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RULES **&** **REGULATIONS**

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(A.) LEAGUE OVERVIEW

A001. INTENT:

These rules and regulation are for participants of the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Soccer League (K.Y.S.L.). These rules and regulations must be adhered to and upheld without prejudice to provide the Sports Staff a strong foundation on which to continue to grow and build the youth Soccer program for the community.

A002. MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the K.Y.S.L. is to instill principals and fundamentals to our children such as: discipline, teamwork, leadership, respect, and sportsmanship; ultimately enhancing and building our children's skills and confidence. Instilling these fundamentals will provide our youth with the best opportunity to excel, learn and arm them with essential tools that they will carry with them on and off the field.

A003. GOALS:

The goals of the K.Y.S.L. are as follows:

- Provide a quality Soccer program for the youths in our community.
- Provide a supervised environment, with safety regulations as a priority.
- Promote good sportsmanship through competition.
- Target the youth to instill lifelong tools and build good citizenship.
- Provide a positive outlet for the youths, while still developing and promoting health and exercise.

(B.) SPORTS STAFF

B001. Athletics Coordinator

- Reports to the Director of Operations
- Oversees the entire league's operations
- The appeal authority for any league disputes
- May be a head coach or assistant coach
- Budgets and purchases equipment needed to operate the league
- Places orders to repairs or discards damaged equipment
- Responsible for the ordering and receiving of all equipment and uniforms
- Responsible for contract and payment of league officials
- Responsible for ensuring league advertisement is complete
- Reviews and approves all agendas for upcoming season
- Reviews and approves amendments to league rules and regulations
- Responsible for supervising the Youth Soccer League operations, its coaches and ensuring that all rules and regulations are adhered to, to include issuing discipline when necessary
- Schedules the Soccer court for games and practices
- Develops the regular season, post season and practice schedules for the league
- Develops the business plan by October 1st for the next season
- Ensures each team has a coach
- Ensures each team has the minimum number of players on its roster
- Projects # of players, # of teams and # of coaches needed by evaluations day
- Creates and maintains team rosters for the entire league
- Ensures that brothers and/or sisters of the same age are placed on the same team
- Responsible for the compilation of all rosters for each team and submits them to coaches
- Approves exceptional athlete's advancement to older age division
- Maintains all registration forms until draft day; submits team rosters to head coach
- Recommends new equipment orders to the Director of Operations
- Provides estimate of equipment needed and plan for equipment to the Director of Operations by October 1st
- Presents cost estimate to the Director of Operations for any purchases
- Responsible for the maintenance, distribution, and collection of all uniforms and equipment
- Responsible for the organization of:
 - Registrations
 - Evaluations
 - Coaches meetings and clinics
 - Parents meetings
 - League Banquet

B002. Athletic Attendant

- Oversees each athletic program during their shift
- Issues equipment to coaches as needed
- Handles any gym disputes of scheduling during practices
- Enforces gym rules, parents and coaches COE during games and practices
- Reports to the Athletics Coordinator
- May be a head coach or assistant coach
- Stores all equipment at the end of the season
- Recommends new equipment orders to the Athletics Coordinator
- Provides complete inventory of useable equipment to the Athletics Coordinator

(C.) LEAGUE OPERATIONS

C001. AMENDMENTS TO RULES & REGULATIONS

The league will follow high school rules, with the exception of the modified rules contained in this document. Any regulations may be altered, amended, or repealed and new rules and regulations may be adopted provided:

- A proposed alteration, amendment or repeal of an existing regulation or rule and/or adoption of new regulations or rules are submitted in writing to the Director of Operations for approval
- The Athletic Attendant shall advise each coach and the head referee of any approved amendment, or repeal to the regulations or rules or any part thereof at least 24 hours prior to implementation
- An alteration or amendment of an existing regulation or rule, which is approved by the Director of Operations shall take effect and be enforced immediately from and after such approval or adoption
- All regulation or rule changes should be submitted and adopted prior to opening day; hence few bylaw changes should occur after opening day

C002. COMPLAINTS

Any complaint by coaches, parents, players, or any others should be addressed in the following “Three Step Appeals System” order:

- Head Coach of player/parent will review problem
 - Talk to your Head Coach. Your Head Coach should listen and try to resolve any complaint.
- Athletic Attendant
 - If the person is not satisfied, they should submit their complaint and recommended solution to the Athletic Attendant in writing.
 - *All complaints must be in writing and to the Athletic Attendant within forty-eight (48) hours.*
 - *Failure to promptly report complaints could be reason for the complaint not to be heard.*
- Director of Operations
 - Once a complaint is received, and if the Athletic Attendant *cannot* resolve it, then the Athletic Attendant will request a special meeting with the Director of Operations, to address the complaint
 - In regards to all matters; the Director of Operations decision will be final

C003. APPEALS HEARING GUIDELINES:

- Five days written notice to all parties
- Date and Time Place
- Name(s) of persons hearing case
- Non-parties do not invited
- Complaining party has 20 minutes.
- Can use all 20 minutes or use 10 minutes and save 10 minutes for after Respondent (open ended).
- No *new* subjects or comments will be permitted
- Respondent has 20 minutes. (open ended)
- The hearing can ask questions; then parties will be excused for the debate and will be notified of outcome as soon as possible
- The Director of Operations decision will be final

C004. ATHLETIC PROGRAMS STAFF RATIO

- Attendants will supervise and oversee each programs operation during their shift in conjunction with the Athletic Coordinator or Manager on Duty (when the Athletic Coordinator is not available)
 - An attendant will be scheduled to supervise each athletic program (practice/games)
 - Extended staff i.e. Coaches (head coach/assistant coach) will directly supervise the players of each program Ratio 3 staff to 20 players. Example: Two Soccer game has 4 teams (20 total players); An athletic

attendant and 4 coaches will supervise the event

(D.) LEAGUE REGULATIONS

D001. 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.

D002. 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

D003. 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 3-7 years old

D004. 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

D005. 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 (10) players on a team
- Teams that do not have 10 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 10 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

D006. COACHES GUIDELINES:

- **Must be 18 + years to Coach**
- **Must Have Knowledge of the sport**
- **Coaching Experience Preferred!**
- **Complete The Salvation Army Volunteer Package & Coaches Resume Worksheet**
- **Pass The Salvation Army Kroc Center Background Check**
- **Complete The Salvation Army Safe From Harm Training**
- **All coaches will be required to sign a disclosure form, please be honest!**
- Know and play by the letter and the spirit of the league rules
- Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship and decorum at all times
- Coaches will create and maintain a safe environment conducive to learning for the players placed in their charge
- A coach understands the challenge of every practice and game is to overcome failures and turning them into eventual victories
- A coach knows that victory in and itself is not the ultimate goal, but rather teaching players how to achieve victory, be graceful in victory, and not be satisfied with that victory
- A coach understands that without discipline, true success cannot be achieved, therefore we will attempt to administer discipline appropriate for the situation requiring it
 - Further we understand discipline is a process involving instruction, correction and reproof (being the final step)
- The coach and their teams must wear the uniform provided during games
- The coach will provide balanced direction and feedback to players during practices as well as before, during and after games
- The coach encourages and reinforces positives whenever possible
- The coach will constructively point out mistakes and provide opportunities for improvement
- With respect to questions around officiating - in a calm, non-confrontational demeanor, seek out officials before or after the start of a quarter to ask about interpretation of a rule or to seek clarification of an official's specific call or non-call

- The coach or assistant coach must provide a game card prior to the start of each game
- The coach will ensure fields are kept clear, except for warm-up of current teams, between quarters and halves
- Coaches and players must remain in the area of their “bench” while the game is in progress
- Coaches are responsible for clearing their benches of trash and debris immediately following practice and games
- Coaches are respectful to other coaches by ending their practices by their designated times and by ensuring their team vacates the play area immediately following all practices and games
- Protests of games should be avoided
 - Unavoidable protests must be noted in the official scorebook by the coach making the protest either during or immediately following the game under protest
 - Protests can only be made if the opposing team is suspected of a rule violation
 - Protests involving judgment calls by the referees will not be recognized
 - The coach that lodges the protest must submit to the Athletic Attendant in writing of the reasons for the protest
 - The Athletic Attendant will review and determine the resolution of protests
 - All decisions of the Athletic Attendant may be appealed to the Director of Operations. See C002 and C003 for guidance
- Any person harassing an official, player or coach or otherwise behaving in a disruptive manner must be asked to stop by the coach
 - If the coach is unsuccessful, the offending person will be asked to stop by the “ranking league official” in the field or referee
 - If these requests fail the offending person will be asked to leave the field and the immediate premises
 - If everything else fails, as a last resort, the game will be stopped and the team associated with the offending person will lose by reason of forfeit
 - The local police will be contacted to defuse the matter
- Each coach is responsible for using his/her best effort to control their spectators (players, assistant coaches, & parents). If spectators start harassing referees during the game, the coach is responsible for controlling the situation
- If a coach mistreats any player or steadily harasses the referees, the Sports Staff will take disciplinary action against the coach. The Sports Staff will call a special meeting and the coach can be relieved of his/her coaching duties. The action depends upon the circumstances
- Coaches will not teach the use of sports to punish opponents through physical contact or excessive score domination
- Any coach who does not contact a player or players for a scheduled game (to gain an advantage), will be suspended until they appear before the Sports Staff to explain their actions and could be removed or have their team forfeit all games played
- Any coach who knowingly violates a league rule is subject to a disciplinary action of the Sports Staff and may be removed
- The League reserves the right to interpret and modify these rules as needed to ensure the desired philosophy and playing experience is achieved
- No Profane Language, Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Trash Talking will be tolerated.
 - If a coach 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
 - Should any coach be ejected from a game, he/she will be suspended from the league for the next game
 - Once ejected, the person may not coach nor be on the playing field
 - The coach must leave the field area; outside the field/recreation door
 - 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 without calling a meeting
- The league reserves the right to interpret and modify these rules as needed to ensure the desired philosophy and playing experience is achieved

D007. 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

D007.2. 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.

D007.3. BOOKKEEPERS AND CLOCK OPERATORS:

- ✓ There will be no book or clock operators assigned; the score and clock will be maintained by the Fitness Staff.

D007.4. 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.

D008. 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

D009. REFEREES

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

- Referees will be uniformed and properly dressed for all League games and tournaments
 - Multiple referees officiating in the same game will ensure uniform is coordinated
 - Referee shirts may be multiple styles including traditional black/white
 - Referee pants may be pleated and flat front styles or shorts
 - Black Shoes
 - Fox 40 Whistle (black lanyard, if used)
- Referees shall ensure they are not bias to any team and officiate the game as witnessed
- Referees will ensure safety is their priority
- All referees will sign the “game log book” before each contest. Failure to do so will result in non-payment for that game
 - The game log book will be provided by the Sports Staff prior to each game
- Referees shall hold themselves accountable to the same code of conduct as prescribed to coaches, parents and players
- Referees will be at games at least 20 minutes prior to their scheduled game
- Referees are responsible to receive a game ball before the first game starts
 - It is the Referee’s responsibility to return the game ball back to a League official at the end of the game
- Referees must be familiar with the game rule changes in these bylaws
- Referees must enforce all rules that govern the K.Y.S.L..
- Referees may receive a free drink & a snack per game
- Referees must report any disciplinary or other problems to the athletic attendant within 24 hours of the incident

D010. 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\

D011. 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

D012. 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**

D013. 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

D014. 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

D015. 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

(E) 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.

E001: FORMAT:

- Small Sided Game

E002: NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD

- 3 no goalkeepers.
- Players 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,

E003: PENALTY KICK:

- Not applicable

E004: FIELD COACHING:

- Only allowed during the 2nd and 4th quarters.

E005: FREE KICKS:

- All indirect kicks from point of infraction

E006: BALL SIZES:

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

E007. THROW-IN:

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

E008. SLIDE TACKELS:

- Illegal

E009. OVERTIME:

- No overtime periods will be played

E010. OFFSIDE:

- Not applicable

E011. OFFICIALS:

- Fitness Staff will officiate all games

E012. TOURNAMENT:

- None

E013. 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

E014. 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.

E015. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

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

E016. 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

E017. SUBSTITUTION:

- Only at the end of the quarters *unless*
- An injury occurs

E018. 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

E019. UNIFORMS:

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

E020. REFRESHMENTS:

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

E021. CANCELLED GAMES:

- All teams are expected to be prepared to play at their designated time
- Only the Athletics 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



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COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS FORM

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Soccer League (K.Y.S.L.) Coach by reading and initialing each statement and signing the Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge below:

- _____ 1. I hereby pledge to live up to the coach's code of ethics
- _____ 2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- _____ 3. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- _____ 4. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- _____ 5. I will provide equal play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex economic status or ability.
- _____ 6. I promise to review and practice basic first aid principals needed to treat injuries of my players.
- _____ 7. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- _____ 8. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- _____ 9. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- _____ 10. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the games that I coach and I will teach these rules to my players.
- _____ 11. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- _____ 12. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- _____ 13. I will be considerate of other teams and immediately following games; clear the bench, pick up and discard any trash.
- _____ 14. I will lead by example and ensure my team and I demonstrate good sportsmanship by shaking hands with my opponents rather if my team wins or loses.

COACH: _____ / _____
Print Name & Sign Date



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PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS FORM

I hereby pledge to support the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Soccer League (K.Y.S.L.) by initialing each statement and signing the Parents Code of Ethics Pledge below:

- _____ 1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sport events.
- _____ 2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- _____ 3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- _____ 4. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- _____ 5. I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- _____ 6. I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- _____ 7. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- _____ 8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- _____ 9. I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- _____ 10. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Soccer League Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- _____ 11. I understand that success of the K.Y.S.L. rest upon its many unpaid volunteers. If called upon, I will volunteer my services to support the K.Y.S.L. (when feasible).
- _____ 12. I understand that my child must attend league evaluations to be placed on a team and that my child is not guaranteed to play on a specific team.
- _____ 13. I understand I must review the K.Y.S.L. regulations in its entirety.
- _____ 14. I understand that I must attend the K.Y.S.L. Parents meeting.

PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____ / _____
Print Name & Sign Date



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LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS FORM

The Athletic Coordinator must read, edit and approve the Rules and Regulations at the beginning of each new season to reflect changes and show support the rules and regulations set forth.

❖ ATHLETIC ATTENDANT: _____ / _____
Print Name & Sign Date

The Head Referee must review the Rules and Regulations and coordinate below; by signing below he/she is indicating that he/she will ensure each referee obtains a copy of the Rules and Regulations and each is prepared to operate under the Ray and Joan Kroc Center's modified Soccer rules and regulations.

❖ HEAD REFEREE: _____ / _____
Print Name & Sign Date