



# TIPP CITY YOUTH SOCCER

## PASSERS TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO COACHES 2020



TCYS has held a tournament for the Passers Boys and Girls age groups for some time. We have found it to be a great way to end the season. This year the Boys will be placed into two 4-team groups, the winners of which will play in a Championship Match. The Girls will play a 4-game Round Robin format. Its Champion will be determined by the most points (not goals) earned during their 4 matches. Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams for Boys and Girls.

The TCYS Board of Managers would like to remind all players, coaches, and parents that this tournament should be played with the emphasis on FUN, as has been the intent and purpose of the regular season. With that in mind, we hope you have a great tournament and will assist us in creating a fun atmosphere for the kids. We will be keeping scores and standings for the first time this season (officially). We know that the excitement of each game will be heightened because of this. We hope that the coaches and parents will refrain from letting their excitement spill over into dissenting or otherwise challenging decisions made by the referees.

TCYS expects coaches, parents, and spectators to understand that it will not tolerate any form of dissent or other irresponsible behavior from any person attending the matches. Matches will be monitored by TCYS Board Officers.

- 1) Referees will follow the “Ask, Tell, Remove” process for dealing with dissent or other irresponsible behavior from coaches. The degree of discipline (Yellow or Red Card) is purely the prerogative of the referees. TCYS game monitors may also initiate discipline.
  - a. If a coach receives a caution in two different games, he will be dismissed from the field following the 2<sup>nd</sup> caution and will be prohibited from coaching the next game.
  - b. If a coach is dismissed, he will not coach the next match at a minimum.
  
- 2) Head Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the parents and spectators associated with their teams, in so far that the referees will ask the Head Coach for assistance in controlling unruly parents or other spectators; the referees are not to assume this responsibility.
  - a. If the parent or spectator persists in displaying irresponsible behavior, the match will be suspended until s/he leaves the immediate vicinity of the field and beyond hearing distance.
  - b. If they refuse to leave after being so directed by the coach, the Tipp City Police will be called.

Thank you for giving your time and energy this season and for promoting Fair Play and good sportsmanship among your young players and their parents.

Good Luck, FAIR PLAY, and have FUN!

The TCYS Board

## Addendum re Laws of the Game:

1. Substitutions - Every player present at the start of the game shall play the equivalent of **approximately** half the game. Coaches are expected not to substitute players during a quarter unless the player is hurt or injured. Being “tired” does not constitute being “injured”.
2. Injuries – The Miami Valley East League members have committed to decreasing the amount of stoppage time for non-injuries in all age groups. Coaches are asked to allow the referees time to quickly assess whether a player is injured (requiring medical attention/first aid and should be removed from the game), or is merely hurt momentarily. Depending upon the location of the hurt player on the field, the referee may allow play to continue momentarily to determine if a goal scoring opportunity is imminent or for the ball to go into touch on its own accord. To assist in the management of injuries, coaches of both teams should begin teaching the players to kick the ball into touch upon seeing a player who appears hurt or injured. The coach may not enter the field until summoned by the referee. A player must leave the game if s/he is attended to by anyone other than the referee or another player on the field, or if the referee stops the game himself to attend to a hurt player without the ball leaving the field naturally. The player does not have to leave the game if the referee checks a player’s status on a throw-in, goal kick, etc. unless s/he cannot continue. The coach should advise the referee of any players with health conditions that may warrant quicker than normal stoppage of play and subsequent removal from the game, such as for susceptibility to an asthma attack.
3. Throw-Ins - The referees have been instructed to continue to permit a re-throw following an incorrect throw-in during this tournament.
4. Offside – There is no Offside in this age group. However, the referee may wave off a goal if s/he feels an attacker (when in the Offside position beyond the Build Out Line) interferes with the goalkeeper or other defender either visually, physically, or verbally; or scores directly from a teammate’s pass when in an offside position.
5. Team benches – Although Covid guidelines for this year place team benches on the same side as the spectators, coaches and players are expected to stay 2 yds away from the touchline and between the center line and the goal box line and not roam down to the corner flag where interference with corner kicks and goalie play is likely. Spectators are permitted behind the goal area and corners, but they must stay back at least 10 feet back to give the kids room to play.