

## **RULES SPECIFICALLY FOR** **Junior Academy**

1. Roswell will be playing a 6 v 6 (Coed) format. Each half will be 30 minutes and we will play with goalkeepers.
2. All free kicks are indirect, except penalty kicks.
3. Players are not allowed to score directly from their defensive end. If a player does score directly from their defensive end the goal will be disallowed and the opposing team will get a free kick from the mid-field line.
4. Goal kicks and goalkeeper punts/throws cannot pass midfield without touching a player or the ground. If this occurs, the opposing team will get a free kick from midfield.
5. Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere inside the goal box.
6. Referees shall allow players a second chance on throw-ins to help teach them the proper way of throwing the ball in bounds.
7. There will be no slide tackling in Junior Academy. This rule needs to be watched closely, we do not want any sliding in this age group because the players do not know the proper technique and it can lead to injury. A penalty for a slide tackle will be an indirect kick from where the infraction occurred.
8. **There will be off-sides called in Junior Academy.**
9. There will be free substitutions this year. This means that coaches can sub on their own throw-ins, injuries, goal kicks, and at kick off. We do not want this to be taken advantage of by the coaches. Every player should play about the same amount of time in the game. If we find that free subs are not working in the favor of the children we will go back to quarter subs.

10. Two female players must be in the **OUTFIELD** at all times as long as players are available.
11. **Goalkeeper Rule:** The goalkeeper must play as much time on the field as in the goal. This means that if he/she plays the entire first half in goal, he/she must play the entire second half in the field. Remember that if you have a child playing the whole game, because of the goalkeeper rule, this may cause another player to lose their playing time.
12. Standings will not be kept.

**\*\*We ask that parents / coaches do not stand behind the goals and coach\*\***