



## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **Youth Soccer and Flag Football Playoff Procedures**

- I. Playoffs will consist of an opt-in, seeded, single elimination tournament until a champion is decided.
- II. Playoff seeding is determined by regular season winning percentage
  - a. In the event of a tie, seeding is determined by random chance by the Parks & Recreation office.
- III. Playoff games will follow all standard regular season rules set forth in the current Rules and Regulations available online at the Botetourt Parks & Recreation website, except as modified by this document
- IV. Teams may not borrow any player from another team for a playoff game
  - a. All games must be played with even sided teams
  - b. Teams are required to play as many players as possible
    - i. Example: a soccer team with 6 players must play 6v6, they may not play 5v5 and keep a substitute.
    - ii. Soccer games may be played 5v5, 6v6, or 7v7
      1. Soccer teams with less than 5 players after the standard 10-minute waiting period will forfeit the game
    - iii. Flag football games may be played 4v4 or 5v5
      1. Flag teams with less than 4 players after the standard 10-minute waiting period will forfeit the game
- V. Flag Football Overtime Rules
  - a. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, teams will alternate possessions with 2 plays to score a touchdown from 10 yards out.
  - b. The following process will occur
    - i. A coin toss will be called by the higher seeded team
    - ii. The winner of the coin toss may choose to have the ball first or second
    - iii. The loser of the coin toss may choose which end of the field the entire overtime will be played on
    - iv. The ball is spotted at the 10-yard line, teams have 2 plays to score a touchdown
      1. There will be no point after attempts
    - v. If the first team scores or fails to score in 2 plays, the second team starts from the same 10-yard line with 2 plays to score
    - vi. If both teams score or fail to score, the process repeats with the first team from the 10-yard line again
    - vii. The process repeats until one team scores a touchdown and the other team fails to score in 2 plays
      1. Teams must have equal number of overtime possessions for a winner to be declared
- VI. Soccer Overtime Rules

- a. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the game will continue after a 2-minute break with successive 10-minute periods of golden-goal play
  - i. During golden goal play, the game ends immediately after a goal is scored, the remainder of the 10-minute period is not played.
- b. The game continues with 10-minute golden goal periods and 2-minute breaks until a winner is declared