

## CREW SC 4v4 Festival Rules

It is of utmost importance for coaches to read through these rules prior to the event. The event is put on to foster learning in a competitive fashion. Due to this, there are no referees on fields. The Columbus Crew SC will staff field marshals for this event, but the marshals will work hand in hand with coaches to maintain an organized, competitive, fun and rule abiding environment for the participants!

### **Substitutions**

- Teams can substitute players at any time.
- The player coming off the field must step out of bounds completely before the replacement player steps into bounds. Coaches will assist in regulation of this.
- If a team has too many players on the field at one time, the team must pull the extra player off and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the midfield.

### **Goalies**

- There are no goalies.

### **Out of Bounds**

- In event that the ball goes out of bounds on the side, it will be put back into play with an indirect kick-in from the side-line. In event that the ball goes out of bounds over the end line, goal kicks shall be taken from within three yards of the endline and corner kicks shall be taken from the corner. Both types of kicks are indirect.

### **Heading**

- No heading will be permitted in this event. When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.

### **Free Kicks/Fouls**

- All free kicks will be indirect.

### **Game Duration**

- The game will be one 25 minute period.

### **Number of Players**

- No more than four players will be on the field at a time, unless there is a lopsided score rule in place.

### **Off-sides**

- There are no off-sides

### **Slide-tackling**

- No slide-tackling of any kind will be tolerated, even if it is a clean tackle and the player receives the ball at the end. If a player deliberately slide tackles in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.

### **Keeping Score**

- All games in this event are friendly games, but match monitors will monitor scores with assistance of the coaches.
- Scores are monitored solely for the purpose of sustaining a competitive environment; scores of games will not be tracked or recorded. In the case that one team is in the lead by **five or more** points, the lopsided score rule will take effect.

### **Lopsided Score Rule**

- In the event that one team is in the lead by **five or more** points, this rule will take effect.
- This rule mandates that the team in the lead keeps their four players on the field, but the team on the lopsided end is permitted to add another player to the field until the gap is shortened from five to three points.

### **Equipment**

- All players must wear shin guards, shorts and soccer shoes.

### **Uniforms**

- Each team must provide their own uniforms.
- In the event that two teams have the same color jerseys, the home team will change jerseys. If the home team players do not have an alternate jersey to wear, the field marshals shall provide pinnies to wear.
- All players on the field must wear the same shirts while competing.
- No jewelry is permitted (includes earrings, watches, bracelets, etc.). Medical bracelets are exempt.

### **Crew SC's Rights**

- Crew SC reserves the right to cancel/add any divisions or combine any age groups due to sign-ups.