

# Father Baker League Rules

## Co-Ed Soccer League - Revised 2009

1. We use FIFA Laws of the Game Guide for Referees United States Soccer Federation, most recent edition, as our final reference in the game. **The referee's call is the final decision in disputes. We rely on the referees we hire to call games. Referees may not be perfect however they are the ultimate authority. A review may be requested with the board and they will make the final decision in disputes. THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR COACHES, PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS THAT ARE LOUD, RUDE, OR OBNOXIOUS TO THE REFEREES. REFEREES WILL WARN THE COACH, WHO IN TURN IS RESPONSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH SPECTATORS. NON COMPLIANCE WILL RESULT IN THE REFEREE LEAVING THE GAME AND THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL TAKE A FORFEIT. POSSIBLE NEXT GAME SUSPENSION MAY ARISE.**

2. **This is an elementary school function and therefore the use of alcohol and tobacco products is prohibited around children.**

3. The league is divided into four co-ed divisions:

- Mites 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Pewee 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Junior Varsity 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Varsity 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

4. No jewelry of any kind will be worn by any player. This includes: string bracelets, earrings, body piercing, hair clips- metal or plastic. Only cloth rubber bands will be permitted in a players hair. Soft headbands are allowed. No items may be taped over.

5. Younger players can move up a division and play; older players **MAY NOT** move down. **ONLY students in grades 2, 4 or 6 can move up.**

6. Younger players who are playing up a division **MUST** have a release form signed by a parent/legal guardian and permission from your school principal, before stepping on the field to play. **ANY** team or coach caught not following this procedure is subject to league action or sanctions. Coaches you are responsible! No one wants to be a party to a lawsuit. **ONLY** students in grades **2, 4 or 6 can move up.**

7. Each team will have their players in some sort of uniform, which can be as simple as t-shirts, **which are to be numbered.** Each player **MUST** wear the appropriate equipment (shin guards, soccer socks, & shorts.) If cleats are worn they are to be molded plastic.

8. The mite and peewee division teams play on a modified field. Number of players: Mites 8 players and a goalie.

- Pewee 8 players and a goalie
- Jr. Varsity 10-11 players and a goalie
- Varsity 10-11 players and a goalie

9. No one is allowed to stand behind the goal box for either team, for any reason during a game. It is a distraction for both goal keepers and shooters. Spectators, siblings, players and coaches are to be on the sidelines.

10. Gender Issue: **RULE FOR ALL DIVISIONS**--There must be a minimum of 4 girls on the field at all times.( 3 girl minimum for mites and pee wee divisions)

11. In the event a team can not field the specified number of players, it is up to the coaches to work out a compromise. **However** if a team **does not** have the **specified number of girls they will play a player short.** (If they only have 3 girls to put on the field the fourth girls spot can not be filled with a boy. They would then play with 1 less on the field than the other team.) The opposing coach with a full line up is under no obligation to play shorthanded, and may at anytime field a full team. EXAMPLE Team A is short handed, team B agrees to play shorthanded as well. Team A scores 2 goals, team B is well within their rights to put their player back on the field and not play shorthanded any longer. **There is a 4 (3 girl minimum for mites and pee wee) girl minimum at all times during games. You must have 4 girls on the field at all times. If a team does not have 4 girls they have to play a player short. The position can not be filled with a boy. IF BOTH TEAMS are short girls the COACHES MUST AGREE that each team play with 3 girls. BOTH TEAMS MUST BE SHORT GIRLS TO PLAY WITH LESS THAN 4.**

12. Win by default. If a team has less than 3 girls available for the entire game, the opposing team wins by default. The game is still played but regardless of the actual goals scored, the outcome of the game was pre-determined. (2-0)

13. Game results will be reported by the referee. Coaches may file game comments.

14. If a team can not play a scheduled game, and does not contact the other team, **AND** referee coordinator Tom Finn to reschedule the game, that team forfeit's the game to the opponent. **The game WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.** ( Best way to communicate with Tom is e-mail [huck4tf@yahoo.com](mailto:huck4tf@yahoo.com), please copy Dawn Fiust-Klink [suchaklink01@verizon.net](mailto:suchaklink01@verizon.net) and Vinney Barrile [vbarrile@bmha.ci.buffalo.ny.us](mailto:vbarrile@bmha.ci.buffalo.ny.us)

15. Game times and ball sizes: All Divisions will play two 25 min. halves with a 5 min half time.

Mites Ball size 4  
Peewee Ball size 4  
Jr. Varsity Ball size 4  
Varsity Ball size 5

16. There is no overtime period for games that end in a tie during the regular season. Tie Breakers for Playoff season are as follows: If the game ends in a tie Two 5 min. overtime periods will be played. **NOT SUDDEN DEATH!** If it is still tied, a shoot out will take place. Each team will select 5 players, and they will rotate taking penalty kicks. If it is still tied each team will select a 6th shooter, then a 7th shooter, etc. until a winner is determined. **NO PLAYER** can shoot twice. Tie breakers to determine playoff seeding are as follows:

1. Total points
2. Head to head
- 3 Number of Victories
4. Goals against
5. Goals for
6. Coin Flip

17. There is **NO** offside for Mites games only.

18. Mites will be allowed to re-do a bad throw in. One coach from each team in the mite division may be allowed on the field to help with the players development as long as they do not interfere with the play or intimidate any of the players. The referee at any time with or without cause may ask the coach to leave the field of play.

**19. Cancellations: No team is to assume a game is cancelled, unless they are informed that decision was made by a referee. ONLY A REFEREE CAN CANCEL THE GAME!!!**

20. Each school must complete a sign up sheet and submit it to the league with the number of teams they are entering in each division. This sign up sheet needs to also include the name and phone number (E-mail is optional, but preferred) of the schools Principal, Athletic Director, and designated school soccer contact. Each school must also complete and submit to the league a roster for each team they have entered in the league. The roster must include: The coaches name, phone number and e-mail. The players jersey number, name, gender, age and grade. Rosters are to be submitted to the league. Coaches are to bring a copy of the roster to the game to give to the referee, and opposing coach if requested.

21. The school principal and athletic director will be sent a copy of referee reports when unfavorable behavior has been conducted before during or after any game. This will be sent by the league, Tom Finn, Vinney Barrille or Dawn Fiust-Klink. Schools are requested to bring all concerns through the League, rather than trying to contact another school on their own, so an investigation can be conducted.

22. The school soccer contact will be: Invited to league meetings, contacted with questions, concerns, conflicts, or information to update on weather or field conditions, referee decision to cancel games etc. They will be expected to relay the information back to their schools teams, to ensure they are all notified.

23. **Substitutions:** In the event that a team needs to use a substitute, from another team, they **CAN NOT** pull a player down a division, and **MUST** rotate the substitute. **NO PLAYER** is allowed to play on two teams consecutively. If you use a player from grade 4 as a substitute for a JV game, you can not use that player as a substitute again. You must use another substitute the next time a substitute is needed. **ALL** substitutions must be clearly indicated on your roster.

24. **ALL COMPLAINTS** and **CONCERNS** should be directed to Tom Finn, Dawn Fiust-Klink, and Vinney Barille who will have the final say in the dispute and decisions.

Tentative 2009 School Participation:

OLV - AD Liz Smith - All divisions 4 teams total

Notre Dame - AD Jon Ciccarelli - All divisions 7 teams

South Town Catholic - AD Molly Rath - All divisions 5 teams

St. Bernadette's - Brian Drake - All divisions 4 teams

St. Mary's - AD Tom Zuggger - JV and Varsity 2 teams

Nativity - soccer contact David Johnston - Varsity 1 team

St. Peter & Paul - Chris Hull - JV and Varsity 2 teams

St. Vincent - AD Dave Klawon Soccer contact Siobhan Gould - All divisions 6 teams

14 Holy Helpers - AD Frank Palisano - All divisions 4 teams

