

Soccer Centre Dome Soccer Challenge

Tournament Rules (Revised August 11, 2019)

1. TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- a) Players (U8-U18) must have been born on or after January 1st of the year of the division in which they are participating. A player must be at least 16 to play in an Adult division. Over 30 divisions are based upon birth year.
- b) The team must provide the following documents prior to playing first match.
 - 1. An official tournament roster/waiver form filled out and turned in at check in prior to playing in their first game of the tournament. Team rosters are frozen when turned in and players can only be added due to a tournament ending injury with the tournament director's permission. NOTE: Any team who do not turn in a roster will forfeit all games played without the roster and be ineligible to play in the final.
 - 2. (Youth Teams Only) Either copies or originals of Lindsay Law Parent/Player signature form for every player on the team.
 - 3. (Youth Teams Only) Copy of all coach's online concussion certification valid through March 2019.
- c) Players may register to play on only one team per division in an age bracket during the tournament. Example: A player may play in the BU11 Gold and Silver divisions or BU12 and BU13 divisions of the tournament.
- d) Any player (or their parent/guardian if under 18 years old) that does not sign the waiver WILL NOT be allowed to play. Players playing on more than one team must sign all team roster/waiver forms to be eligible for all teams.
- e) Player's will not be allowed to switch or add to another roster after the official tournament roster forms have been turned in.
- f) The coach is solely responsible for the eligibility of players on the roster. If a player's age is questioned, the coach/player must be able to provide proof of age upon request of the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director or his appointed representative shall verify any player age verification. Examples: US Club or US Youth player passes, State Driver License or ID, School ID, Picture ID and copy of Birth Certificate. Any combination of picture and valid birth date form.

2. TEAM SIZE

- a) U12 and below play 7 vs 7 including Goalkeeper. 14 player roster + 3 coach maximum.
- b) U13 and above play 6 vs 6 including Goalkeeper. 14 player roster + 3 coach maximum.

- c) A minimum of 4 players are needed on the field to start a match.

3. **GAME LENGTH**

- a) One forty (40) minute period, running clock. In case of a serious injury where a player may not be moved until medical help can arrive, the referee and tournament director may stop the running clock.
- b) A team forfeits if they cannot field a minimum of 4 players on the field within 5 minutes of the scheduled start of the match.
- c) Any match that has completed 20 minutes is considered a complete match.

4. **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

- a) All players must be wearing the same color shirt. Uniform numbers are not required but recommended.
- b) Teams should bring both light and dark uniforms.
- c) Home team must change in a color conflict situation.
- d) Outdoor Soccer Cleats are allowed.
- e) NO earrings or other jewelry permitted at all during play.
- f) All players must wear shinguards.
- g) All players' equipment is subject to referee approval.
- h) Casts wrapped in foam/bubble wrap are subject to referee approval.

5. **SCORING**

- a) All goals = 1 goal.
- b) Forfeits will be recorded as a 4-0 score against the forfeiting team.

6. **TOURNAMENT STANDINGS** - Division standings or play-off positions will be determined as follows for all divisions:

- a) Most points: Three (3) for a win, one (1) for a tie, zero (0) for a loss.
- b) Winner of the match between the tied teams (not applicable if the tie involves more than two teams).
- c) For three-way ties, follow the tie breaking rules until one has been eliminated and then restart tie breaking rules.
- d) Greater goal differential (six goals maximum per game, -6 minimum).
- e) Fewest goals allowed.
- f) Most goals scored (maximum of six per game).

- g) Coin toss (not applicable for final matches) or Indoor Shootout.

7. **FINAL MATCHES** still tied at conclusion of the match will go straight to shootout.

Shootouts will start with 3 players, who were on the field at the conclusion of the match, for each team. If still tied, shootout moves to sudden death by round.

8. **BALL**

- a) Size 4 for U12 and below age divisions
- b) Size 5 for U13 and above age divisions

9. **CONDUCT**

- a) Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law.
- b) Verbal abuse of referees by COACHES, MANAGERS, PLAYERS, OR SPECTATORS will not be tolerated. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE, AND MAY BE CARDED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR SPECTATORS. The tournament can remove any coach or fan that is disturbing a match being played. If Coaches or fans refuse to leave, the game will be forfeited.
- c) **No fighting period!!!**, Any player/coach that is ejected from a match for fighting will be ejected from the tournament and must leave the building.
- d) Any player ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in, at least, the next scheduled game. The Tournament Director reserves the right to take additional disciplinary actions if necessary.
- e) Parents and spectators are not permitted in the player bench area unless a medical emergency.

10. **ADULT CO-ED DIVISION**

- a) There must be a minimum of two (2) females on the field during match play.
- b) The ball does not need to touch a female player before scoring.
- c) **CODE OF CONDUCT:** There will be NO SLIDE TACKLING, NO CHARGING, NO UNSPORTSPERSON-LIKE CONDUCT TOLERATED. At the discretion of the referee, a player may be ejected from the game, POSSIBLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE tournament, depending on the severity of the offense after review by the Tournament Director.

11. **GOALKEEPER RESTRICTIONS**

- a) The outdoor pass back rule will be in effect during all sessions. On any occasion, when a player deliberately kicks the ball to his/her own goalkeeper, the goalkeeper is NOT permitted to touch it with his/her hands.
- b) The goalkeeper cannot punt the ball
- c) Time penalties charged to the goalkeeper may be served by a teammate. The team must play one player short. The penalty is not charged to the player who serves it but is charged to the goalkeeper. The same rules are in effect on penal and misconduct offenses for goalkeepers as for other players.

12. **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play

13. **Offside will be called for all divisions.**

14. **Out of play-Restart Kick in (All Ages):**

- a) Ball goes out of play on the sidelines ball given to opposition on touchline from where ball went out of play. (Indirect)
- b) Ball goes out of play end line by defense, corner kick for offense. (Direct)
- c) Ball goes out of play end line by offense, goal kick. (Indirect)

15. **No sliding allowed.**

16. **Net Results LLC and Soccer Centre reserve the right to ask a player, coach and/or spectator to leave the building.**

17. **Heading will not be permitted in U11 and younger age groups.**

Intentionally heading the ball in these matches shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction – or from the top of the goal area for infractions inside the goal area.

18. **Artificial noise making devices are strictly prohibited.**

19. **NO Pets of any kind (except sight assistance dogs) allowed.**

20. **Referee decisions are final.**

21. **Tournament Director's decisions are final.**

