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Rules and Information for the Wednesday Night Competitions

7 a-side games

- Division 1 is an open mixed competition designed for adults (18 years of age and older). Players can be under 18 years of age but must have parent/guardian permission to play in Division 1.
- Division 2 is a mixed competition for players that are still at high school and that are 18 years of age or less. It is recommended that players are in year 8 or higher.
- Teams can be fielded by schools, businesses or any other group. All that is required is 10 players and a captain or team manager as the key contact for competition correspondence during the season.
- All players must be registered as members of the Hamilton Soccer Club before taking the field of play. Refer to the Hamilton Soccer Club website (www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com) for registration links and information.
- Subject to the number of team entries and scheduling games are played every Wednesday evening starting from 6.15pm, 7.10pm or 8.05pm during term 2 and 3 of the school year.
- Each team will only have 7 players on the pitch at any time during play.
- Matches will be two x 22 minute halves with a short 4-minute half time. No injury time.
- Time will be added at the referee's discretion for deliberate time wasting.
- There are 3 points for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss.
- Winner is the team at top of ladder when season ends. A final series will be played if spare dates are available.
- If a team does not have 7 players, they may recruit a "guest" to make up numbers, however, any goals scored by the guest will not count! The guest player must be indicated, named on the team sheet and must be a registered member of the Hamilton Soccer Club.
- Teams with 7 or more players should not use a "guest" player unless there is an injury to their regular team members reducing them to less than 7 players.

- 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. (The remaining players of both teams can then play an informal game if they so wish).
- Substitutes can be interchanged at any time without informing the referee as long as the two players cross the touch line at the same time.
- All free kicks are direct. Opposing players must be at least 10 metres from ball when the free kick is taken.
- 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 with the D goal area but must leave the area before being touched by another player.
- During play, if the ball is **deliberately** passed 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 pass back 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 there D goal area.
- Team lists will be issued to captains for a roll call before kick-off and then handed to referees to record goals scored. All players playing in the match must be marked off.
- For reasons of safety and fairness, referees will be entitled to issue Red and Yellow infringement cards for foul play. Red card meaning the player is sent off for the remainder of the game. Two Yellow cards in a game also means the player is sent off.
- Any player sent off will receive an automatic 1 game suspension to be served at the next match.
- All games to be played in a spirit of Fair Play and in accordance with our Code of Conduct.
- All other FIFA laws of the game apply, if not stated or modified above.
- Use shirts with numbers to identify individual players where possible. This assists with record keeping and identifying goal scorers.
- Coloured bibs are provided where there is a clash of team colours.
- All players, officials, referees, club staff and parents must adhere to the Club code of conduct and the Club's Child Safety Policy.
- These rules may be modified at the discretion of the soccer club during the season but any changes will be communicated.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

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 throughout the club. 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 code of conduct and the Hamilton Soccer Club Child Safety Policy please refer to Hamilton Soccer Club website (www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com).