

## **Pinnacle Sports “House Rules”**

### **Rule 1—The Field of Play**

Each scheduled game will be held on 1 of our 3 fields located within Pinnacle Sports.

### **Rule 2—Number of Players and the Ball**

Roster sizes are as follows:

U5-U8 = 8 players max

U9-U12 = 14 players max

U13 & up = 18 players max

A Team Roster, Release and Waiver of Liability must be completed, signed, and turned in at the front desk prior to the first game. No player is allowed to play unless they are registered on the roster with the facility.

2) Players on the field—

U5, U6, U7, U8: 4 V 4 Total – no goalkeeper; ball size 3

U9, U10, U11, U12 ; 7 V 7 Total including goalkeeper; ball size 4

U13 & Older; 6 V 6 Total including goalkeeper; ball size 5

Co-Ed: six players one goalkeeper (seven total); three field players must be female

### **Rule 3—Substitutions**

There are unlimited substitutions throughout the game for both teams.

Substitutions for field players and goalkeepers may be made at any time on an unlimited basis, provided the players are being substituted for are within the 2 feet of their own bench area, or off the field at their own bench area before the substitution is made.

**There is no guaranteed substitution. All substitutions are on fly.**

### **Rule 4—Player’s Equipment**

Indoor soccer shoes or tennis/racquet shoes are permitted on the field of play.

We would request that players bring a change of shoes especially during the winter months. Do not bring snow, ice, water, mud, etc., onto the turf playing surfaces.

Shin-guards are mandatory for all players in all divisions.

No jewelry such as chains/necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc., may be worn.

All players must wear the same colored jerseys as their teammates.

Goalkeeper’s jersey must be a colored jersey that does not contrast with either team.

### **Rule 5 – U5-U8 Specific rules (4v4)**

There are no goalkeepers

4 players on the field

3-foot Pugg Goals will be used

Games are for 8-minute periods, running clock.

Substitutions on the fly

**No sliding or slide tackling**

**5 foot distance for a wall on all free kicks.**

**All free kicks are direct.**

**Players are allowed inside the penalty box. Players cannot score in the penalty box. If the attacking player dribbles into the box play will continue but they must pass/dribble the ball out of the penalty area before attempting to score. Goals scored inside the penalty box will be disallowed and a goal kick will be awarded. Defenders are not permitted to stand in the penalty area or “puppy guard” the goal within the penalty box. Defenders are allowed in the penalty box and can defend within the penalty box but they cannot just stand in the box. It will be the referee’s decision on if the defender is deemed to be standing in the box and/or puppy guarding the goal within the penalty box. In the event that a defender is deemed to be standing or puppy guarding the goal within the penalty box and clearly prevents a scoring opportunity the attacking team will be awarded a goal.**

**All games are played on the mini field (80ft by 40ft)**

#### **Rule 6—Duration of the Game**

**All games are 56 minutes running time. There is no half-time. Play is extended to permit the taking of a penalty kick or shoot-out. Please remember there is no guaranteed warm-up time on the field prior to your game. Use outside space of arena where appropriate. All regular league games that end in a tie will be recorded as a tie.**

**Playoff and Championship games—If tied at the end of regulation, the game will go into a sudden-death period with no time limit. Both teams play 3 V 3, the players involved must have been on the field during regulation game time. One of 3 players must be designated as a goalkeeper. 3 v 3 will begin with a drop ball in center circle. Co-ed leagues must have at least one female on the field. Play continues until a goal is scored. Substitutions are allowed during the sudden-death period but not guaranteed.**

#### **Rule 7-heading and Punting**

**U5-U12 - Heading and punting is not permitted**

**U13+ - Heading and punting is permitted**

#### **Rule 8—Three Line Violation**

**Defined—A player is guilty of a three line violation when a pass, or last touch of the ball crosses the three lines (two red lines and the halfway line) in the air towards the opponents goal. This is without it touching another player, or the perimeter wall in the field between the red lines.**

**In the effect of a three line violation the game will restart from the center of the first line that the ball crossed.**

### **Rule 9—Fouls/Misconduct/Penalties**

**All fouls of any kind shall be penalized by the referee by awarding a direct free kick to be taken at the point of the infraction. All misconduct fouls shall result in a two or five-minute penalty (shoot out will take place).**

**Unsportsman-like conduct may result in a two-minute penalty, but no shoot-out will be awarded. Any type of misconduct fouls will not be tolerated by the Pinnacle Sports management. Serious and continued misconduct will result in a forfeit and banishment from the facility. Do not ruin it for your children or teammates.**

**Time Penalties—Blue Card results in a two-minute penalty. Yellow Card results in a two-minute penalty. Red Card results in a five-minute penalty. The player receiving the Red Card is ejected from the remainder of the game and automatic one (1) game suspension from the next scheduled game. Amount of games a player is to be suspended will be decided at the discretion of the Director of Soccer Operations.**

***Note\** - All five-minute penalties are classified as “hard.” This means that no matter how many goals are scored by the opponent, the offending team will continue to play short-handed throughout the duration of the five-minute penalty. During any free kick, the opposing team must not be within a 10-foot radius of the ball.**

**A whistle from the referee must restart all free kicks at the top of the arc. The team taking the free kick has five seconds to put the ball in play off of all free kicks.**

**No spitting is allowed anywhere in the facility! If a player, coach or spectator (your parents) is caught, it will result in a five-minute penalty, plus possible removal from facility for all future participations.**

**No slide tackling PERIOD! It will result in a two-minute penalty.**

**A penalty kick will be rewarded if a deliberate foul is whistled during the shootout against the defending team.**

**Any times penalty inside the box is a penalty kick.**

**Any other fouls inside the box bring to the top of the arc.**

**Boarding is automatic Blue Card minimum two (2) minute penalty plus shoot-out...Red Card ejections (5 hard minutes) plus shoot-out based upon referees discretion.**

### **Rule 10—Goalkeeper (GK) Restrictions**

**Hand to Hand—A GK who has had hand control of the ball and then having released the ball from his hands to be played either by themselves or a teammate, shall not handle the ball again until it has been touched or played by an opponent, unless a stoppage of play occurs. GK's are not allowed to bounce the ball to themselves indoors.**

**Pass back-outdoor rules apply.**

**Five-second distribution—A GK with possession of the ball in his hands or at his feet within their penalty area, must distribute the ball outside their penalty area within five seconds of having received the ball within their penalty area. All above infractions will result in a direct free kick for the opposing team at the top of the arc.**

### **Rule 11—Team Roster and Release/Indemnification Form**

These forms must be completed prior to your first game. The roster on file may be modified up until the fourth game of a session. All players must be listed on this form before playing for your team. If a player is not listed, it will result in a forfeit.

Game Summary Form—this form can be found at the designated areas per field prior to each of your games. All players must be listed on this form for them to be eligible. For example, if a player is not listed when they score, the goal will not count and a goal kick will be awarded to the opposing team. Team managers and coaches are responsible.

### **Rule 12 - Rescheduling Procedures**

There will be no rescheduling!

All forfeits are recorded at 5-0.

Any 3 forfeits in one session will result in your team's removal from that session, with no refund.

### **Rule 13—Miscellaneous**

Running time clock for all injuries. If an injury takes longer than five minutes, then the time may be stopped.

All "open" leagues have an age restriction of 16 and older (any player under 18 years of age must have parental consent on the team roster form). Any individual under the age of 16 is not permitted on the playing field in such leagues.

"Goal Cap" - There is no limit to the amount of goals and individual player may score in one game, regardless of the league.

Practice Area—Please do not kick the balls at any walls! No balls outside of playing fields.

Standings—Three points for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. If teams have the same amount of points at the end of a session and a tiebreaker is needed, it will be as follows: (1) head-to-head competition, (2) goal differential (goals scored—goals against), (3) goals for, (4) goals against.

When the ball goes out of bounds, restart is placed where it was last touched. If out off bounds from the penalty area restart is from top of the arc. Restart for a three-line violation is from the center of the first line crossed.

Shoot-out Situation: Offender is serving time penalty being removed from the field of play. Defending team is numbers down...All players of both teams are behind center line. Shooter with the ball is at the middle of the offensive red line. At the sound of whistle, it is a live ball situation. If goal is scored, penalized player returns to the game and the restart is with the even numbers. If goal is not scored, game continues for duration of the penalty. Penalized player returns if opponent scores or when penalty time expires.

### **Rule 14 - Referee fees**

Referee fees for Youth Leagues - \$11 per game

Referee fees for Adult Leagues - \$13 per game

**From the Management at Pinnacle Sports:**

**“Please do not allow your players, parents, spectators, or yourself to get caught up in the game and forget the real reason why you are here. Let the players’ play and enjoy themselves! Sportsmanship and respect are a necessity in our minds and should be in yours. Good Sportsmanship and respect means enjoyment for all. Best of luck to all teams!”**

**Pinnacle Sports...Developing Athletes for Life**

**HOUSE RULES AMENDMENTS**

**Any red card issued to any player, coach and/or manager will result in an automatic suspension for the following game. Second red card in any session carries a minimum of a three game suspension. More severe disciplinary actions will be considered, including the removal of all privileges to participate in any activities at Pinnacle Sports.**

**In case of game score of the leading team winning by five goals, the losing opponent may add one additional player to the field. Should the score get within four goals, teams will again play even strength. If the game gets more lopsided (more than five goals), teams can add an additional player (a total of two).**

**If for whatever reason your team does not show up for a scheduled game, YOUR TEAM is responsible for the full referee fee of \$26. This fee will be charged to the credit card on file on the day of the no show or billed to the team manager/coach.**

**Emergency Policies and Facility Requests**

**911 Policy**

**It is the Pinnacle Sports Policy**

**If there is an injury, please notify the Pinnacle Sports Staff immediately. Pinnacle Sports Staff will call for emergency service if necessary. If an ambulance is required (if under 18) the bill will be charged to the family of injured party or to the injured party if an adult (18+).**

## **Facility Requests**

**Wear a change of shoes into facility to help the wear and cleanliness of the fields**

**Do not kick balls against any of the walls throughout the facility**

**Do not park in front of any entrance/exit ways**

**Do not disturb any other activities within the facility**

**Please help us maintain cleanliness by picking up after yourself**