

Tournament Rules

Club Fest Round Robin

ELIGIBILITY:

This round robin is open to currently registered USSF league or association teams. All teams must be currently registered with the appropriate National and State Associations. Soccer player passes must be furnished for each tournament contestant.

A maximum of three guest players may be added to the official league or association roster. A maximum of 15 players is allowed for U9-U12 teams & a maximum of 18 players is allowed for U13-U14 teams.

No player shall be allowed to register with more than one team or switch to another team during the tournament.

All out of State teams must have Travel Permits and must present this when they register to be eligible to compete in this round robin.

AGE:

All teams will determine age of players as of August 1st.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine age groups depending on availability of teams.

LAWS OF THE GAME:

International Rules (FIFA/USSF) apply with the following exception:

A. Substitutes must be at the mid-field line. Substitutions must be made with the consent of the referee.

1. After a goal by either team.
2. Before any goal kick by either team.
3. Before a throw-in in your favor.
4. At the beginning of any period of play.
5. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play.
6. After a caution, the cautioned player may be substituted.

SCORES:

Scores will be posted at the concession stand after the completion of each game. They will also be posted online after the tournament is complete. Coaches should report any discrepancies to Headquarters prior to their next game.

GAME FORMAT: Offside Rule will be in effect for all age groups.

Age Division	Games	# of Players	Ball Size
Under 13-14	70 minutes	11v11	5
Under 11-12	60 minutes	8v8	4
Under 09-10	50 minutes	6v6	4

- **FORFEITS:**

Failure to complete a match, arriving late for a match (10 minutes), or a team leaving the field during play, will result in forfeiture.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIFA POLICY:

1. There shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee's call is considered dissent. All coaches are urged to solicit the support of their fans in monitoring and enforcing this policy.
2. Any player or coach ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in the next (a minimum of one game) scheduled game. No substitution will be allowed for the ejected player.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

1. Shin guards are mandatory and must be covered by a sock.
2. Shirt/jerseys will be tucked into players shorts at all times.
3. In the event of a color conflict, the home team (first team listed on schedule) will change color.

STANDINGS:

Scores will be posted but there will not be standings or a "championship match." The focus of this tournament is to allow all teams to play four (4) games without having to be concerned about the "championship."

TIE BREAKS:

Tie breaking procedures (if two or more teams have the same number of points; preliminary rounds), the tie-breaking formula will be:

1. Most Wins
2. Goal difference (goals for minus goals against).
3. Goals for (the total number of goals the team has scored.)
4. Goals against (the total number of goals that have been scored against the team.)
5. Kicks from penalty mark using modified FIFA rules. (Modification any player eligible for the next match may participate.)

There will be no overtime or penalty kicks for games within a flight which end in regulation time in a tie. Exception: Any divisions that have teams tied after preliminary rounds have been completed will require PK Contests to complete final seedings.

PROTESTS:

There will be no protests.

GENERAL:

1. Coaches are required to bring player cards and medical release forms to every game.
2. If a game is temporarily suspended due to weather problems, field conditions, or other situations beyond the tournament's control, each team (coach) involved must check with their site's tournament headquarters. Have players go to their cars during a weather/lightning delay. No one will be allowed on the fields until the weather conditions are favorable to resume.
3. The tournament director(s) interpretation of the foregoing rules/regulations shall be final.
4. The tournament director(s) reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the Club Fest Round Robin Tournament.
5. Alcohol is strictly prohibited at all Club Fest Round Robin matches. Possession will result in immediate dismissal from the grounds. In addition, there is no smoking allowed at Hamilton Park.

WEATHER POLICY:

All practice and play will cease immediately when lightning is sighted. Coaches, Referees, and GCSA Board Members who are present are responsible for promptly clearing the playing areas and encouraging everyone to

immediately seek safe shelter. At Hamilton Park Soccer Complex, this would be either in the cars in the parking lots or the concession shelter for players whose parents are not at the complex. **WAIT A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES FROM THE LAST OBSERVED LIGHTNING OR THUNDER BEFORE RESUMING PLAY.**

***THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SHORTEN, POSTPONE, OR CANCEL MATCHES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR UNSAFE PLAYING CONDITIONS OR OTHER CAUSES AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR. ANY UNFINISHED MATCH THAT HAS REACHED HALFTIME WILL BE CONSIDERED A COMPLETE MATCH AND THE CURRENT SCORE WILL BE RECORDED AS THE FINAL SCORE.**