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Hamilton Soccer Club invites all teams to have an enjoyable day at the South West Games tournament. Medallions will be awarded to the winning team and the following rules and information are provided for guidance. The tournaments are a competition, but we aren't playing for sheep stations, and the primary aim of the games is to participate and have some fun playing the world game we all love. Play fair and have a wonderful day.

2018 Rules and Information - 7 a-side games

- Teams can be fielded by any soccer club. All that is required is 7 and up to 10 players per team and a captain or team manager as the point of contact for competition correspondence. (Under 7s will be 5 a side without goalkeepers, maximum 3 substitutes).
- All players must be registered with the entering Soccer Club and the Club must agree to cover team and player insurance.
- Ages are as at 1st January 2018. (For example, if a player turns 13 on the 2nd January 2018, they are under 13).
- A team list with the shirt number, name of each player and FFA number (where available) is to be provided to the organiser on the day of the tournament. This is required to record participation and any red or yellow cards.
- The scheduling and length of the matches will be subject to the number of team entries and will be advised when the fixture is published just before the tournament.
- Each team will only have 7 players (or 5 for under 7s) on the pitch at any time during play.
- Each player can only play for one team.
- Substitutes can be interchanged at any time, but the two players must cross the side line at the same time. The number of substitutions is not limited.
- Matches will be two halves with a short half time break and no injury time.
- Warnings or yellow cards will be given at the referee's discretion for deliberate time wasting.

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- If a team has less than 4 players after 5 minutes from designated kick-off time, the game is forfeited and the opposing team gains three points.
- All free kicks are direct. Opposing players must be at least 5 metres from ball when the free kick is taken.
- There is no off-side rule.
- Goal keepers may only handle the ball inside the D goal area.
- Penalties are taken from the top of D goal area and goal kicks can occur from anywhere within the D goal area but the ball must leave the area before being touched by another player.
- During play, if the ball is **deliberately** kicked or passed or thrown in to a goal keeper by a team mate, the keeper may play the ball but cannot use their hands. If the ball is handled by the keeper from a deliberate kick or pass back or throw in, a direct free kick is awarded to the opposition at the point of contact. However, if the team mate plays the ball to the goal keeper with their head, the goal keeper may pick the ball up with their hands provided they are in their D goal area.
- For reasons of safety and fairness, referees will issue Red and Yellow infringement cards for foul play and misconduct. All FIFA rules for fouls and misconduct apply.
 - Yellow Card – (5 minute) sin bin applies – Player cannot be interchanged.
 - 2 Yellow Cards in a match equals a Red Card and the player is sent off the field for the remainder of the game – Player cannot be interchanged.
 - Red Card – player is sent off the field for the remainder of the game – Player cannot be interchanged.
 - Any player sent off in a match will receive an automatic 1 game suspension to be served at the next match.
 - Any player accumulating 3 yellow cards receives an automatic 1 game suspension.
- All games to be played in a spirit of Fair Play and in accordance with our 7 a side Code of Conduct attached below.
- Team managers/coaches or captains are the only people who can communicate with the referee immediately before, during and after the game.
- At no time should any person enter the field of play unless instructed by the Match Official/Referee.
- All decisions by the referee are final.
- All other FIFA laws of the game apply, if not stated or modified above.

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- There are 3 points for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss.
- In the event of a draw in a group leading up to the Semi Finals and/or Final the winner or second place in the group will be decided by:
 1. Points (If still a draw go to 2.)
 2. Goal difference (If still a draw go to 3.)
 3. Goals scored (If still a draw go to 4.)
 4. Head to head result. (If still a draw go to 5.)
 5. Penalty shoot-out (In the event of a penalty shoot-out, 3 players from each side will alternately shoot. If still a draw, one for one (excluding first six shooters) until deciding goal is scored)
- Please use shirts with numbers to identify individual players, where possible.
- Coloured bibs will be available where there is a clash of team colours.
- All players, officials, referees, club staff, parents, spectators and visitors must adhere to the Hamilton Soccer Club code of conduct and Child Safety Policy available at <http://www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/child-safety-guidelines-hamilton-soccer-club-vic.pdf>
- These rules may be modified at the discretion of Hamilton Soccer Club before the competition, but any changes will be communicated on or before the day of the tournament.
- Officials of the Hamilton Soccer Club reserve the right to disqualify teams, nullify a result or suspend individuals (including players, coaches/managers or supporters) from the competition for deliberate circumvention of the tournament rules, violation of the code of conduct or for serious or persistent fouls, misconduct or unsporting behaviour. There is no appeal process and the club's decision is final.
- Finally, please observe council restrictions on smoking at the ground.

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CODE OF CONDUCT – 7 A Side

Play to win – play fair

Show courtesy and respect to referees and officials. Remember, the referees are volunteers and are giving their time to make the game fairer for you. They are also human and likely to make mistakes – just like you! Accept their decisions without argument, criticism or grumbling.

Support and encourage your team-mates. This is far more effective in the long run if you want to play in a good team and if you want to win. It will also create a better team spirit and make the game more enjoyable.

Show respect and courtesy to the opposing players. Treat them as you would like to be treated.

Fair Play begins with behaviour “off the ball”. No physical harassment (such as shirt tugging). Verbal taunts, insults, foul language, angry gestures and intimidation have no place on or near the soccer field. This applies to players, coaches, spectators, parents, officials and anyone else involved in the game.

Foster a spirit of fair play. Applaud good play by both sides and thank the officials and opposition at the end of the game.

Accept defeat with dignity and good humour. In any game it is usual that half the players end up on the losing side so you will need to get accustomed to it. Don't look for excuses either or blame others. Learn from the situation and resolve to do better next time.

Keep your temper at all times and don't retaliate when fouled. If you disagree with a refereeing decision, inform your captain. Your captain can raise the issue later with the referee in a calm manner at either half or full time.

Remember to play for enjoyment – yours and everyone else's!

Finally, if in the heat of the moment you do not meet these standards of Fair Play, an apology will go a long way to making things better.

For other information on our full code of conduct and the Hamilton Soccer Club Child Safety Policy please refer to Hamilton Soccer Club website (www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com).

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