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Hello Coach,

Thank you for selecting the Tyngsboro Sports Center (TSC) for your indoor team(s). We appreciate your support and hope you and your players have a great session. There are a few housekeeping items that I will go over for you before we get started this session.

Memberships: All players must have a valid membership at TSC. The membership runs for a full calendar year from the time the session starts and the membership/waiver form is filled out at the \$15 fee is paid. Membership may be completed in person prior to the first game or by going online to www.tyngsborosportscenter.com and completing the Membership forms. The player's information is kept in the TSC database and there are no cards provided or needed. Your player will not appear on your roster until they have completed the membership process. Players that started later last year may still have a valid membership – if the parent believes they still have a valid membership ask them to call or email us at 978-649-9393 or email info@tyngsborosportscenter.com .

Uniforms, Shirts and Balls: All recreation division teams will receive a TSC game tee shirt prior to their first game. We try to accommodate everyone's size needs but if you need a smaller or larger shirt let us know and we'll get that ordered. Competitive teams provide their own shirts and they may be from their outdoor teams or other shirts that they may have. If you have a competitive team and would like to get TSC shirts, let us know and we can quote you a price. In the event the team colors are alike it is expected that the coach will have pinnies for the occasion. Teams are expected to bring their own game balls. TSC has some in the event it is needed.

Payment, Rosters and Check-in: The remaining team fee is due no later than the start of the first game. Payment must be made to TSC in the form of a single check, cash for credit card. We do not accept

the player's checks written to TSC. If the coach or team parent does not want to pay then there are methods for the parents to pay TSC directly (but a bit more expensive per player), please contact TSC for details. The coach or team parent is expected to provide TSC the full roster prior to the start of the first game. This may be done by emailing it to the above email address. Player's who have a valid membership will appear on the TSC roster. Rosters may have more than 12 players (some players playing only some games) but there can only be 12 players on the bench at any given game.

Teams in each session have first preference to place a deposit for the next session. They may do this at any time up to two weeks into the session. After that time we open it up to waitlist teams. If you want to sign on for the follow-on session please get your deposit to us quickly. We have many that get locked out of a session because they wait too late, get the deposit to us! You don't have to wait, you could effectively give us three deposits in November and be guaranteed all three sessions if that is your desire.

Fields and Footwear: TSC has a full boarded field and a lined field. Depending on your division you will play on one or the other. There may be times where you will play on the other field but typically once your league is assigned a field you play on that field each week. Rules for each field is on our website, please review those prior to your first game. All non-metal cleats are acceptable on TSC's field surfaces and includes, indoor or outdoor cleats and sneakers.

Referees and Game Conduct: Referees are scheduled, managed and paid by TSC. If there are issues with the officiating of a game please see the manager on duty at TSC. TSC's Motto is "Where all Good Sports Come Together". Players are expected to play and act like good sports. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated the player will be removed from the game and possibly from playing altogether at TSC.

We all understand soccer is a physical game and contact is part of the sport and the safety of each player is our highest priority. Many parents who are not accustomed to higher levels of play may not be familiar with the rules and physical nature of play. With that said, good physical conduct does not refer to the players whose arms and legs are extending past the acceptable areas, those who come up behind a player and provide unwanted assistance in their forward motion and the player who believes they are playing hockey and lower their shoulder to provide the opposing player a check into the

boards. **THESE ACTIONS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** and we have asked the referees to diligently enforce these rules.

Coaches must set an example for the players and conduct themselves as an adult and "coach" the team. Berating or badgering the referees or other players will not be tolerated. You are there to provide game guidance to your players and set an example of how they should act. Some find it useful to spend the game providing commentary and refereeing the game – not your place. For many of the younger age games the referees are learning and your support is encouraged. If you have an issue or feedback to the officials please contact the manager on duty and they can discuss any issues.

Parents are also encouraged to be an example-setter for how their children should act by refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct off the field - **IT'S JUST A GAME!!**

Schedules, Scheduling Requests and Game Times: The schedule is provided on our website. The full schedule may not be found during the first week of play as we continue to sign up teams but should be complete shortly thereafter. Any changes to the schedule will have the agreement of all involved. PLEASE TELL PARENTS TO VIEW SCHEDULE ONLINE AND DO NOT PRINT IT OUT – ANY CHANGES ARE NOT REFLECTED ON PRINTED COPIES. We understand that there may be scheduling conflicts from time to time and we will try to do everything we can to accommodate those needs. Please provide us with reasonable time (at least two weeks) if you need to have a game time changed. The published game time allocation for each division may be modified should we get more (or less) teams in that division. We will make every effort to ensure you are notified of those changes. Once a game is scheduled, that will not change unless everyone involved in a change agrees to the moving of that game.

Notifications and Updates: You and your players will receive a game reminder each week (if your correct email is in our system). If you or players are not receiving that please let us know. The vast majority of all our correspondences to coaches and players are via email.

Playoffs: Competitive leagues will play six weeks of regular play with the top four teams competing in a playoff in week seven. The remaining teams in the Competitive league will play a regular game on week 7. The schedule for week 7 won't come out until the playoff structure is understood (usually the day after week 6 is completed).

Generally, the top four teams in a division will play for the championship. The format is 1v4 and 2v3 followed by a Championship game between the winners of those semi-final games. The teams not making the playoffs will play in a regular game against the other teams not in the playoffs.

In the event of a tie at the end of any semi-final game the tie will be broken by penalty kicks in a 5 player shootout with the ball placed at midfield and the player dribbling (or shooting) in. The five players on the field at the end of the 5 minute period are the shooters. The winner is decided from the number of goals in the shootout. If the Championship game ends in a tie there will be a 5-minute sudden death period and if they are still knotted they will go to penalty kicks as noted above.

The Recreation league will play 7 regular games – no playoffs.

Weather Issues: In the event there is severe weather, TSC management will determine if it will close the facility. In this case games will be rescheduled and all efforts will be made to do that make-up on the same day of the week however that may not be possible all the time. Severe weather is just that – impassable roads, a state of emergency, etc (we *are* in New England so a three inch snowstorm is not categorized as “severe”☺) and players/parents should check our website for game day status. If we cancel a game it will be at least two hours prior and notification will be provided to the coaches and posted on our website. You should always use your own judgment as to your comfort level traveling to the center for a game or activity. We do have a generator so the loss of power here should not cause any cancellations.

Thank you and have a great indoor season!!