

## STAFFORD COUNTY 4 ON 4 SOCCER RULES

1. Games will be played at Stafford (baseball field), Lewis (Football field), St. John (Cornwell park-S. Exchange) and Macksville (baseball field).
2. Games will be played in two halves with a 3 minute half time.
  - a. K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will play 12 minutes halves.
  - b. Pre-School will play 10 minutes halves.
3. The clock will only stop for timeouts or injuries. Each team will be allowed two (one) minute timeouts per game.
4. Team listed first will kick off and the visiting team will choose the goal they wish to defend. At half, the K through sixth grade teams will trade sides and the visiting team will kick off. Fifth and Sixth grade will kick off from their own goal line. Pre-School NOT switch ends at half.
5. When a thrown in or free kick is being taken a player of the opposite team is not to be within 5 yards of the ball until it is in play, unless she/he is standing on his own goal line between the goal posts. The kick will be retaken if an opposing player is within 5 yards of the ball and intentionally interference with the kick. **NO SCORE WILL BE KEPT.**
6. Each team will have a minimum of three players in the field including the goalkeeper. One player will designated as the goal keeper and can pick up the ball in the goalie box.
7. Players have to wear tennis shoes or cleat shoes with plastic or rubber cleats. Shin guards and goalkeeper gloves are optional.
8. Free substitution will be allowed. Substitutes may enter the game at any time and do not need to check in with official's except for goalkeepers, who should be changed during stop of play.
9. Forfeit time is 5 minutes after the scheduled starting time. A team must have at least three players present to start the game. Every player who is present should play at least half of the game. Coaches and parents need to stay off the field when the ball is in play. (parents may assist on the field with pre-school)
10. All postponements due to rain or bad weather will be announced to the coaches on hour before game time.
11. Player Discipline: Coaches may have players may sit out for disciplinary reasons include non-attendance at practice.
12. Home town provides game ball.