

HARTLAND COMMUNITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

SOCCER RULES AND INFORMATION FOR IN-HOUSE U6 & U8 TEAMS

1. Uniform and Equipment

- A. All players must wear proper shin guards, and the shin guards must be totally under sock.
- B. Cleats are optional and must pass referee inspection prior to the start of the game.
- C. No jewelry of any kind can be worn (except medic alert). Hairpieces must be of the soft variety with no hard plastic parts. **NO EARRINGS ALLOWED.**
- D. Appropriate attire for the weather is encouraged. The only requirement is the jersey must be worn on the outside of any additional clothing or coat.

2. Weather

- A. All games will be played as scheduled. Only the referee or a league official can cancel a game.
- B. The decision to cancel a game is usually made game by game and at the scheduled start of a game. (Sometimes the whole day is canceled.) If this occurs, the league officials will do their best to notify the coaches in a timely manner.
- C. The coaches will not hold practice during dangerous weather. The rule is “LIGHTNING AND/OR THUNDER IN THE LOCAL AREA SHALL BE CAUSE FOR STOPPAGE OF THE PRACTICE AND OR GAME AS DETERMINED BY ANY OF THE ASSIGNED OFFICIALS OR ANY OF THE RESPECTIVE COACHES. IF AFTER A MAXIMUM WAITING PERIOD OF UP TO 30 MINUTES, THE WEATHER CONDITIONS PERSIST, THE GAME SHALL BE ABANDONED. THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IS OF PRIME CONCERN.”

3. Parents, Coaches and Players

- A. Parents will sit on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side. No one will be allowed to stand or sit along the goal line area (from corner flag to corner flag).
- B. Parents are reminded to follow the Code of Conduct they signed. Referees will ask the coaches to handle any parent not behaving in a positive manner.
- C. All players should play at least 50% of the game.
- D. The referee will keep track of the time and score (for tacking purposes only) and enforce the rules of the league and game. Please respect their judgment. Referees should be helpful and explain the foul calls, if necessary.
- E. U-6 coaches will be allowed on the playing field as long as they do not interfere in the play of the game. U-8 coaches must stay between the 50 yard line (middle of the field) and the 18 yard line (outer most line of the playing area). **COACHES AND PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FIELD UNLESS MOTIONED BY THE REFEREE.**
- F. **Slide tackling is not allowed in any age group.**

Rule	U-6	U-8	
Number of Players	4 Players	4 Players	
Allowed on Field	NO Goalie	NO Goalie	
Length	4 (12 Minute Quarters)	4 (12 Minute Quarters)	
	2 Minutes Between Quarters	2 Minutes Between Quarters	
	5 Minutes Between Half	5 Minutes Between Half	
Size of Ball (Supplied By Home Team)	#3	#3	
Substitutions	Any Throw - In	Any Thrown - In	
	Any Goal Kick	Any Goal Kick	
	Any Goal Scored	Any Goal Scored	
	Any Injury	Any Injury	
Off Side Calls	No	No (No Cherry Picking)	
Kicks			
Goal	Yes	Yes	
Corner	Yes	Yes	
Direct	No	No	
Indirect	Yes	Yes	
Penalty	No	No	
Required Distance by Opponent	3 Yards	6 Yards	
Tries Per Throw - In	2	2	
Add a Player After	3	3	
Goal Differential			