

# **SANDSHOE SOCCER 2009 – PAPAMOA RULES**

The following is a guide to the rules of Sandshoe Soccer. Basically they are a condensed version of the full soccer rules, but obviously on a reduced scale due to the age of the players.

1. **FOULS** – the only fouls for sandshoe soccer will be for bad language on the field, deliberate kicking or pushing of another player.

***In the case of a foul, an indirect free kick is awarded to a player of the other team from the spot the foul occurred.***

2. **CORNER KICK** – this is when a player of a team kicks the ball over *their own* goal line when it does not score a goal or go into the net.

***In this case, the defending team has a direct free kick from the corner circle or flag on the side the ball went over.***

3. **GOAL KICK** – If a player kicks the ball over the other teams goal line.

***A goal kick is taken from within the goal area. This can be taken by the goalie or a member of that team.***

4. **THROW IN** – If a player kicks or knocks the ball over the touchline (the lines marking the outside long lengths down the field) a throw in *must* be allocated to the other team.

***The throw in must take place from the point where the ball crossed the line. It must be thrown from above and behind the head.***

5. **GOAL SCORED** – If a goal is scored, the play commences from the centre line/circle again. Kick off is awarded to the team, who did not score the goal.

## **GENERAL**

Whilst it is acknowledged that the players in sandshoe soccer are young, parents and coaches should at all times try to teach these basic rules of the game. This is vital if the child is to eventually advance in the game.

For example, it is sometimes common practice for spectators and parents to kick the ball back in play when it goes over the touchline. This makes it very difficult for the Coaches and Coordinators to teach these basic skills and players end up continually kicking the ball over the touchline not being aware of the boundaries of play. Coaches should stop play and ensure a throw in is taken even when this occurs.

Encourage the players, especially 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to stand back when kick off from the centre or halfway line is taken, or when a corner kick is taken. A good way to monitor this is to stop play with the whistle occasionally, and get players to spread their arms out. If they touch another player they are to close. Encourage them to spread out.

Foul language or deliberate kicking of other layers should not be tolerated in any game. Coaches should use their discretion when calling a foul and awarding a free kick to the other team. Penalties do not apply in Sandshoe Soccer.

At the end of the day, have fun, and enjoy the game!!!!

Play hard, Play Fair!!