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I) Soccer Game Rules

A) General Game Information

- 1) Kickball teams consist of 8 (5 male / 3 female) or more players. However, games can be played with as few as 6 players.
- 2) Closed toed shoes are required and metal cleats are not allowed.
- 3) Games consist of two 25-minute continuous clock halves.
- 4) Once the ball has crossed into the offensive half, a female must touch the ball prior to scoring a goal. A made shot without the required female touch will result in a goal kick.
 - (a) Once the ball crosses the midfield line and touched by a female player, the touch remains "good" until the ball is cleared from the offensive half.
 - (b) Corner kicks and throw-ins made by female players also count as the female touch, provided they are made in the offensive half.
 - (c) A shot made from beyond midfield does not require a female touch.
 - (d) If the opening kick of the possession to start a half or after a score goal is made by a female, that will count as a the required female touch.
- 5) Regular season games may end in a tie, however, tournament games will not.
- 6) Most importantly, HAVE FUN.

B) Equipment

- 1) All players must wear closed-toe shoes to participate.
 - (a) Non-metal cleats and turf shoes are allowed
- 2) Any ball that both teams approve before starting the game can be used for play.
 - (a) TSSC will have a ball available for every game, but any approved ball may be used.

C) Playing Field

- 1) The playing field used for the league is designed for an 8v8 playing format. Standard lines and markings are used.

II) Game Day Particulars: Games, Timing, Shootout

A) Games

- 1) Prior to all games, the teams captains will meet with the game official to discuss ground rules
- 2) All standard rules of soccer apply with the addition of the following:
 - (a) No slide tackles are permitted.
 - (b) A female touch is required in the offensive half prior to scoring a goal.
 - (c) Offsides will be called when noticed by the referee.
- 3) Games consist of two 25-minute continuous clock halves.
 - (a) During the regular season, games ending in a tie score will remain ties.
- 4) A shot made from beyond midfield does not require a female touch.

B) Shootouts

- (a) During the playoffs, games ending in ties will play an extra 10-minute period followed by a shootout.

(i) Shootout Format:

- Each team will select 5 players (at least 2 are female)
- The players need not be on the field prior to the end of the final whistle to be included.
- Teams will choose the goal to be used and alternate shots on goal.
- The kicks will alternate between teams and also between gender of kicker.

Toledo Sport and Social Club's General League Rules

1) Officials

- a) Leagues run by TSSC either have an official or are self-officiated. When self-officiated, the teams playing must be responsible for calling their own infractions. It is not the responsibility of the opponents to call a foul.
- b) TSSC officials are responsible for the fair play of games, however, participants are still responsible for knowing and understanding the league rules. Officials will make calls based on established league rules and have the final say. Officials will work to provide fair and fun game play. If a participant is found to be disrupting this effort, the league official has the authority remove said player from the game.
- c) Participants choosing to yell at officials will NOT be tolerated!

2) Forfeits

- a) TSSC strives to provide fun and organized game play. This is achieved in large part by having teams committed to playing their scheduled games. However, from time to time a team may not be able to attend its scheduled game. In this case, it is the responsibility of the team to notify TSSC at least 24 hours in advance of missing a game to report its forfeit. Teams who forfeit multiple times during a season may not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament or may be removed from the league altogether.

3) Substitutions

- a) Substitutions are allowed during the regular season. It is the responsibility of the team captain to explain the rules to subs before games begin. Teams may borrow players from other league teams as substitutes only during the regular season. When borrowing players from another team, a maximum number of subs allowed is the amount needed to have a full team on the field plus one. Teams must play their normal roster players ahead of substitutes who were borrowed from another team.

4) Playoffs Eligibility

- a) In order to be eligible to participate in the end-of-season playoffs a player must have played at least one regular season game with the team. Teams may be ruled ineligible by TSSC for rule or sportsmanship infractions and will be notified if their eligibility has been removed.

5) Standings / Seeding

- a) Throughout the season, league standings will be updated and displayed on the league webpage. The order shown on the page is not necessarily the order of seeding that will exist for the end-of-season tournament. In the case of multiple teams having the same regular season record, tie-breakers will be listed in the sport specific portion of the rules.

6) Sportsmanship

- a) The Toledo Sport and Social Club exists to provide adults with the ability to continue to compete in lifelong recreational play. We realize there will be intense moments during games,

in particular towards the end of games or when a player makes a mistake in judgement, but we hope the TSSC Spirit of Play will always remain.

- b) The TSSC encourages players to play with a "Fun First, Win Second" attitude. Our leagues are about getting out and having a good time with old friends and new! The TSSC believes that encouraging good sports behavior is why players join and will remain in our leagues. Playing with TSSC Spirit provides a non-threatening, fun environment for all levels of players. Good sporting behavior: behavioral tendencies of a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, and victory without gloating, and who treats all opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy and respect. This is the attitude we encourage all players to display on and off the playing field!

7) League Cancellation / Rainout

- a) TSSC uses two methods to inform teams when a rainout or game cancellation has taken place. The voice mail message for the phone line 419-302-5135 will be updated with information regarding the status of league play. Additionally, TSSC will update the status of its profile, ToledoSportand Social Club on Facebook.
- b) Due to the nature of weather, TSSC won't always be able to update these messages prior to the start of league play for a particular evening. If neither of these methods has been updated, please show up to the game location and seek information there about the status of games for the evening.
- c) In the case of a rainout or game cancellation, TSSC will attempt to reschedule the games. However, not all games are guaranteed and TSSC reserves the right to shorten the league schedule, without issuing a refund, if necessary.

8) Website

- a) Toledo Sport and Social Club's websites, www.ToledoSSC.com and www.ToledoSportandSocialClub.com are the source for all information regarding all team and league information. Please utilize the websites functions for all scheduling and registration functions. Other features that may be found on the website are: Free Agent postings, League Rules, Social Events, and in-season announcements.

9) Sponsors / Post Game Socials

- a) Prior to the beginning of each league TSSC will establish as "Sponsor Bar" to serve as a social gathering place for all TSSC teams and fans after league nights. The sponsor establishments and deals are specific to TSSC members and are prearranged. These will be listed on the league page throughout the season. Please socialize and enjoy yourselves at all times but keep in mind that you are representing TSSC when attending post game socials.

10) Rule Changes

- a) TSSC reserves the right to change league rules at any time. Team managers will be made aware of rule changes and it then becomes their responsibility to communicate changes to their teams. Rules for each sport will be listed under each sport's page.