



# CHAMPIONS SOCCER LEAGUE

## AGES 14-17



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### *Rules of Play* *Adapted for FCPR from US Youth Soccer*

**Field of Play:** Half Field

**Field Markings:** each park field may be different but all fields are appropriately sized for half field U18 play.

**Goals:** the goal is 7 x 21 feet.

**Ball:** must be a size five for game play.

**Player Attire:** all players must wear shin guards; Cleats are recommended. Team jersey, shorts, and socks will be provided prior to the first game.

**Number of Players:** 7v7

**The Referee:** This league will be using contracted officials

**Parent Assistants:** Parents can be used to assist officiating and as linesmen, **but are not permitted on the field.**

**Sidelines:** Players and Coaches will be on the opposite side of the field of the spectators.

**Duration of the Match:** games shall begin at the scheduled time. There will be 25 minute halves, with running clock for both. The half-time break shall be approximately 5 minutes. Once game is completed, all players and coaches must leave the field immediately to allow for next scheduled game.

**Throw-Ins:** any ball traveling out of bounds on either sideline will result in a **throw-in**

**Goal Scored:** To start each half, and after goals, the ball will be brought back to midfield for a kickoff by the appropriate team.

**Slide Tackles:** Slide tackling will be not be allowed.

**Offside:** Offsides will be called at the referee's discretion. Officials will be using red/yellow cards.

\* If a player receives a red card, the player will be asked to leave the game and the league director will decide on the league disciplinary action for following weeks.

**Corner/Goal Kicks:** any ball traveling behind the goal will result in either a goal kick (if last played by an offensive player) or a corner kick (if last played by a defensive player). The distance the defending players must be away from the ball until it is kicked is the same as the radius of the center circle.

**Roster Size:** Recommended minimum – 10 players / maximum – 15 players

\* All players on the field must be registered and on the roster. Any violators of this will be reprimanded by the FCPR committee.\*

**Playing Time:** there shall be unlimited substitutions, which may occur on the fly. A minimum of at least 50% playing time is required.

**Scores / Standings:** Scores and standings will need to be reported to the league director

**Sportsmanship:** Unsportsmanlike conduct from coaches, players, or spectators will not be tolerated, and should be immediately reported to the league director. Violators could face suspension from Frederick County Parks and Recreation programs.

\*The League Director reserves the right to make final determination on any rules or interpreta-



**Cancellation Line Info:** If the weather is questionable, please call 301-600-6291 (option 2). This line will be updated if there are any cancelations. A Standard greeting means practices/games are on

**Game rainouts will be re-scheduled on a Friday at the end of the season**

