



# SPRING CLASSIC 2025 TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS/REMINDERS

Thank you for participating in the Spring Classic 2025 tournament! We have some instructions and reminders for you as we kick off this fun event.

## PRE-GAME INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before your team's first game, please check ***Henderson Cup Schedules*** to confirm your team's game schedule, and review the [Tournament Rules](#) and ***Field Map***. The tournament rules include an explanation of the scoring system for pool matches, tiebreaker hierarchy, and PK shootout procedures.
2. Team staff and players should plan to arrive a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of your game for check-in at your assigned field.
3. Prior to your first game your referee will give the coach an envelope with your team's tournament participation pins. If you do not receive your pins, please have a team representative stop by the field administration tent assigned to your field to pick them up:
  - a. Fields 2, 7, 8, 9: headquarters tent on the field 8 north fence
  - b. Fields 3-4: admin tent on the field 3 north fence
4. All team staff members need to present their SNSA ID cards or other photo ID to the referee for inspection. Only those adults listed as team staff members on the game card are permitted in the technical area. A driver's license may be used as a photo ID if the SNSA ID card is missing.
5. Players listed on the game card have been pre-screened and approved. Only those players listed on the game card are eligible to participate.
6. Make sure all players are wearing their SNSA league-issued jersey and their shin guards. Remove jewelry for pre-game check-in.

## IN-GAME REMINDERS

1. SNSA Modified Laws apply except where stated otherwise in the tournament-specific rules.
2. No retakes of illegal throw-ins or free kicks will be permitted.
3. No Plus One rule will apply for tournament games (no player addition when trailing by 4+ goals).
4. **Please exhibit good sportsmanship at all times throughout the tournament, even if the result of the game or a referee's call does not go your team's way.** A spectator who verbally abuses a referee or a player, coach or parent on the opposing team will be asked to leave the field before play can resume. Please limit communications to positive encouragement for your team! Do not address players, coaches or parents on the opposing team, and do not engage in communications with or about the referees. Any questions for the referees should be raised by a registered team official at an appropriate time (break in play, half-time, etc.). **This tournament is for the kids, not the adults, and we need to do our best to create a positive atmosphere so the players can have a fun experience! If a player or coach is issued a red card (or is sent off), there will be a 1-point deduction from the team's match point total.**

5. No minimum playing time rule will apply for tournament games. This is a recreational tournament, and we expect that our teams will allow all attending players to participate, but playing time will not be monitored.
6. For pool matches a team receives 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, up to 3 points for the number of goals scored, and 1 point for a shutout. The maximum number of match points a team can earn in a game is 10. The following criteria will be used to break a tie within a pool:
  - a. head-to-head result
  - b. goal differential
  - c. goals against
7. The maximum goal differential per game that applies to tiebreaker scoring is 4, **so there is no strategic value in defeating a team by more than 4 goals in the tournament.** We expect our coaches to show good sportsmanship and take measures to manage the score in a lopsided game.

### **POST-GAME INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **At the conclusion of the game a team staff member from each team shall review the score recorded on the game card and initial the game card to confirm that the score is correct.**
2. We ask all team members to clean up the trash along your sideline after each game, and vacate the sideline in a timely manner so the team playing the next game can set up.
3. After your final tournament game if your team finishes 1st or 2nd, bring your team to the tournament headquarters tent on field 8 to receive your Spring Classic medals.

### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS**

- The City of Henderson has asked us to remind participants that **dogs are not allowed on the fields (inside the fencing) at Heritage Park.**
- When cleaning up the sideline after your game, please bring any unclaimed items to the field administrator tent closest to your field.
- The referees have full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game on the field; **appeals to overturn referee judgment calls will not be accepted.**

### **EVENT SECURITY**

SNSA has hired security staff to monitor our Spring Classic tournament games, to assist with conflict resolution, and to ensure the safety of all participants.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR TEAMS IN THE TOURNAMENT, AND HAVE FUN!**