

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER FALL SOCCER LEAGUE 2016

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## Parish Coordinators:

Each school's coordinator is responsible for providing the following information:

1. The names, phone numbers and emails of each coach.
2. The number of teams per level (kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades
3. The blackout dates (2 max per school)
4. The home field locations and availability
5. Referee names and contact information (MANDATORY REFEREE MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at MHR/Adamich PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)

The league runs from Labor Day thru Columbus Day weekend. There will be 2-3 games per week barring rain outs. **All Information is due Friday August 19th to give us time to create a schedule in a timely manner. No new teams will be allowed after 8/19--2016**

## League Fees:

Kindergarten: \$150.00 per team.

1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$300.00 per team.

Invoices will be sent out by the second week of the season. All payments are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Rules- Guidelines - Philosophies:

Our goal is to respond to the overwhelming support soccer is gaining within our area and coordinate the surrounding schools for an educational and enjoyable program. We want the students to learn the fundamentals of the game while practicing good sportsmanship. The designated home team is responsible for the goals and nets on their field. Each participating team is responsible for setting up and taking down their goals, nets and field markers. Goals should be put in place at least ½ hour prior to the scheduled match time. Cones should be

used if flags are not available. Please see that goals, nets, flags, and cones are returned to their proper storage place.

Each division is combined grades and Co-Ed. There are no separate teams, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades play together mixed. **Every Team HAS to have girls and boys on it.**

Kindergarten will play ten games on **Wednesday, Friday and/or Saturday**. Our objective is to teach them the basic skills. This might be their first experience with soccer. A keeper (or goalie) is not used at this level. This should encourage scoring and promote positive play. There should be an area in front of the goal that neither team is allowed in. Pug nets will be used at this level. This is only for Kindergarten. One Coach from either team will be on the field and referee the game together.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will play on **Tuesday, Thursday and/or Saturday**. There will be 11 games. By this age, they should know Basic fundamentals of the game. A proper throw in, offside, and field positions. Coaches must remain with their team on the sidelines.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade play on **Wednesday, Friday and/or Saturday**. There will be 11 games. By this age, they should have a better understanding of the game and know most rules, which will be reinforced by the referees. Coaches will remain with their team on the sidelines.

#### **Game times:**

6:00 PM. **The weekend times will be noted on the schedules.** The game must begin at this time with or without a referee. Referees will be assigned by home team coordinator to all matches (except kindergarten WHERE THE COACHES SHOULD ACT AS REFEREES). (Should the referee be late in arriving, a parent or coach **MUST** be the substitute. Every attempt should be made to start the game on time). Referee Game Sheets must be signed by both coaches and returned to the referee. This is how the referees get paid. Coaches can suspend or cancel a game due to inclement weather. It will be up to the coaches to reschedule the game if it was in progress.

#### **Time periods:**

- a. Kindergarten – four 10 minute quarters/2-3 minutes between
- b. 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – four 12 minute quarters /2-3 minutes between
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2 30 minute halves/ 10 minutes between

The time will be kept by the referee.

#### **Game Balls:**

The HOME team is responsible for the “match ball” to be used in the game. Coaches should use the best ball available at that time.

Kindergarten: #3 ball

1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: #4 ball

HOME teams are also responsible for providing nets, regardless which field they are playing on or if the goals are provided by others.

**Equipment:**

- a. All players MUST have shin guards
- b. No jewelry, necklaces, metal or dangerous cleats.

**Players on the field:**

Kindergarten – 6 field players, **no** goalkeeper. Coaches may increase the number of players for Kindergarten when the field is larger than 30x30. Pup Nets are used for this division. Home team must provide.

1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> grade- 8 field players and a goalkeeper

3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> grade –8 field players and a goalkeeper

**For 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: There must be 3 girls on the field at all times, this is a co-ed league.** If a team less than 3 girls available, that team must play short 1 boy for every missing girl. The rule is not meant to penalize teams, but rather assure that the games remain reasonably competitive and fair for all. When putting team rosters together, equal number of girls on each team should be considered. While this league is meant to be instructional and fun, it should also be fair. Please adhere to these rules going forward.

**Additionally....**

An extra player may be added to the losing squad whenever an opponent has a 4-goal advantage (up to 2 additional players only). Another player may be added for each goal advantage over 4-goals. Of course, the extra players are removed if the goal advantage is reduced.

**Recommended Field Sizes:**

- a. Kindergarten: 30x30 yds.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 30x60 yds.
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 30x60 yds.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. In all instances we will abide by the AYSO Youth guidelines and rules.
2. No coaches are allowed on the field EXCEPT FOR KINDERGARTEN during the game unless they are acting as referees.
3. There are no overtime periods. We are not keeping standings of the league; again this is an instructional league only.
4. Players and coaches should be on the side of the field opposite of the spectators. Coaches and players are to remain on their teams half of the field.
5. Both teams are responsible to pick up debris at the end of a game.
6. If a game time or date needs to be changed for any reason, the home field coach is responsible for calling the referee. Conflicts should be brought to the league director's attention, but new dates should be worked out between the coaches.
7. THERE ARE NO HEADERS ALLOWED AT ANY OF THESE LEVELS. If there is a header the referee will blow the whistle, stop play and the opposing team will be granted an indirect kick.

**Referees:**

NEW THIS YEAR: We are asking home field coordinators to assign referees to their home games. If a referee cannot be found or no shows a parent or coach may be used. All referees are required to attend a training meeting provided by MHR to cover league rules, please make your referees aware of this prior to working.

MEETING IS SUNDAY AUGUST 21 at 7 pm at MHR/Adamich Hall////THIS IS A CHANGE

Please respect the referees. This applies to the players, coaches and fans. These are students who have played the game and have a good knowledge of it. They are there, like you, to help these students learn the game. But like anything else, mistakes can be made. The ref's call is final. The league appreciates the coaches dealing with any of their fans that become too vocal towards the referees.

Poor behavior and foul language by coaches or fans will not be tolerated. Continued poor behavior may result in the fan or coach being excused from the field. Yelling at the referees is never tolerated. Please remind your coaches.

**Make sure to sign the referee's time sheets after each game. This is how they get paid. MHR will continue to pay the referees.**

Thanks you again for participating in this soccer league. I hope it is a great season for both the players and the parents. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any issues, comments or positive suggestions to improve this league.