

GARDEN CITY CENTENNIAL SOCCER CLUB

VILLAGE INTRAMURAL LEAGUE



COACH'S GENERAL INFORMATION

1. *RULES*

We are playing our games using the FIFA Rules, with each Division having some of the rules modified to suit the ages of the players. Copies of the modifications will be given to you. Please make sure that you know the FIFA Rules and the modifications. It is suggested that you review the modifications with the Referees & opposing coach before the start of each game.

2. *OPENING DAY*

Opening day is set up for Saturday... weather permitting. Games are tentatively scheduled for ... and are subject to change.

3. *FIELDS*

Please refer to the attached Field Grid

Please make an effort to keep our fields clean. It is the coach's responsibility to leave the field as clean as possible. Please bring an extra bag for your debris. Pick up water bottles, orange peels, ice pops, etc. that are left behind. Please return "Lost and Found" items to Cluett Hall. People looking for lost items should be directed there.

4. *PRACTICES*

Please remember that this is intramural soccer, not a school or pro team, therefore we feel that one practice a week is certainly sufficient. Because of limitations on field availability, teams are limited to one practice per week. Please check the practice schedules developed for each division.

Teams in 2nd grade through 5th grade should make every effort to hold one practice per week. For older teams this becomes difficult due to after-school interscholastic sports.

Keep in mind that the girls have other activities they are participating in during the week. We want the girls to have fun first - then learning will take place. Since the Pre-Kindergarten,

Kindergarten clinic and Division I formats are instructional there will be no additional practices for these divisions.

5. PLAYING TIME

Every player who is present for a game is to play in that game with the minimum playing time outlined in the Rule Modifications for your respective Divisions. Any coach who does not play everyone on his/her team in accordance with the minimum Rules will not be considered for a coaching position in the future. Understand, however, that the main reason for this league is for participants to have fun, learn the game and **PLAY**. It is the Coaches responsibility to see that each player gets as much playing time as possible. That means that if you only have one or two subs, no player should miss more than one quarter of the game. **Also**, Please make each player gets a chance to play every position during the season: For girls in Divisions II & III they should also be given an opportunity to do throw ins, goal kicks & corner kicks.

6. REGULAR SEASON

Team in Divisions IV and V may have at least one game scheduled at the beginning of the season, which does not count in the standings. These games should be used as scrimmages/practice games prior to the beginning of the Round Robin Tournament.

7. PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT

Divisions IV and V will play a Round Robin Tournament to determine final league standings. Team scoring in the Tournament will work as follows: (Rain outs, if they can not be made up, will be declared a 1 - 1 Tie.)

Winning team:	3 points
Tie:	2 points
Losing team:	1 point

Tiebreakers—The first tiebreaker will be the out come of the tournament game played against each other. In the event of a three or more way tie or the second tiebreaker the team with the higher number of tournament wins will be declared the winner. The third tiebreaker will be the fewest number of goals against in tournament games. The fourth tie-breaker will be determined by penalizing teams that have violated the blowout rule by reducing the teams point total by one point for each goal scored above the 3 goal maximum differential. The fifth and final tiebreaker will be a flip of a coin by the Division Leaders or Director in the presence of all involved Coaches. Please refer to the FIFA rules for your division for variations to the above. The FIFA rules will supercede the above if there is a conflict.

The Division IV and V Championships will be determined by a game between the 1st and 2nd Place finishers. The Third Place Trophy for Division IV will be determined by a game between the 3rd and 4th Place teams. We may develop a play – off prior to the last game in Division IV. Information will follow.

8. TROPHIES

All participants in the Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten Clinic, Divisions I, II, III and IV will receive a trophy, to be handed out at the end of the season. Division V and VI trophies and gifts will also be given out at the end at the season.

9. UNIFORMS

SHIN GUARDS AND RUBBER CLEATED SOCCER SHOES ARE MANDATORY IN THE CLINIC AND ALL DIVISIONS FOR GAMES AND PRACTICES. Each team will have it's own colored soccer shirt and each player is to wear appropriate shorts which they will obtain themselves. Each team that needs one will be supplied a goalie shirt. Any player, who does not have the proper equipment or uniform, will not be allowed to play the game. **Jewelry, hard casts and eyeglasses, except protective glasses may not be worn during the playing of a game or practice. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHES AND DIVISION LEADERS TO ENFORCE THIS RULE.**

10. REPORTING

Coaches in Divisions II, III, IV, V and VI are to call their Division Score Coordinators on Sunday evenings (times will be established by each Coordinator to best suit their schedule) to report their game scores and three Players of the Game. Scores only for Division VI.

Coaches in Division I and Kindergarten are to call their Coordinator before Sunday evening to give the names of the three outstanding players from their Saturday games.

** Remember, the Coordinators are volunteers just like the rest of us and will not chase any Coach for this information. If you do not call your respective Coordinator, the Children lose out in seeing their names in the paper each week, which is more important to them then for adults. The call must be made by Sunday evenings in order to make the paper's Tuesday Morning Deadline for the Friday Paper.

11. SIDELINE COACHING

There is no coaching permitted from behind the goal end line or from the opposing teams sideline. This is the Rule for Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Parents. Cheering is permitted from either side-line but not from the end lines. Teams should take opposite sides of the field. Home teams, the bottom team listed for each game on the schedule, have the choice of which side to set up on. Be sure to make the parents of the players on your team aware of the above!

12. CLUB DANGEROUS WEATHER POLICY

It is the policy of the Garden City Centennial Soccer Club that at the first sign of thunder or lightning, all intramural games are to be suspended. In addition, all Intramural and Travel practices are to end with all participants immediately leaving the field. Games and practices cannot be resumed until a minimum of twenty (20) minutes has elapsed after the last clap of thunder or flash of lightning has been observed. This policy is to be strictly enforced by all coaches.

13. INSPECT GOALS

All coaches must inspect all goalposts, crossbars and nets prior to the start of each practice and game. The coach shall ensure that the goals are anchored securely to the ground with anchors or sandbags and the goalposts, crossbars and nets are otherwise safe. If either adult coach discovers any condition that they consider unsafe or if the goals are not anchored securely to the ground they should take steps to correct the condition including securing anchors. If the situation cannot be corrected they should report the problem to their division leader. Under no circumstances should the game or practice take place without the situation being corrected. This applies to coaches of all age levels from pre-k through high school.

14. PLAYER RATINGS

At the end of the season all coaches will in Division I and above be asked to rate the players on their team. These player ratings are for intramural purposes only and are important in order for next season's teams to be picked out as equitably as possible.

15. OUTSIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENTS – DIVISION II, III, IV, V and VI

There are multitudes of Soccer Tournaments for Intramural Soccer Teams only that are sponsored by various organizations outside of Garden City. Any Coach interested in taking a team to any of these tournaments, should let their Division Leader know and as information is available we will keep you informed.

16. INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

The Garden City Centennial Soccer Club has donated a series of instructional soccer coaching videos to the Garden City Public Library. These videos are extremely informative and available for your viewing. Please make use of them, the more you know the more you can teach the girls.

Good luck to one and all this Spring Season and should you have any questions or problems please contact your respective Division leaders.

17. REFEREES

For most of our youth referees this is a first time learning experience and coaches must accept the fact that they will make mistakes. There are going to be good decisions and bad decisions made by the officials (it happens at all levels) but it is important to respect the calls made on the field with grace. The decision of the referee is final and must be accepted without argument. Before the game begins meet with the opposing coach and review the rules to prevent any misunderstandings. Any abuse of our referees will not be tolerated and the offending coach will be dismissed. The main reason our children cite for leaving the referee program is parents yelling at them. Be a good role model who demonstrates good sportsmanship and recognize that players and parents will always follow your lead. Any complaints (or compliments) should be sent to the Director of our Referee Program.

18. PETS

Please remind parents that pets are not permitted at the fields

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