

## RULES OF PLAY MINIBALL

1. Division      The Miniball division will consist of 10/12 Teams. These teams will be co-ed and consist of approx 10-12 player each.
  
2. Practice      Please To schedule a field for your practice day & time, please contact Mike Noble by e-mail: [njbobafett@verizon.net](mailto:njbobafett@verizon.net) You will only get one night during the week for practice.
  
3. Length        Each game will be made up of FOUR (4) 10-minute quarters. There will a 2-minute rest period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. A 5-minute rest period at the Half. (between the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters) Goals will be changed at the Half. (between the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters)
  - NO SCORE WILL BE KEPT DURING MINIBALL GAMES.
  - A #3 Soccer Ball will be used in all MINIBALL games.
  - Players must play equal amounts of time unless player says he/she doesn't want to play.
  - All games times must be strictly adhered to.
  
4. Players        Each Team will field 8 players per side for an 8 vs. 8 games on Fields 5 or 6  
A 10 minute grace period will be given in order to field a team, however, in the event that either team is unable to field 8 players, the games shall start with an equal number of players on both sides. (a minimum of six players) If either team is unable to field the minimum number of players, the teams can share players so the children can still play. In the event that the game is started with fewer than 8 players, additional players may be added as they arrive, with the knowledge of the Referee and the opposing Coach, and with the understanding that the number of players per side must remain equal. In the event a team without any subs loses a player to injury during the game, the opposing team will also remove a player from the field. In the event a team without any subs loses a player to a rules infraction, no adjustment will be made to even the team.
  
5. FIFA:         FIFA rules will apply in the Miniball Division with the following exceptions:
  - A. Free substitutions at the discretion of the Referee except when there is a penalty on the field.
  - B. All teams will play at equal strength when applicable.
  - C. Play may be interrupted at any time by either a coach or referee for Education/Safety purposes but, the clock will continue.
  - D. If a foul throw is called on a throw-in, the player should be given proper instruction and given a 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity to make a legal throw.

REMEMBER, it is more important to TEACH THE PLAYS than to “WIN” the game. The Miniball Division games are only an extension of the skills and fundamentals being taught during practice/training sessions. The teaching and the training are the most important part of this experience. Please keep this a FUN and LEARNING experience for the players, family and coaches. No standing are kept in this division.