CENTRAL LEAGUE FESTIVAL RULES

Pre-match:
1) Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your first match
2) Referees can park in LOT C--- staff will direct you
3) Please report directly to your field, there is no need to check in with the league, we will come to you.
4) No concessions on sale for this festival. No dogs permitted on the site.
5) When finished, please make sure that your replacement has arrived so that the next game is covered.
6) For payment, please submit your games to John Campbell. Central League will issue checks after we receive a tally from John.
7) Have fun & stay safe!

Rules: USYS Rules (for 11v11 and small sided games 7v7) will apply with the following exceptions:

1) Substitutions may be made by team in possession on throw ins, goal kicks or corner kicks. If the team in possession is substituting then both team may substitute. Both teams may substitute after a goal. Since games are running clock, substitutes MUST be present and ready to go at the half way line. Referee has discretion to ignore substitutes if they are not ready to go. Substitutions may occur at any other time with the discretion of the center referee.
2) There are unlimited substitutions.
3) All games are 25 minutes with no half time and a running clock. Time will be kept by the referee. Hydration breaks at the discretion of the center referee.
4) Please keep games ON TIME!
5) Small sided game rules will be followed for 7v7 and 9v9 games including application of breakout line and offside rules.
6) If players do NOT have matching jerseys, they MUST have a similar color to their team AND noticeably different from opponent.
7) The away team will have the tap at the beginning of the game.
8) A second yellow or red card during the tournament will eliminate the player for the remainder of the tournament.
9) Parents are encouraged to enjoy the games and cheer loudly. Comments directed at officials should be avoided.
10) Any problems or discrepancies that occur will be resolved jointly by the coaches and officials in the best interest of the tournament.
11) No scores are kept, no standings will be kept, no trophies awarded, just pat ‘em on the head and send ‘em home. Nice game!

COVID-19 Protocols
1) No coin toss, line up teams as they are. Away team (listed second) gets tap
2) Referee or coach can sanitize ball as available
3) Please wear a mask during the game if able. Please wear a mask on the sidelines & going between games or anywhere on site. Please set a good example!
4) No post game handshakes/fist bumps between teams or with referees. We are encouraging them to clap for each other.
5) Please make sure that coaches and spectators are 6 feet away from touchline. (Central League staff will police this as well.) This may not be possible at all fields.
6) Any irregularities please report back to Central League Soccer

Soccer is a beautiful game, let us keep it that way!
All decisions will be made in the best interest of the festival.