## **The Fields Sports Complex 5v5 Tournament Rules:**

All FIFA Laws of the Game are to be followed as normal with the following exceptions:

**Game Duration:** Games are 25 minutes long (Running clock, no halftime)

<u>Substitutions:</u> Subs are unlimited and may be made on the fly. The player being subbed off must be off the field before the substitute can enter the game.

**Equipment:** Players must wear shin guards. No jewelry is permitted to be worn on the field.

<u>Free Kicks:</u> All free kicks are indirect except penalty kicks. All free kicks must have 5 yards clearance.

<u>Throw ins:</u> There will be NO throw ins. If the ball is played out of bounds the restart will be a kick in. All kick ins are INDIRECT.

**<u>Kick-off:</u>** The ball may be played in any direction.

**Goal Kick:** The ball cannot cross mid field when put back into play from a goal kick. If the ball does not bounce or touch a player within the defensive half of the field before going into the offensive half, an indirect free kick will be given to the other team from midfield.

<u>Goal Keepers</u>: Keepers cannot punt or drop kick the ball. The keeper cannot throw or kick the ball past midfield without the ball bouncing or touching a player in the defensive half of the field.

Offside: There is no offside

<u>Slide Tackles:</u> No sliding challenges. If a player makes a sliding challenge against an opponent, the restart will be an indirect free kick from the spot of the infraction. A yellow card will be issued to the player who made the sliding challenge if it is deemed reckless. If a sliding challenge occurs and the referee deems the challenge used excessive force or endangers the safety of the opponent, the referee will issue a red card.

If a player makes a sliding attempt to play the ball and there are no other players within playing distance of the ball, no infraction has occurred, and play can continue on without stoppage.

<u>Field of Play:</u> If the ball hits the lights, ceiling, nets, cables, or any overhead apparatus, a kick in will be awarded to the other team at the closest touchline, even with the spot where the ball hit overhead.

Note: All referee decisions are final. Once the game has ended no call can be overturned.