for placement of players
- A parent may elect to put a player back into the draft. If a parent does not agree with a particular coach; when returning from a previous year, they may write a letter requesting their player be put back in the draft
 - This request must be done in writing during registrations
 - The player must attend Evaluations
 - The Athletic Attendant will review and have final decision making authority on all requests
 - In situations where a player may have quit the previous year and does not desire to play for the same team, the player will be placed back in the draft in the following manner
 - The player will attend evaluations and be placed back into the Draft pool
- Expansion teams (new teams) will draft players from the pool until they have the same amount of players as existing teams
- Once all teams have the same amount of players; all teams will have an equal opportunity in the selection of a player
 - The draft will commence in the following sequence: expansion teams, previous years worst record to best record
- If a player is absent from evaluations he/she will be placed on a team via a hat draw immediately following the draft

PARENTS GUIDELINES:

- Model sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for all participants at all times, including teammates, coaches, players, opposing players, officials and parents
- Be humble in victory and courteous in defeat
- Make no demonstrable protests about officiating during games
- Arrange for appropriate, timely transportation for their child to/from practices and games
- Ensure that coaches are notified in the event that their daughter/son will be late or absent from a practice or a game
- Provide positive support and encouragement for their teams and opposing players
- Assist coaches and the league as needed, including volunteering support as scorekeeper, timekeeper, team parent, concession stand or other volunteer positions
- Ensures spectators, parents, and fans remain outside the confines of the Soccer field and are seated in the designated bleachers
- Ensures balls are not brought from home during practices and games
- Responsible for their child's uniform and any replacements costs
- Ensures children and accompanying adults are in their best behavior during games and practices
- Ensures all trash is discarded prior to exiting the field
- Assist the league with the control of spectators
 - Ensures young children are under parental control
 - Ensures there is NO RUNNING and PLAYING in the areas surrounding the field

- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated
 - If a spectator/parent violates this rule, the coach of the team they are supporting will receive a technical foul
 - A second offense will result in a second technical foul for the coach and ejection from that game
 - The spectator/parent will then be removed from the field and the Local police notified
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to adjust this penalty on a case by case basis

PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES: Coaches may solicit help from the parents to be assistant coaches, team parents, bookkeepers, operate the game clock, and or to perform other jobs that may come up during the season. Through our collective efforts and your assistance with the above-mentioned tasks we will have smooth transitions during games and a successful season.

BOOKKEEPERS AND CLOCK OPERATORS:

When leagues do not have designated book keepers and clock operators, parents may be asked to perform these duties. Each team is required to have at least two parents ready to perform bookkeeping or clock operator prior to each game. If there is a volunteer that does not know how to perform these duties, instructions will be provided.

- If no volunteers are present to perform these tasks:
 - Coaches will be asked to provide their assistant coaches to conduct these duties.
- Instruction on how to keep the books and run the clock will be given prior to the first game
 - Date and time to-be-determined
- ✓ Both will be positioned at the scorer’s table
- ✓ These personnel are a neutral entity and are not to be cheering from this position

SPECTATORS:

Spectators are expected to show courtesy to all the players of all the teams as though each player was their own child. Our Soccer program is designed solely for the kids to have fun, learn Soccer fundamentals and exercise good sportsmanship. Spectator interference with these objectives will not be tolerated and offenders will be asked to leave and/or offspring removed from the game in which they are playing.

There will be times when the team you are rooting for will receive what you may deem a bad break or official’s “Call” (this is part of the game), while you may be highly upset this is not the end of the world or the last game of the universe. Five days or five minutes from the time this happens the “kids” will not remember what transpired and will be too busy playing with each other to care. This is the example we wish to follow and teach.

PLAYERS GUIDELINES:

- Model sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for all participants at all times, including teammates, coaches, opposing players, officials and parents
- Be humble in victory and courteous in defeat
- Make no demonstrable protests about officiating during the game
- Shake hands with opposing coaches, players and referees at the conclusion of each game
- Attend all games and practices; notify the coach in the event you will be absent or late for a game or practice
- Follow the directions of the coaches, realizing that the coaches are volunteering their time to help make this league possible
- Any player storming off the bench or playing area during a game will be ejected for the remainder of the game
 - The player may be ineligible to play in the next league game
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to enforce this penalty on a case by case basis
- Any player who’s grades fall below a 2.0 Grade Point Average (“C” Average) GPA, who is suspended, or expelled from school during the course of the season, will immediately be banned from participating in any K.Y.S.L.. activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games
 - The player will be banned from participation in the K.Y.S.L.. league until his/her GPA reaches a 2.0 (“C” Average)
 - The player will be banned from participation in the K.Y.S.L.. league until he/she is able to return to school
 - The K.Y.S.L.. Sports Staff reserves the right to overrule on a case by case basis
- Any player who is charged and or convicted of an unlawful offense, excluding minor traffic offenses, during the course of the season, will immediately be banned from participating in any K.Y.S.L.. activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games
 - They will be permanently banned from future participation in the K.Y.S.L.. league from that point forward
 - The K.Y.S.L.. Sports Staff reserves the right to overrule on a case by case basis
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated
 - If a player violates this rule, he/she will receive a Technical Foul
 - A second offense will result in a second Technical Foul and an ejection from that game
 - The player will then be ineligible to play in the next league game

- The Sports Staff reserves the right to adjust this penalty on a case by case basis. If the coach cannot discipline a player, the Sports Staff may invoke a suspension

REFEREES

The K.Y.S.L. may have contracted paid referees in all divisions.

CONDUCT

All league representatives are required to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon them self the Salvation Army and the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Soccer League.

- All participants of the K.Y.S.L.. (players, coaches, parents and or spectators) will be expected to adhere to our league regulations and standards in Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Soccer League and any other facility where our league is participating
 - Failure to do so may result in expulsion of your child from the league (with no refund) and potential criminal charges from the local police
 - The Sports Staff reserves the right to change or adjust these rules and its consequences as deemed necessary on a case by case basis
- The K.Y.S.L.. prohibits any coach, parents and or officials from knowingly requiring or allowing a player to play while having a serious injury or knowingly creating unsafe play situations
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated
- Fighting **will not** be tolerated during the course of practice or game play, an on the field scuffle will be handled with the foul and technical foul system
 - Once punches are thrown, player ejections are mandatory
 - The player will then be ineligible to play in the next two league games
 - Fights occurring outside of game situations will result in the local police being notified and could result in expulsion from the league
- No smoking, alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia in the field or on the property. **Zero Tolerance!!!**
 - ANY and ALL persons involved with this type of activity will be permanently banned from the K.Y.S.L..
 - The local police will be called in to correct the problem
 - Tobacco use by league officials, coaches, parents, fans and game officials on the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast property is strictly prohibited
 - Tobacco use by underage persons (players/fans) will not be tolerated
 - The local police will be called in to correct the problem
- There will be NO RUNNING and PLAYING in the common areas and the areas surrounding the field
 - This policy will be strictly enforced in the hall/common areas and field\

DISCIPLINE:

The Sports Staff reserves the right to discipline any player, or coach who does not conduct himself/herself in the proper manner by giving the players the best possible leadership, or anyone who violates any rule/regulation set forth by these bylaws and/or high school Soccer rules.

- The Sports Staff shall use the following guidelines for disciplinary action. The Sports Staff reserves the right to change or adjust these rules and its consequences as deemed necessary on a case by case basis
 - First offense: The coach or player shall receive a written warning
 - Second offense: The coach or player will be suspended from their current position
 - The Sports Staff will then have to hold a meeting and approve the reinstatement of that person
 - All teams that are associated, as a part of the K.Y.S.L.. will abide by these rules and regulations at any location during the season

ADMISSIONS

- The Sports Staff will be allowed free admissions to all games (this does not include their families)
- Active head coaches will be allowed free admissions to all games where they are scheduled to play
- Active players will be allowed free admissions to all games where they are scheduled to play
- All other individuals will be required to pay \$2.00 per person for admittance to the games
- No one may leave the facility and be re-admitted without paying, except in case of an emergency
- **Spectators that do not have a Kroc Center membership and only paid the entrance to view the Soccer games do not have access to any other part of the facility except the Soccer fields**
 - **Spectators caught outside the Soccer field; in other parts of the facility may be asked to pay at the counter or leave the facility**

DRESS CODE

Every head coach, player and spectator must wear proper clothing while attending league games and practices. Any violation of the dress code may result in the removal of the person from the field.

- Hats: All hats must either be removed or worn properly
 - For baseball caps the bill must be worn in the forward position
 - Any use or display of “Bandanas” on a person’s body is strictly prohibited
- Shirts: Shirts must be worn that cover the upper torso properly
 - The males will wear shirts that cover their chest
 - The females will wear shirts/blouses that do not expose an excessive amount of skin
- Pants: The waist band of the pants must rest at the waist line of the individual that is wearing them
 - Pants that fall below the waist line, exposing under garments, are not permitted
 - Pants with holes that expose personal parts are not permitted
- Shoes/Boots:
 - All shoes must have their laces properly fastened

PRACTICE/GAME GEAR

- **Shin Guards: must be worn for practice and games**
- **Shoes: Cleats must be worn for games and practices**
- Uniforms: Coaches and Players are required to wear K.Y.S.L. issued uniforms to their game.
 - All players will be issued uniforms (Jersey and Shorts)
 - Players must wear league provided uniforms, equipment and appropriate non-marking footwear subject to approval by the referee
 - Players with incomplete uniforms at games will be ineligible to play
 - Parents are responsible for the maintenance and replacement cost of uniforms items
 - All Head coaches will be issued team shirts, and ball for practice
 - Head coaches are responsible for assistant coaches shirts
 - Head coaches will wear appropriate pants to games
 - Balls may be picked up from the fitness office and must be returned at the end of practices.
- Glasses worn by players must be equipped with shatterproof lenses and a safety band
- Hard casts or any type of jewelry are not permitted during games or practices
- Hats or bandanas are not allowed during practices or games
- Players with long hair that impedes their vision while playing must have a device such as a headband or similar hair devices to preclude the player from injuries
- All uniforms shirts must be tucked in during the game
- T-shirts worn under the uniform should be part of the uniform color scheme and the team should be uniformed
 - Example: If a team’s uniform is purple with yellow letters; t-shirts worn under uniforms shall be yellow or purple
The team coach must make this decision
 - The entire team must be uniformed
 - Players that wear a t-shirt under their uniform that does not match their teams color scheme or is opposite of their team’s selected color may be asked to remove their t-shirt
- All jewelry must be removed before practices and games

FACILITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is a state of the art nice facility, please assist the K.Y.S.L. with maintaining it clean, and damage free for continued sports programs

- Care of the equipment and facilities by each team member, parent and guests is expected.
- Damage caused by misuse or abuse becomes the family of the child that was determined to be at fault responsibility
- Each team, parent and guests are expected to maintain this facility clean, please discard your trash after the consumption of drinks and or snacks

LEAGUE RULES

This section covers the leagues modified rules. If a rule has not been modified in this section, the league will follow High School rules for guidance.

FORMAT:

- Small Sided Game

NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD

- 3on3 no goalkeepers.
- Player(s) assigned defensive positions should be outside of the goal area unless the ball is in play near the goal.
- At the discretion of the opposing coach, members from the other team may be used in order to conduct play

PENALTY KICK:

- Not applicable

FIELD COACHING:

- Only allowed during the 2nd and 4th quarters

FREE KICKS:

- All indirect kicks from point of infraction

BALL SIZES:

- The 7U Division will play with a size 3 ball

THROW-IN:

- Restart play with a throw-in
- Re-throws may be permitted for incorrect execution

SLIDE TACKELS:

- Illegal

OVERTIME:

- No overtime periods will be played

OFFSIDE:

- Not applicable

OFFICIALS:

- Fitness Staff will officiate all games

TOURNAMENT:

- None

DURATION OF PLAY:

- 4 Quarters lasting 10 minutes each
- Each quarter will be separated by a minimum of 2 minutes and 5 minutes half-time

PARTICIPATION:

All players are required to play an equivalent of **two (2) full uninterrupted quarters**. Exceptions to this rule are for players who are sick or injured or being penalized for some reason. If this action is to be used against a player, the scorekeeper, referee, and the opposing coach must be informed of this intent by the coach prior to the beginning of the game, unless action is taken during the game for some reason.

- The 1st and 4th quarters will be played with the oldest kids on the team.
- The 2nd and 3rd quarters will be played with the youngest on the team.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- Only players who have completed registration requirements are eligible to practice and play in the league

SAFETY:

- All players are required to stay inside the field during games
- Players should not bring balls or objects to the field that could disrupt games or practices
- During halftime, no one is allowed on the field except for the two teams that are playing

SUBSTITUTION:

- Only at the end of the quarters *unless*

- An injury occurs

COACHES RESPONSIBILITY:

- Coaches are responsible for their players' behavior during league activities. (this is not to imply that the coaches are to take over as parents, but simply provide responsible supervision for all players, especially when the parents of the players are not in attendance)
- Coaches will also be asked to keep their parents in check due to their knowledge and relationship
- The league retains the right to discipline (as they deem necessary for the preservation of the good will in the community and the safety of people involved) any player for unsportsmanlike like-conduct, malicious, fighting, profanity, or any action that infringes upon the rights of others
 - **Any player ejected from a game may not play in the next scheduled game**
 - Any coach playing a previously ejected player in that next game will be brought to the Sports Staff for disciplinary action and will forfeit the games the ineligible player participated in

UNIFORMS:

- The league will provide uniforms for each player
- Each player must be in uniform to be eligible to play

REFRESHMENTS:

- No coolers, outside food or drinks will be allowed in the field.
- Players may have water bottles filled with their beverage of choice..

CANCELLED GAMES:

- All teams are expected to be prepared to play at their designated time
- Only the Athletic Coordinator is allowed to cancel games
- Cancelled games may or may not be made up
 - Failure to appear for a scheduled game without proper administrative approval will result in a forfeit