

## **Fox Chase Soccer Club Major & Minor Divisions**

Coaches,

As the season nears its end, I would like to thank all of you for your outstanding commitment and dedication throughout the season. The tournaments will be starting next weekend, so schedules will be posted on the web site, at the concession stand and emailed to all coaches.

The tournaments that we run at the end of the season creates a more competitive atmosphere among coaches, players and parents. Please understand and elaborate to the parents that this tournament is designed for fun for all and that winning and losing should be done with good sportsmanship. **Inappropriate behavior is not acceptable.**

The following are Tournament issues that have occurred in the past that we need to be aware of at this time.

- Contact all your players on your team and make sure that they are all aware of your team's tournament schedule.
- Make sure you play your players at least 50% of the game. **This tournament does not constitute a change in this rule. If you have any substitutes no player should play the entire game. All players should play AND sit approximately the same amount of time.**
- Go over the tournament rules with the players and parents so that rules are known by all.
- Only coaches and assistant coaches are allowed on the designated side of the playing field. Parents/Coaches are not allowed behind the goal area.
- Coaches/Assistant Coaches must stay on there side of the mid field.
- Running up of scores – Coaches are to control this situation.
- **Yelling at your players.** Yelling at players is not acceptable through the eyes of the club. **This will not be tolerated.** Inform assistant coaches and parents to yell positive instructions. Remember yelling at a player for doing something wrong at this age only deters or hurts their self-confidence towards the game in the future. Mistakes happen and the player who usually makes the mistake knows inside. Keep situations positive at all times.
- **Yelling at the referee.** Yelling at the referee is not acceptable through the eyes of the club. **This will not be tolerated. Inform assistant coaches and parents not to yell calls out or verbally disagree with a referees call. Inappropriate behavior towards a referee is inexcusable.**

**Referees will be instructed to enforce all league rules.**

**Coaches, conduct yourself as a representative of the Fox Chase Soccer Club Organization and set the example.**

**All tournament games will be monitored by the commissioner, director, or an appointed representative to oversee all games.**



2008



# Elmer Palmer Classic

The following are the rules for this year's minor division playoffs:

1. All Home League Rules and Coaching Guidelines for 2008 must be followed.
  - 1.1 Parents must stay on the opposite side of the field from the teams (exception Field "B"). Parents are not allowed to stand behind the goal areas.
  - 1.2 Yelling at Referee's or influencing calls is not acceptable.
2. Please have all players at the field at least 15 minutes before game time. Games are to begin on schedule or as close to it as possible depending on any overtime games. Warm ups should be done before taking the field if games are running late.
3. Each player **must** (this is not an option) play at least 50% of the game. **If you have any substitutes, no player should play the entire game. All players should play AND sit approximately the same amount of time.**
4. Minors play four (4) ten (10) minute quarters. Substitution stoppage every five (5) minutes of a quarter. Two (2) minute stoppage between quarters and four (4) minutes between halves.
5. If a game is tied at the end of regulation:
  - 5.1 there will be two (2) three-(3) minute overtime periods. If the game is still tied at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> overtime period;
  - 5.2 we will play a five (5) minute sudden death period with no keeper until one-team scores.
6. Participation awards will be presented to each team after they are eliminated from the tournament. The presentation will take place on the baseball field in front of the meeting room. The Champions and Runner-Ups will receive participation awards after their game AND trophies at the Banquet in February, 2009.

**Good luck to everyone!**