

## 2018 -- SOCCERFEST 7 V 7 RULES (rev. 12/17)

FIFA Laws of Games rules govern 7 v 7 except where noted below.

**NO SLIDE TACKLING OF ANY KIND PERMITTED!**

**TEAMS:** Each team shall consist of at least 5, and not more than 7 players, on the field of play. **Home team** listed first, kick off, provide game ball (marked). **Visitors** choose side to defend and changes shirts if color conflict. All players must check-in and wear wrist bands for all games. **No double-rostering allowed.**

**Game Format:** 7 v 7; 25 minute halves, 5 minute half-time.

Seven players required to start and continue a game. Each team must provide a game ball. Games start with referees whistle (1 minute grace). Let's stay on time!

**COED:** 3 females on the field MINIMUM (*eg. if you have only 2 women you CANNOT sub in a male player, you will have to play short*)

**OFFSIDE-** There will be no offside violations.

**FREE KICKS-** Five (5) yards shall be given automatically on all free kicks. Failure to yield 5 yards shall result in a yellow card for delay of game.

**KICK OFF-** The ball may be kicked backward at kick off; a goal may be scored directly from a kick off.

**THROW-INS-** Restarts for balls out of bounds at the touchlines shall be in-direct kicks instead of throw-ins.

**POINTS:** Win- 2, Tie – 1, Loss – 0; Tiebreaker = head to head, goals against, coin toss

**SUBSTITUTION** – Free substitution; player must enter at the half-line and there is no stoppage of play. Substituted player must be off the field prior to the new player entering the field.

**GOALKEEPER:** When the goalkeeper punts or throws the ball, the ball must make contact with the ground or any player prior to crossing the midfield line. Once a goalkeeper has gained control of the ball, she must release the ball within five seconds. After releasing, the keeper may play the ball like any other player which includes kicking the ball over the midfield line. If a punt or throw from the goalkeeper fails to make contact with the ground or another player prior to crossing the midfield line, restart is an indirect free kick for the opposing team at the point where the ball crossed the midfield line.

**GOALS FOR THIS DIVISION ARE APPROX. 6' BY 18' (NOT REGULATION)**