# Middle School Soccer Plan 2024 Season

### • Schedule

- There will be ten teams in our league divided into a North Division (Boulter, Caldwell/Birdwell, Hubbard, Lindale & Moore) and a South Division (Bullard, Henderson, Palestine, Three Lakes & Whitehouse). There will be one game each week that will be a non-seeding game against an opponent from another division. The first five weeks of the season, you will play each team in your division and the last two weeks of the season will be a tournament based on their records (tournament bracket will be sent out after the May 2<sup>nd</sup> games). Games will be on the following dates (schedule attached):
  - Thursday, April 4, 2024
  - Thursday, April 11, 2024
  - Thursday, April 18, 2024
  - Thursday, April 25, 2024
  - Thursday, May 2, 2024
  - Thursday, May 9, 2024
  - Thursday, May 16, 2024

# • UIL Guidelines

- Number of Games
  - No team or student shall compete in more than 10 games and 2 invitational or district tournaments. Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A scrimmage counts as one of the 10 games.
- Number of Games Per Week
  - One game or scrimmage may be played per calendar week. A tournament may be played in the same calendar week of a game.
- Number of Tournament Games Per Day
  - Contestants or teams shall play no more than two tournament games per calendar day, except contestants or teams may play in three games in a one-day tournament scheduled on a Saturday.
- Season for Workout and Games
  - Schools shall have 86 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day and to complete scrimmages and games. The season can be held anytime during the school year, provided it does not exceed the number of consecutive calendar days listed above.

# • Length of Game

- Middle School games will consist of two 30-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
- Start Times for Games
  - All games will start at 5:00pm for "B" teams and 6:15pm for "A" teams.

# • Point System

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie (games can end in a tie)
- $\circ$  0 points for a loss

# • Penalty Cards

- Red Cards
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sit out next game
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Out for the season
- Yellow Cards
  - 3 and you sit for the next game

# • Weather

- By 2:00pm on the day of a game, the coach and Athletic Director of the home school will decide to play or cancel a game due to inclement weather and notify the opponent as soon as possible.
- Game Ball
  - $\circ$  Any legal, leather ball is to be used as a game ball (NFHS stamped).

# • Make Up Games

• Games will only be made up with the approval of both Athletic Directors.

### • Benches

• Both benches must be on the same side of the field, **OR** the visitor's bench should be placed away from the home stands.

### • Results

- Please record scores in google doc below
  - Middle School Soccer Standings (2024)
    - <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cCiiwfOWiSbG1wRV4br7vojQDP</u> W55J0BiBHskIeR4Vg/edit?usp=sharing
- Please e-mail a card count on all players to Erin Hale (<u>halee@whitehouseisd.org</u>)