

## **PDL U7 - Hunter 4v4 Rules for Soccer**

### **Coach and Parent Conduct**

- Opposing parents and coaches should cheer and clap for ALL the players on BOTH teams.
- Players and coaches must shake hands after each game.

### **Field**

- Dimensions shall be approximately 30 yards by 30 yards with a half-way line and a center circle with a 5 yard radius. All lines will be dashed as the players will play on or “around” the field.

### **Equipment**

- Goals are pop up.
- Ball size 3.
- Players must be geared properly at all practices and games:
  - Cleats, shin guards, and soccer socks (completely covering the shin guards).
  - No jewelry of any kind (earrings, necklaces, bracelets).

### **Number of Players**

- Format is 4v4 with NO GOALKEEPER.
- Minimum players on field is 2
- Substitutions can be made “on the fly”
- Players must be allowed to play minimum of 50% of each game.
- ○ Exceptions include injury, illness, unwillingness to play, or disciplinary reasons.

### **Games durations and conditions**

- **(2) 20 minute Halves**
- One neutral official (referee) shall be allocated to every quarter.
- Coaches should switch their role as official each period.
- All infringements shall be briefly explained to the player.
  - Ex. you can't pick up the ball and run with it.

### **Start of Play**

- Teams agree on which team will kick off.
- Team that kicks off switches after each period.
- The kicker may not kick the ball a second time until another player touches the ball.
- Opponents must be 5 yards from the center mark.

### **Game Play**

- No official score will be recorded.
- There is no offside. The official will discourage "goal-hanging".
- There are no goalkeepers and referee and coaches will discourage standing in the goal
- Fouls and Misconducts Conform to FIFA
- All free kicks are direct and opponent shall remain 4 yards from ball.
- There shall be no penalty kicks.
- Referee will explain all infractions to the offending player
  - Ex. You cannot trip anyone.

### **Ball In and Out of Play:**

- Players will continue to play on and around the field of play.
- Parents and bystanders will guide the players back on the field without stopping play **whenever possible**.
- **When the ball is clearly kicked off the pitch and not able to be kept in the field area, goal kicks, throw-ins, and corner kicks may occur based upon coaching / refereeing discretion.**
- Players will change directions to get back on the field and continue playing