

# U7 World Cup Festival Rules

## General Rules: (most rules will remain the same as current season)

- Location: Cherry Knolls Park
- Teams will play on a similar size field with 8x4 size goals, a larger goal area will be added for the GK.
- Home team shall wear pinnies if the colors are the same. The World Cup Festival is allowing teams to dress like their allocated team name, i.e. England, USA
- Players will be asked to retreat back to the half way line when the GK has the ball in their hands and also when they have a goal kick. This is to support playing the ball out from the back and to encourage players to receive the ball with more time and less pressure. **Opposing team players can cross the half way line once the ball has been received by an intended recipient from the Goalkeeper.**
- Goalkeepers are encouraged to roll the ball out when it is in their hands.
- Goalkeepers can only use their hands inside of the goal area.
- No throw in's, players will kick the ball in from the sidelines.
- All free kicks are indirect (must pass to or touch another player before goal being allowed)
- Defending team will be a minimum of 5 yards (15 feet) away for indirect kicks.
- Teams can substitute on any stoppage of play.
- No punting – if the goalkeeper punts the ball they will receive a warning and allowed an opportunity to throw or pass the ball into play. If this occurs a 2nd time with the same Goalkeeper an indirect free kick will be awarded on the edge of the goal area parallel to the infraction.
- No heading – indirect free kick given to the opposition if player deliberately heads the ball from where the infraction occurred. If the ball accidentally hits someone's head play should continue. If a defender heads the ball in their own penalty area the opposing team shall be awarded an indirect free kick on the edge of the goal area parallel to the infraction. ·
- All players must wear shin guards under their socks.
- Each game will have two 12 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
- Scheduled home team provides the referee.
- All players shall play a minimum 50% of each game.
- Game MUST start on scheduled time.
- Have fun!