**STATE CUP OVER 40/OVER 50 8V8 PLAYING RULES**

**FIFA rules apply. Rules pertaining to 8v8 State Cup are as follows:**

1. All State Cup rules pertaining to uniforms apply. Goalie does not have to have a number. Each player must wear shin guards and matching jerseys with the shorts the same color and the socks the same color. The home team provides the games ball. The home team will change jerseys in the event of a colorconflict.Players must **REMOVE ALL JEWELRY** prior to participating, including any viewable body piercing.

2. Thirty minutes prior to the game, each player must check in with the field commissioner, which involves giving the field commissioner her player card and signing the roster form at that time. **Any player who fails to sign in with the commissioner prior to going on to the field will be taken off the field and any goals made by the player will not count.**

3. Players.A team will consist of 8 players. A team may start the game with as few as 6 players.

4. Substitutions must be approved by the official before they are made following FIFA guidelines. (Only during a stoppage in play)

5. The Game will consist oftwo 35-minute halves with a continuous running clock.

Officials can account for stoppage time. There will be a 5-minute half time.

6. To change goalies, the relief goalie must enter the field and previous goalie must exit the field immediately. Once off the field this person may sub in for teammates, but they must leave the field first.

7.Slide tackling: There will be no slide tackling in 8v8 play.

- Slide tackling is defined as a player making a defensive move by sliding feet first in an attempt to take away the ball from an offensive player.

8. Offside.There will be **NO OFFSIDES** in 8V8 soccer.