

# 20th Annual VIP Friendship Festival

## **RULES OF COMPETITION**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND DIVISIONS**

Teams made up of registered VIP players born on or before December 31, 2011, are eligible. In accordance with AYSO National Rules & Regulations, there is no upper age limit for participating in the festival.

A “team” is defined as a group of registered VIP Players with a maximum of 15 players. There may be fewer players on a team.

Players from more than one Region may team up to create a team or teams for this festival.

Ideally and for the sake of safety, teams are to be divided into team skill levels of low, medium and high.

### **THE OVERRIDING CRITERIA FOR TEAM FORMATION IS THAT PLAY BE SAFE, FUN AND FAIR.**

**Date of Competition:** October 19, 2019

**Location of Competition:** Richard Henry Dana Middle School, 5504 West 135th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250

### **TEAM REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY:**

**Team Application Form:** The official Team Application Form will identify team management team, team size, team skill level, team (management team and players) t-shirt sizes, and number of players on the team with appropriate signatures.

**Blue Sombrero Roster Form:** All players must be listed in **uniform number order** on the official Roster Form with appropriate signatures.

Team Application Form, Blue Sombrero Roster Form, and Festival Fee must be submitted to the Area 1-D Friendship Festival Director by **no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2019.**

**Festival Entry:** \$50.00 (refundable) fee per team. Refunds will be issued when teams participate. Additionally, each team is asked, but not required, to provide a referee team.

Checks are to be made payable and mailed, along with Roster Form and Referee Form to: AYSO Area 1-D, 5152 West 130th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

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Only Region checks will be accepted – please remit by October 9, 2019 with team application.

**On site:** The team coach must present a signed copy of each Player Registration Form for the player to participate - **(both pages if e-Signed)**.

Thirty minutes prior to a team's first scheduled game, coaches shall check in at the festival officials' table at the check-in area.

Rosters, Player Registration Forms (with emergency medical authorization) for the players **and any buddies** (if team uses buddies) will be inspected. Team line up cards are not required,

## **OFFICIAL UNIFORM/PLAYERS EQUIPMENT**

Team will line up for uniform inspection. All team players will wear the same regulation color/style jersey, shorts and socks. If Regions have joined together to form a festival team, the players' attire must be uniform and in observance of the AYSO dress code.

**Shin guards are mandatory.** Shin guards must be worn under the uniform sock by the players. Youth volunteers are also required to use shin guards on the pitch during the match.

Braces, crutches, walkers and other similar devices must be padded and deemed safe by festival officials.

The team listed first on the schedule will be the home team and will be on the North or West side of the field. In case of color conflict, the home team will use an alternate jersey or the scrimmage vests provided by the festival.

No jewelry is allowed, including watches, earrings, bracelets or necklaces. Medical ID bracelets and/or necklaces are to be taped down for safety.

## **GAME FORMAT**

Each team will play a minimum of two (2) games. Game lengths will be as follows:

Teams will play two (2) 15-minute halves with a five (5) minute half time break. (Quarter breaks depending on need).

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Start of game: All games are started with a free kick from the middle of the field.

Throw-ins, goal kicks and corner kicks will be used in this festival in accordance with the Laws. Modifications or adaptations will be allowed to meet the needs of individual players. All kicks are direct kicks.

Goalkeepers may or may not be used, based on the team's preference.

## **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

Penal fouls, non-penal fouls and misconduct will apply and play will be restarted with a Direct Free Kick with opponents six (6) yards away from the ball.

Offside will not be used in the festival.

## **MEDALS AND FESTIVAL MEMENTOES**

Each player and two coaches per team roster will receive a T-shirt, pin, medal and other mementoes (if available). Lunch will be provided.

## **PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

All registered players in attendance must participate and play **at least half of the match** unless valid circumstances prohibit it. Those who need a rest may sit out at any time.

Substitutes are encouraged but not required.

## **OTHER ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

Any issues not specifically addressed in this document will be determined by the Area 1-D VIP Friendship Festival Director. The decision of the Area 1-D VIP Friendship Festival Director in conjunction with the Area 1-D Director will be final.