

### **SMURF SOCCER FALL 2023**

- The games will be played on two side-by-side fields.
  - U5's will play 4 v 4 with four 8-minute quarters.
  - U6 girls will play 3 v 3 with four 10-minute quarters.
  - U6 boys will play 5 v 5 with four 10-minute quarters.
  - All age groups will have a 5-minute halftime.
- The U5 age group will use the "NEW BALL" concept for restarts. For all throw-ins, corner kicks and goal kicks, either a coach or ref will restart the ball by gently rolling it out to the appropriate team's player. This system is used to get more players involved in the game and quicker restarts have been shown to increase the overall number of touches on the ball. Please give the player receiving the ball at least 10 feet of space to get the ball going.
- U6 will use throw-ins, and modified goal kicks for restarts. The opposing team must give 10 feet plus to allow for a fair restart.
- There are NO GOALIES! Please encourage players to go to the ball to defend and win the ball, rather than sit in front of the goals and obstruct the net.
- No score will be kept.
- All players must play equally
- Rainouts will be posted in TeamSnap and the website 1 hour before game time. We DO play in the rain and even chilly conditions. Players may wear hats, gloves, and layered clothing to be comfortable, just place jersey as last layer, so it is clear which team the player is on.
- Field maps are on the [www.strongsvillesoccer.com](http://www.strongsvillesoccer.com) website. Please know what field you are playing on, there will be 8 fields of games going on simultaneously, so it may be confusing! Games will be played in the Prandi Park area of Foltz for the 5's and 6's.