CLUB RULES

These rules and regulations are the basis by which Hub Soccer of Denville, Inc. establishes and maintains the soccer program in Denville Township.

Hub Soccer Laws of the Game Modification R072122 will be followed.

Regulations:
In case of conflict, report all problems to the Division Director after the game. If the Division Director doesn't know that there is a problem, then (s)he cannot correct it. This is the order in which problems are addressed:

1. The Division Director
2. The Club Rules of Hub Soccer of Denville, Inc. (Referee Director)
3. The Hub Soccer of Denville Board of Directors

GENERAL CLUB RULES

1. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or marijuana, are prohibited at Hub Soccer games, practices, training sessions or other events.
2. The use of tobacco products is prohibited at any Hub Soccer event.
3. No coach shall distribute trophies to their team.
4. *No team, manager, coach, or parent is to publish material (i.e., scores, articles, pictures, etc.) on behalf of Hub Soccer of Denville in the newspaper, social media or other public media without the direct knowledge and consent of Communications Director.*

ATTIRE

In all divisions, players shall wear equipment/attire as stated in Law 4 – The Players' Equipment in the Laws of the Game modified by Hub Soccer of Denville, Inc. Failure to do so will result in a player being told to sit out of the practice or game until the proper equipment/attire can be worn.

See law 4 – Law of the Game Modifications R072122 for specifics and more information

Footwear: While soccer cleats are recommended, sneakers are acceptable for all games and practices. Baseball or football cleats are not acceptable.
Metal cleats of any type are not allowed.

Hats: Brimmed hats (Baseball hats, etc) are not allowed. Winter soft hats may be worn as long as they do not contain any hard surfaces or loose items such as tassels.

PLAYERS MAY NOT WEAR items 5-7

5. **Jewelry:** Including but not limited to watches, rings, bracelets, "Livestrong" bracelets, necklaces, barrettes, metal hair clips, bobby pins, studs or earrings, whether taped or not. Newly pierced ears will also not be permitted to be taped and the player will be asked to sit out until the piercings can be removed. Note: Player can not be made to remove ear rings, etc but they can not play until item is removed.

6. Regular Glasses:

Due to safety issues, regular prescription eyeglasses may not be worn during a game. If a player is required to wear prescription eyeglasses, a pair of "sports glasses" may be used a substitute. Players will be asked to remove regular prescription eyeglasses at game time.

7. **Casts:** Hard casts or hard splints cannot be worn.

7. **Braces:** Metal braces and or joint splints that contain metal cannot be worn.

No joint splints with strong plastic bracing allowed.

This does not include dental braces.

8. **Exceptions** Articles that are required to be always worn for religious reasons are permitted per

safety of player, teammates and opponent's considerations. Medical Alert bracelets may be taped to the wrist leaving the information tag visible.

GAME CONDUCT

9. No one – coaches, parents or fans – is to interfere with the referee either during or after a game. Any problems with the referee should be discussed with the Division Director after the game.

10. A player may be removed from a game for disciplinary reasons by a manager or coach at any time. The manager or coach must then notify the referee and the opposing manager or coach. This player may not re-enter for the remainder of the game.

11. The Referee, the Division Director or a Board Member has the right to remove any spectator from a game or the surrounding area. It is understood that this is youth soccer, and a parent or guardian may need to stay in visual contact with their child; the following locations will be considered 'removed from the game or the surrounding area' where the spectator MUST remain silent.

Field Location	Acceptable Location for Ejected Spectators
Upper Knuth	Knuth parking lot, behind the guardrail
Lower Knuth	Plateau between Upper Knuth & Lower Knuth
Todd Johnson	parking lot
Ford Road	behind fence

Veteran's Grass Field	Upper parking lot or lower pavilion
Veteran's Turf	in parking lot beyond chain link fence
Gardner Field	Either upper or lower parking lot
Gardner Field #1 & #7	Outside the chain link fence
Pocono Road	Gravel parking lot

12. Hub Soccer of Denville reserves the right to temporarily or permanently suspend a player, coach or parent for unsportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate behavior and/or damage to school or township property. They will be subject to disciplinary action and review by the Hub Soccer of Denville Board of Directors.

13. Yellow Cards shall carry varying amounts of points, depending upon the offense noted, in accordance with the point system used by the Morris County Youth Soccer Association. Accumulation of a certain number of points by a player, manager or coach will cause that person to sit out a game.

14. Any player, manager or coach who receives a Red Card before, during or after a game, in addition to being removed from that game, will be suspended from the following game. If the person receives a second Red Card, they will be subject to disciplinary action and review by the Hub Soccer of Denville Board of Directors.

15. Although not necessarily a Red Card offense, in Hub Soccer of Denville any player performing a slide tackle during a game shall be ejected from that game but may be replaced by another player on their team. In order to be considered a slide tackle, the player must intentionally leave his/her feet in a sliding manner in an attempt to play the ball while another player on either team is in playing distance of the ball, approximately one yard. The player may not be replaced if the slide tackle is deemed by the referee to be a Red Card offense or a second Yellow Card offense.

16. A review board will be made up of five (5) Hub Soccer of Denville Directors to review all Red Card suspensions and other disciplinary actions. The Director of the Division in which the action occurred shall have no vote.

17. Yellow/Red Cards during games with other clubs

If there are joint Hub Soccer and Morris Plains Soccer Association (MPSA) games or any other soccer organization, Yellow/Red cards will apply during game. Any disciplinary action for player(s) will be the responsibility of respective club.

GAME PLAY

18. Every player must play two (2) complete quarters per game. Should a child not be played, for whatever reason, the manager or coach must inform the Division Director (or any other officer of Hub Soccer of Denville should the Division Director be unavailable) prior to the game and must receive the approval of the Division Director not to play the child. Otherwise, the child must be allowed to play.

19. In all divisions, no child will play four (4) quarters in any game, unless everyone on the team who is able to play, plays three (3) quarters.

20. In Divisions 5 and 6 all teams must include a goalkeeper. In Divisions 5 and 6, a player may be goalkeeper for two (2) quarters per game.

21. In the Division 7, goalkeepers will not be used – therefore no penalty kicks will be taken. Restart game with away from goals with direct kick if necessary.

22. Division 5 offside:
Will be indicated when appropriate, by center and/or assistant referees. Offside will be called after the first infraction of the game. Offside will be indicated only inside breakout line.

23. Goalkeepers should be instructed to release the ball within six (6) seconds. The referee will be lenient
unless this is abused by either team.

24. Substitutions are allowed – each team gets unlimited substitutions once per quarter. Should be at approximate halfway point per quarter. Substitutions for injury or SAFETY are always allowed. If, at any point during a game, a team is unable to field the minimum number of players, the match shall be terminated at that point.

25. Hub Soccer Division 4 and 3 may play in the other recreation leagues. Their rules and regulations apply.

26. Girls are permitted to cross their arms over their chests for protection. The referee should be very careful and lenient in calling handling of the ball.

27. All coaches are to coach from their half of the field only, between the midfield line and the 18 yard line.

28. It shall be the call of the Division Director in Divisions 6 and 7 as to how many coaches may be on the field during a game for instructional purposes and to help set up players on kickoffs, corner kicks, etc.

29. Division 7: One coach per team is allowed on the field but must not interfere with play.

30. Division 6: One Coach per team is permitted on the field for the first two weeks. After that, coaches may enter field during stoppage to help players but must leave field before game resumes.

31. There shall never more than two (2) coaches per team on the field

32. Coaches must stay clear of the play, not touch the ball, and at no time interfere with the play, any player or the referee. Should this occur, the referee will award the opposing team a Drop ball to the team of last possession from the point of infraction.

33. In all Divisions except Divisions 6 and 7, coaches and both teams shall remain on one side of the field while parents and spectators shall remain on the opposite side of the field where conditions permit. No one is to be located behind the goal line unless seated on or next to the existing bleacher systems. Only in cases of injury or behavioral issues shall a parent or guardian be allowed on the 'team' side of the field and only for the time required to handle the issue. Upon the player's return to the game, the parent or guardian must return to the 'spectators' side of the field.

34. The home team may choose which player's bench it will occupy.

35. There is no consideration for extra time due to stoppage.

SCHEDULING

PRACTICES

36. Intramural practice sessions are limited to no more than three (3) per week during August and no more than two (2) per week once the school year has started.

37. Children should plan to attend all practices and be punctual. Hub Soccer of Denville guidelines allow those players who miss two (2) or more consecutive practices without justification could possibly sit out their next game.

GAMES

38. It is Hub Soccer of Denville's traditional policy to not schedule games on religious holidays.

39. Coaches are prohibited from rescheduling games on their own. Any and all cancelled games will be rescheduled by the Division Director in cooperation with both coaches and the Referee Director.

40. In the event a game must be terminated before the start of the second half, the game will be replayed from the start. In the event a game must be terminated after the start of the second half, the score will be final as of the time of termination. The sounding of the referee's whistle to begin the second half and the subsequent first touch on the ball shall constitute the "start of the second half".

41. The Division Director may postpone any game in case of bad weather or unsafe conditions. Both teams must show up for a scheduled game at the scheduled time unless they have been notified by the Division Director or his/her representative. Once at the field, the referee, in consultation with both coaches, may postpone a game.

42. Coaches make up their lineups before the game, so if your child can't make the game or will be late, tell the coach at least a day before.

43. Players should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before your game starts so players can warm up and receive instruction. Reasonable time should be given to allow players to arrive.

44. Per agreement of coaches, The team that is short players, can borrow players from the other team each quarter so a game can be played. Players should wear shirt/pinny that matches "new" team as much as possible

45. If after 15 minutes of delay, the required player count can not be achieved, the game will be not be played.

46. Games that don't start on time because of late arrivals will have less playing time so that the following games stay on schedule. Games started later than five (5) minutes after their original designated start time shall have their playing time adjusted to ensure the game ending as scheduled. This will allow subsequent game to remain on schedule.

47. If, at any point during a game, a team is unable to field the minimum number of players, the match shall be terminated at that point. The team with less than the minimum number of players shall forfeit the game.

SAFETY

48. Any player who was previously injured and treated by a physician, must present a written release from his or her doctor to the Division Director before returning to practice or a game. Coaches must retain and bring any and all medical releases for all players to every practice and game.

49. Children shall not hang, climb or play on goals and nets. Throughout the United States, there have been serious injuries and even several deaths attributed to children using soccer goals for playground activities.

50. Make sure your coach is at the field and escort your child on to the field for practice and games. Plan to pick up your child on time after practice.

51. Coaches are not allowed to leave until all players are picked up.

52. Water bottles should be brought to both practice and games.

53. **Goals:** Goals *must* be anchored to the ground for all practices and games. Division 7 is only exception. Sandbags or heavy objects are not an acceptable anchoring system except on artificial turf fields. It is the responsibility of the coach, to ensure goals are anchored before respective team is allowed to use field. We strongly suggest referee and coaches inspect goals together prior to game.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

54. At the FIRST sign of Thunder or Lightning, all players, coaches and fans must LEAVE the play field IMMEDIATELY. Seek safe shelter either in your car or a building. The fields will reopen 30 minutes after the LAST flash of lightning or thunder clap has been seen or heard. Restart of game shall be at point of stoppage per drop ball to team with last possession.

55. The condition of the fields in Denville is a result of the effort and knowledge of Denville Public Works. It is their decision on whether a field is playable and we must respect that decision. Information on the status of the Denville fields can be found at

www.cancellations.com.