Golden Goal High School Soccer League Rules

1. FIFA / Laws

FIFA rules with subject to US Soccer guidelines and with the following modificiations:

2. Team Acceptance

a) The League Director reserves the right to accept or reject any team application.

b) No team shall be deemed accepted unless written notification has been sent from the League Director. Written communication directly with the team contact is the only "official" acceptance.

c) Once accepted by the League, the $700 application fee is non-refundable.

d) Accepted teams are required to send the League Director a team roster, league application, and Golden Goal participation waiver forms for each player and coach.

e) Teams can pay by check and make it out to Golden Fields LLC. Please make sure to write your team name and HS League Fee on the check.

f) Please send check to the following address:

Golden Fields LLC
P.O.Box 82
Wyckoff, NJ 07481

3. Team Roster & Player Documentation

a) Team's roster must include birthdays of each player. All high school aged players are welcome.

b) Any team fielding a player that is either above or below the required age for a high school team will be removed from the league and not be awarded a refund.

4. Eligibility

a) To be eligible all players participating must be 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 years old by the first game.

b) All players must be in high school to compete.

c) Each team must be represented at the field of play by at least one of the following: a registered coach (19 years old or over), registered assistant coach, registered trainer and/or manager. Only properly registered personnel will be allowed or on the team bench during a game. There is a limit of four (4) bench personnel.

d) All teams are responsible for having participating coaches and players complete and hand in at registration the Golden Goal participation waiver. The waiver can be downloaded at the following link:

http://goldengoalpark.com/wp-content/uploads/2014GoldenGoal%20ParticipationWaiver.pdf

5. Player Equipment

a) Where the color of the jersey is similar or identical, the designated away team (the team listed second in the schedule) will change jerseys.

b) No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.)

c) Players wearing casts are allowed to play with the approval of the on-field referee. Please bring bubble wrap and foam wrap to cover any casts. Knee braces, if worn, must be covered completely. No rigid casts are allowed. Game referee has final authority whether any cast is permissible in that game.

e) Shin guards must be worn at all times by all players.

f) Medical ID bracelets must be taped.

g) All referee decisions are final regarding player equipment.

7. Substitutions

Substitutions shall be unlimited, but made only at the following times:

a) Goal kick; following a goal; half time; at the beginning of an overtime period; throw in for the team in possession; or, after a yellow card for opponent.

b) An injured player may be substituted at the discretion of the referee. If a substitution is made for the injured player, the opposing team may also make one substitution (with the referee's acknowledgement).

8. Behavior: Player, Coach, Spectator Ejection

a) Any player ejected from a match will not be replaced and will not be allowed to participate in their team's next match. Players ejected for fighting will result in the player being banned from all remaining league matches.

b) Any coach ejected from a match will not be allowed to coach their team in its next match. Coaches ejected for fighting will result in the coach not being allowed to participate in any remaining league matches.

c) Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the players and parents on their team. Coaches not taking responsibility for their sideline's conduct may be cautioned and/or ejected.

d) Coaches, players, or spectators ejected must not be within "sight or sound" of the playing field.

e) Any coach, parent, team official, player or spectator threatening violence or verbal abuse to any individual will immediately be ejected from the league and the team may also be ejected from the league. This type of behavior is not acceptable at this event and will not be tolerated.

f) In accordance with FIFA rules, players and coaches will be shown a card (yellow/red) when being cautioned or sent off. Two yellow cards to the same player in the same game will result in a sending off.

g) If a player receives three (3) yellow cards in three different games that player shall be required to serve a one game suspension by sitting out the next match.

9. Seating

a) Teams will occupy one of the two sides of the field, with each team being seated between the 18 yard and center lines in different halves.

b) A maximum of 18 players are allowed on the bench.

c) Spectators will occupy the opposite side of the field, opposite their team, between the 18 yard and center lines.

d) Artificial noise maker devices are prohibited. Alcoholic beverages, pets and use of cigarettes and/or tobacco products are not permitted at Golden Goal Sports Park. It is the responsibility of the coach/manager to inform their players and parents of these guidelines.

10. Competition Format

a) All games will play 11 v 11.

b) Halves are 40 minutes long with a 5 minute half time.

c) Teams will switch sides at halftime.

d) In the event of inclement weather, matches may be shortened or cancelled at the discretion of the League Director in the event of inclement weather.

11. Game Time

a) It is requested that teams be present 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled commencement of a match to aid in the timely start of play. Seven players constitute a team when playing 11 v 11.

b) The league does not require the referee to add time for substitutions.

c) The official clock will not stop for any reason unless in the judgment of the referee: Removing an injured player from the field would endanger the physical well-being of the player, or, other conditions so warrant in the judgment of the referee.

d) Any game shortened due to injury will be continued or made up at the sole direction in of the League Director.

12. Points System

For each match teams shall be awarded:

a) 3 points for a win.

b) 1 point or a tie.

c) 0 points for a loss.

13. Tiebreakers

If two or more teams are tied on points their position in the standings shall be determined by the following process of elimination:

a) Goal differential.

b) Most goals scored.

c) Least number of goals allowed.

d) Head-to-head competition – Except where three teams are tied, in which case head-to-head competition will not be used.

e) Coin toss.

14. Forfeits

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team:

a) Is not present and prepared to play within five minutes of the scheduled commencement time.

b) An overaged/underaged player or non-rostered player participated in the game.

c) A forfeit will be scored 3-0 to the opponent.

15. Inclement Weather

a) Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at the respective field site, ready to play as scheduled.

b) Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match.

c) Only the League Director may cancel or postpone a match and will update all parties at the earliest possible moment.

d) Referees, at their discretion, may suspend a match in the case of severe weather.

e) League Director may cancel any and all games. In case of severe weather that occurs after the beginning of play, the League Director may reduce the length of the match and may discontinue or cancel the game.

f) Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after half-time, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand. If a match is terminated prior to the half every attempt will be made to complete the match. However, other necessary means determined by the League Committee may be used to determine a winner.

g) Referees will not consider beginning or continuing matches when a lightning storm exists.

16. Protests

None allowed.

17. Disclaimer

Golden Fields LLC or the League Sponsors are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event that the league in cancelled in whole or in part or in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions, nor will any refunds be made. The League Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the league. The judgment of the League Committee is final. The League Director has authority to make all decisions and these decisions will be final. All referee decisions are final and binding.