**Orbit Futbol Club**

**Spring 2019- Player Information**

**Otis Park Soccer Complex**

* The Otis Park Soccer complex is owned by Bedford Parks and Recreation. The parks department operates concessions at the complex and is in charge of general maintenance on the property. They also maintain the restroom facilities and are responsible for trash removal on the property.
* Orbit Futbol Club is in charge of all maintenance related to game play such as field marking, goal, flag or bench placement, etc.
* Please utilize the designate parking areas on the north and south ends of the field. BPD routinely patrols the area and will tow vehicles parked in “no parking” zones.
* We ask that you stay clear of areas of the field during maintenance, such as field marking, in order to allow our volunteers to complete the task in a timely manner.
* For safety reasons, players should never hang on the soccer goals or use the goals in a manner other than their intended use.
* During game play, all spectators must be at least two feet from the marked lines on the field

**Season Information**

* Season Dates: April 27th – June 1st
* Tournament: Week of June 10th - Championship on June 15th
* Games will be played at Otis Soccer Complex on Saturdays
* Rainouts/Inclement Weather:
  + First rainout of the season will be made up on June 8th. If additional rainouts occur, games will be made up the week nights following the rainout. If the games cannot be made up the week following the rainout, the game will not be made up.
  + Decisions on rainouts will be made by the Field Director, in conjunction with the Bedford Parks Department. Coaches will be contacted if rainouts occur and are responsible for contacting their players. The information will also be posted on our Facebook page.
  + In the case of inclement weather during games, the decision to make up the game will be made by the onsite Recreational Director for the game. In the case of lighting, all participants and spectators must clear the field for 30 minutes from the last lighting strike. The onsite Recreational Director will determine if the games are postponed or will be rescheduled.

**Practice Fields**

* Practice location and time is determined by the coach, based on field availability
* The fields at the Otis Park complex will be closed if it rains.

*Alternate practice locations:*

* Murray Park- behind the fire barn
* Free Methodist Field- off of 5th St/Across from the Living Room Center
* Edgewood Park- Next to IU Health Bedford
* Otis Park- Across from the Red Brick Building
* Mundell Church- Heltonville Area, East of IN 446
* Wilson Park- Lot behind the baseball diamond

**Division Information**

*Overview*

Orbit Futbol Club determines age group placement based on birth date. Orbit Futbol Club uses July 31st as the cutoff date for age group placement. We adjust age groups in the Fall only. Due to safety concerns, we only allow players to play up one age group. Parents must request for players to be moved up an age group at the time of registration. Changes cannot be made after team placement.

Based on guidelines from Indiana Youth Soccer, Orbit Futbol Club will not take coaching requests. Coaches and Assistant Coaches can have their child/children on their team. We will do our best to accommodate requests for siblings or family members to play together– where possible, based on age group.

*Tots Division (U2-U3)*

* Size 1 ball (Provided by Orbit for use during the session)
* All players are required to wear shin guards
* 30 minute sessions consisting of 15 minutes of skill building and 15 minutes of scrimmage

*U6 Division (U4-U6)*

* Size 3 ball
* All players are required to wear cleats (no toe cleat) and shin guards
* Game play: 4- 8 minute quarters, 5 vs 5 with no goalie (defender at goal is ok)
  + No heading allowed, a violation will result in an indirect free kick from the point of the heading
  + Side throw-ins will be done with both feet down and thrown overhead. If not done correctly, no loss of possession but will re-throw until done correctly.

*U8 Division (U7-U8)*

* Size 3 ball
* All players are required to wear cleats (no toe cleat) and shin guards
* Game play: 4- 12 minute quarters, 5 vs 5 with no goalie (defender at goal is ok)
  + No heading allowed, a violation will result in an indirect free kick from the point of the heading
  + All players, besides the player taking a goal kick, must be outside the goal box
  + Side throw-ins will be done with both feet down and thrown overhead. If not done correctly, loss of possession will occur.

*U10 Division (U9-U10)*

* Size 4 ball
* All players are required to wear cleats (no toe cleat) and shin guards
* Game play: 2- 25 minute periods, 8 vs 8 with goalie
  + No goalie punts- goalie must distribute the ball to a player in the defensive half of the field. A violation will result in an indirect free kick from the top of the penalty box nearest the foul.
  + No heading allowed, a violation will result in an indirect free kick from the point of the heading
  + Off-sides will not be called in game play except for intentional “cherry-picking” (referee discretion)
  + Side throw-ins will be done with both feet down and thrown overhead. If not done correctly, loss of possession will occur.

*Middle School*

* Size 5 ball
* All players are required to wear cleats (no toe cleat) and shin guards
* Game play: 2- 30 minute periods, 8 vs 8 with goalie
* Side throw-ins will be done with both feet down and thrown overhead. If not done correctly, loss of possession will occur.
* No goalie punts. Drop punts are fine.

*High School*

* Size 5 ball
* All players are required to wear cleats (no toe cleat) and shin guards
* Game play: 2- 30 minute periods, 9 vs 9 with goalie
* Side throw-ins will be done with both feet down and thrown overhead. If not done correctly, loss of possession will occur.

**Game Play**

* *Kickoff:* The initial kickoff will be determined by a coin toss, prior to the start of the game. Teams will kick off after each goal and at the start of each quarter/period.
* *Substitutions:* For U8, U10, MS and HS- coaches can make substitutions, with referee consent, at the following times-
  + Prior to a throw-in, in your favor
  + Prior to a goal kick, by either team
  + After a goal, by either team
  + After an injury, when the referee stops play- only injured player and 1 player from the opposing team
  + Between quarters/periods
* *Slide-tackling:* Slide tackling is not permitted under any circumstance. The minimum penalty will be a direct free kick awarded to the opposing team. Additional disciplinary action (including but not limited to a RED CARD and game suspension) may result for intentional, repeated, or violent slide tackling.
* *Sliding:* Sliding in general is not permitted under any circumstances. Disciplinary action is subject to the official.
* *Goalkeepers:* 
  + Goalkeepers must wear a unique jersey and gloves
  + Goalkeepers must release the ball within six (6) seconds after gaining possession and returning to their feet
  + Intentional pass-back to the goalie cannot be picked up by goalie and will result in an indirect kick
* *Hand-Ball*: Intentional use of the hands/arms (hand-to-ball or arm-to-ball) is prohibited at all times by all players, except the goalie. A direct free-kick will be awarded at the point of touching.
  + For U6, U8 and U10- if a player protects his/her face or head, the player will not be called for a hand-ball
* *Switching goals*: Teams will switch goals at halftime for all divisions
* *Foul Levels*: Based on referee opinion
  + *Careless*- results in an indirect/direct free kick to the opposing team
  + *Reckless*- yellow card to the offending player, results in an indirect/direct free kick to the opposing team
  + *Excessive*- red card to offending player & player must leave the field. Offending team cannot replace the red card player; they must play down a player. Opposing team gets an indirect/direct free kick.
* *Officials*
  + *Center referee: The referee that is in the game*
    - *Makes the decisions during the game*
    - *Decision cannot be changed by another person during the game*
* *Forfeits*
  + *U10, MS, HS*
    - *Less than 7 people, automatically forfeit*
    - *Teams can still play*
      * *Play a man down or*
      * *Use subs from the other team or another age group within 1 year younger*
      * *No subs are allowed from other teams during the tournament*
  + *U8*
    - *Less than 5 people, automatically forfeit*
    - *Teams can still play*
      * *Play a man down or*
      * *Use subs from the other team or another age group within 1 year younger*
      * *No subs are allowed from other teams during the tournament*