O'FALLON YOUTH SOCCER
RULES OF THE GAME
14 and under year olds (11 vs 11)

This is an instructional league for ages 14 and under. Coaches and parents will be asked to assist in various means. Score **will not** be recorded.

The "Laws of the Game" authorized by the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) are the rules adopted by the City of O'Fallon. Changes to these rules as adopted by the City of O'Fallon are as follows:

Field of Play
- Goals shall be regulation
- Field shall be regulation

The Ball
- Ball size to be used is a number 5
- The home team (team listed first on game schedule) shall provide the match ball, subject to approval of the referee

Number of Players
- There must be no more than 11 players on the field of play for either team. One of the players shall be a designated goalkeeper
- No team shall be allowed to have less than 11 registered players and no more than 17 registered players at any given time
- Free substitution during Throw-ins, Corner Kicks, and/or Goal Kicks for both teams

Players' Equipment
- All players must wear shin guards. Soft cleats are recommended
- No jewelry is to be worn by a player during a game
- Each coach is responsible to check players equipment prior to the game

The Referee
- Following FIFA guidelines

The Assistant Referee
- Linesman shall be used for 14 and under year olds
- A parent shall be used in place of a referee

Duration of the Game
- Game length is two 25-minute halves, with a 5-minute break at half time
- Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the game

Offside
- FIFA Guidelines

Free Kicks
- FIFA Guidelines

Penalty Kick
- FIFA Guidelines

Throw-in
- FIFA Guidelines

Goal Kick
- FIFA Guidelines

Slide Tackling

- Absolutely, NO slide tackling in an attempt to displace the soccer ball from another player who has control of that ball. Slide tackling will be permitted to save, clear or block a ball as long as, another player is not within a five-yard radius of that sliding player.

Disciplinary Action

- Any player or coach ejected from a league match will receive a minimum of one match suspension starting with the next league match
- Any player or coach who accumulates THREE cautions during a season (fall or spring season), will automatically be suspended from the next match
- Any further cautions will each result in an additional one-match suspension
- The following are prohibited:
  - Foul language, acts of aggression towards or by the players, coaches, referees, or spectators
  - Spitting at another player at post-game line-up is an automatic ejection for the following game
  - Consumption of alcohol at any league match
- The City of O'Fallon retains the authority to invoke more sever punishment for any form of misconduct
- All participants and spectators are required to remain at least two yards from the sidelines, and may not be present behind the goal lines
- When a player is issued a red card they must leave the field for the duration of the match, and they are ejected from the next league match. There will be no substitutions for the ejected player

Cancellations and Suspension of Games

- Games may be canceled at the discretion of the league for weather conditions. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Wind chill of 20 degrees or below
  - Excessive lightning or thunder
  - Wet and/or saturated fields
- If the game is suspended due to weather conditions, the referee has the right to terminate the game after a 10-minute wait
- In the event a game is suspended at the end of the first half, the game is considered complete, and a make up will not be rescheduled
- Any game cancelled by the City of O'Fallon, will be rescheduled by the City of O'Fallon
- If games are cancelled by the City of O'Fallon, we will attempt to make-up games on Sunday following the cancellation
- Please refer to your Rainout Make-up Schedule for game times
- If an entire weekend is rained out, the games will be made up at the end of the season with the same game times.

Players code of ethics

- Sportsmanship is #1 for players and parents
- Fighting, hitting, spitting, and other unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated
- Players should play fair and safe
- Players should always respect other players and coaches
- Players should always try to do their best
- Learning is the #1 objective, not winning
- There is no "I" in team
- Most importantly- you should always have fun

Parents and Coaches Information

- Parking is not allowed along side the road. USE ONLY DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS
- Please drive slowly when you are entering and leaving the park
- If desired, you may enter and exit the park via a stoplight at Waterford Crossings Drive