**Christmas Warm Up 2015 Rules and Procedures**

1. Coaches must present rosters, team passes, medical releases, and guest player forms at least 30 minutes prior to their first game. Premier or select level teams are expected to play up a level.
2. Non-appearance at the start of your scheduled game will cost your team a forfeit.
3. The forfeiting team will be charged with a loss and no goals scored. The winning team will be awarded 1 goal and 3 points for a win.
4. No player is allowed to register with more than one team within an age group. A player can play with teams in different age groups, as long as they are rostered.
5. Guest players are permitted for U8-HS. A max of three
6. No player may play with a hard cast.
7. There will be no refunds for nonappearance, due to inclement weather or any other reason. Refunds will be provided only in the event the Tournament Committee cancels a division due to lack of participation.
8. Uniforms: Each team must bring an alternate set of shirts in case there is a conflict of colors. In the case of a uniform conflict, the team listed first on the schedule is the home team and shall change uniforms. The use of shin guards by all players is mandatory. **All players must wear turf shoes or sneakers. No cleats permitted.** Players’ uniforms must be similar and extra clothing will be discouraged but will be allowed at the discretion of the Referee. NO earrings or jewelry can be worn.
9. All teams are guaranteed 100 minutes of playing time, unless modified.
10. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify the number and length of games with

Notification on the day/days of the tournament.

1. All rules are F.I.F.A rules except where outlined. Decisions of the Referees are final and not subject to appeal. The tournament Field Marshall shall have final say over anything that is not covered in these written rules or by FIFA.

12. The start and stop of games will be signaled by the Field Marshal or their designate. There will be no time extension for substitution, injury, tied games, or any other reason.

13. Substitutions shall be unlimited, on the fly, and may not enter until the other player is off the field.

14. In the event, a player is issued a Yellow Card; they will complete the current game. But, sit out the next. A 2nd Yellow Card or a Red Card the player must sit out the remainder of the tournament.

15. There will be no off sides.

16. Balls over the touchline will be thrown in. Corners and goal kicks will be kicked.

17. After taking possession of the ball, a goal keeper IS ALLOWED to throw or kick a ball past the center line that is struck or thrown from their penalty area. This includes goal kicks taken by any player.

On all restarts the opposing team must be at least 5 yards from the ball.

If the ball hits the ceiling the ball remains in play at the Referee’s discretion. If the Referee

determines a restart is required, the restart is an indirect free kick for the opposing team from

the center line.

18. Scoring is: 3 points for win, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss. *In case of tie in the final standing within a division group,* points are deciding factor. 1st tiebreaker is head to head, 2nd tiebreaker is goal against, 3rd tiebreaker is goal scored - The team with the best goal differential up to a maximum of 3 goals per game shall be placed ahead of the other, 4th tiebreaker – penalty kick shootout. (3 players per team; 3 shots)

19. No slide tackling. A slide tackle shall constitute a foul resulting in an indirect free kick.

20. First and second place trophies for all divisions. Teams who do not place first or second in U8,U9, U10 divisions will receive participation medals.

21. A player or coach who receives a red card is automatically ejected from the entire tournament. A player or coach who receives two yellow cards in a match is out of that match and the following match. A player or coach who receives three yellow cards during the tournament is out of the rest of the tournament.

22. Each team and player participating in the tournament does so at his/her own risk and agrees to accept all responsibility for any injuries. East Hudson Youth Soccer League, its officers, tournament officials, the Hudson Valley Sports dome, any and all sponsors, and/or Marlboro United Soccer Club cannot be held responsible for any form of injury of any persons attending.

23. Additional information, material, and/or corrections may be issued on or before tournament day, including modification to the rules governing play and the schedule.

24. Any team found not to be in compliance with the described definition of teams from the Permission to Host form and tournament application will be required to forfeit their games.

25. Food and drink are prohibited on turf area. Only food and drink purchased at the Hudson Valley Sports dome are allowed in the facility. Smoking and spitting are strictly prohibited throughout the facility. Coaches and players are responsible for the cleanliness of their team areas. All garbage is to be placed in appropriate garbage receptacles. Coaches are responsible for team/spectator behavior.

26. All non-participants and spectators will be expected to observe the games in progress from

Designated viewing areas. They are not to be on the TURF. Only coaches and players will be permitted on any turf/field surface.

27. If the ball hits the ceiling, the ball remains in play at the Referee’s discretion. If the Referee

determines a restart is required, the restart is an indirect free kick for the opposing team from

the center line.

28. There will be a $3 admission fee for all adults except coaches. This fee will be collected

at the door.

29. Ball Size -All age groups through U12 will use a number 4 ball. The U13 and older age groups will use a number 5 ball.

30. Roster - U8 through HS can roster 16 players (3 guest players permitted per team)

31. Field Players

* U8 through U13 will play 8 v 8 (includes keeper)
* U14 and above will play 7 v 7 (includes keeper)

The team listed first on the schedule (home team) will kick off.