Soccer

HHBC SPORTS

Hickory Hill Baptist Church (HHBC) is offering **Soccer** for children ages 5 to 12.

 We desire to provide competitiveness and teach character and fundamentals through sports. We also want to provide positive encouragement and fun for children through sports.

 The cost for soccer will be **$30**. The cost will include a shirt, gift, practices, and 6 to 8 games.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

-Coaches training will be Thursday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m.

-Practices will start January 8th

-Games will start in February and end in March

**General Information:**

Please make sure your child has **NON-Marking** tennis shoes for practices and games. You may also want to purchase shin guards for your child.

**Sample Outline for Practices:**

-Learn and improve on skills of the game.

-Play games with the players.

-Teach and practice game strategy.

-Huddle Up time is a short devotional time.

**Our Mission for HHBC Sports**

**1 Corinthians 9:19**…I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them

**Our Values for HHBC Sports**

**S**hare Jesus Christ.

It is our desire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community.

**P**lay Competitive Sports

It is our desire to make the teams fair with about the same skill level so that the games will be competitive.

**O**ffer Biblical Lessons

 It is our desire to offer Biblical lessons for life application.

**R**each Out to Grow

 It is our desire to reach out to our community and grow as a church.

**T**each Character

 It is our desire to teach children character through sports.

**S**porting Skills Taught

 It is our desire to teach the basic skills of the sport to children.

**How to ensure your child has a positive experience?**

-Talk with your child about what they learned in practice.

-Practice with your child.

-Be positive and encouraging.

-Encourage and help the coach if he/she needs it.

-Please be on time to practice and games.

-HHBC is learning and trying our best. If you see anything we do well, please let us know. If you see anything we can improve on, please let us know.

**Guidelines for Building**

Hickory Hill Baptist Church (HHBC) has built a building for us to use.

-Please treat our building with respect.

-No tobacco products.

-No rude behavior.

-Only wear **NON-Marking** shoes.

-No food or drinks on the court.

-Please stay off the field/court when games are being played.

-Please respect each other.

-Please NO running in the building with the exclusion of players.

-All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Soccer Rules**

When the ball is in play the rules are fairly simple. The object of soccer is to put the ball in your opponent’s goal by kicking the ball. You can not touch the ball with your hands or arms intentionally unless you are the goalie. You can not foul another player. Other than that, the main rules of soccer are around the starting and stopping of play.

**The Starting and Stopping of Play:**

At the start of a soccer period or after a goal, there is a kick-off from the center circle. At the kick-off all of the soccer players must be on their side of the field (the side they are defending). The player kicking the kick-off will pass the ball to another player and the game begins. The ball will be in play until the ball goes out of bounds, the referee calls a penalty, or a team scores.

A flip of a coin will decide who gets the ball at the beginning of the first and third quarter. The team that loses coin toss will get the ball at the second and fourth quarter.

**Throw In:**

When the soccer ball has gone out of bounds, the team that last touched the ball loses possession and the opposing team gets to throw-in the ball from the point where the ball crossed out of bounds. When throwing the ball in, the ball must be thrown from behind the line and over the head using both hands. When the ball leaves the thrower’s hand, both of his/her feet must be touching the ground. The ball is in play immediately upon entering the field.

**Corner Kick:**

When the defending team last touches the ball and it crosses the goal line (not scoring a goal), the opposing team gets to kick the ball from the corner of the field.

**Goal Kick:**

When the offensive team last touches the ball before it crosses the goal line, the goalie gets to kick or pass the ball from the goal box. The defensive team must wait behind the white line until the ball is kicked or passed to another player.

**Goal Box:**

The defensive and offensive players must try to stay out of the goal box to help protect the goalie from getting hurt. The offensive players must not hinder the goalie as he/she tries to retrieve the ball. The goalie may touch and secure the ball with his/her hands in the goal box. The goalie will wear a different shirt or vest to signify he/she can touch the ball with his/her hands in the goal box.

**Soccer Fouls:**

Soccer fouls can be any number of unfair advantages taken by a player that are called by the referee. These can include tripping, pushing, and touching the ball with the hands. Penalty kicks may be awarded to the opposing team. If a player commits a foul, he/she will be warned by the referee. If the player commits a second foul, he must sit out the present quarter and the next quarter. Very unsportsmanlike behavior may result in being ejected from the game. If a player is removed from a game by being ejected, he will not be able to play the next game. The player must also apologize to the people he offended before he will be able to play again.

**Penalty Kick:**

When a foul occurs, the fouled team is awarded a penalty kick. The penalty kick will be an indirect kick.

**Indirect Kick:**

An indirect kick is a pass to a team member. All fouls and penalties are indirect kicks. The penalty kick will be an indirect kick.

**Out of Bounds:**

Out of bounds occurs when the ball completely crosses over the boundary line.

**Equipment:**

All players must wear non-marking tennis shoes to play. Players may also want to wear shin guards. Shin guards may be purchased from most sporting goods stores.

**Scoring:**

The referee will signal when goals are scored. The referee will not keep score. Games will end at the conclusion of the allotted time. A game ending in a tie will remain a tie.

**Substitutions:**

Substitutions shall be made with the approval of the referee. Substitutions may happen at the stoppage of play.

**Length of the Game:**

The game will consist of 4 quarters and a half-time. Each quarter will be 8 minutes long. There will be a two minute stop between the 1st and 2nd quarters and the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Time will not stop if the ball goes out of bounds. Time will only stop at each quarter, time outs called by coach, injured player or by the referee. Each team will have 4 timeouts that will be 1 minute each.

There will be no more than 4 players for each team on the field at one time. Every player at the game must play at least 2 quarters of that game.