**28th ANNUAL BRIDGEWATER KICK-OFF CLASSIC**

**U8 rules & regulations for 4v4 games**

**GAME FORMAT**

 **• There are two 20 yard by 30 yard fields marked out side by side at the site.**

 **• Coaches and substitutes will occupy the space between the fields. Spectators will stay outside of the other touchlines and not behind the goals. See diagram below.**

 **• At the designated game time both clubs will put 4 players on each of the two fields. There will be two simultaneous games - one on each field.**

 **• It is highly recommended that each team have one designated coach observing each field.**

 **• Both games will have a “game facilitator” provided by BSA who will decide calls and instruct players on the rules of the game.**

 **• The BSA Site Coordinator will act as time-keeper for the three 15 minute periods i.e. both simultaneous games will start and stop at the same time.**

 **• The Site Coordinator may also review player and coach passes.**

 **• Home team will provide the size 3 ball, choose colors and kick off the first period.**

**RULES**

 **• Four players per side. Minimum of three players needed to continue game.**

 **• No goalkeeper. No offside.**

 **• No deliberate heading of the ball. Restart is an indirect free kick.**

 **• All other free kicks are direct free kicks.**

 **• Encroachment distance is four yards for all restarts except for goal kicks where opponents will retreat to their own half until the ball is in play.**

 **• No throw-ins. Ball will be kicked in as a direct free kick.**

 **• Substitutions are unlimited and at any stoppage with permission of Game Facilitator.**

 **• Substitutes are eligible to join either game.**

 **• Unless noted here all other tournament rules apply.**