

Rules of Competition

1-Laws of the Game

All matches will be played in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game. Rules and/or interpretations provided by USYSA. for youth matches may be incorporated. The following items will further interpret these rules for purposes of this tournament and/or will provide an administrative framework for the operation of the tournament.

The tournament will use only USSF registered referees for all competitive division tournament games, utilizing a one person referee system.

NOTE: There is no offsides rule for this tournament in both the recreational and competitive divisions.

2-Elements of the game

- A. Each game is a single 25 minute period
- B. The clock will run at all times
- C. U-9 thru U-12 will use a size 4 ball
- D. U13 and up will use a size 5 ball
- E. A player may only play on one (1) team for the duration of the tournament.

Throw-ins will be taken on the touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line

Balls passed back to a goalkeeper by a teammate cannot be picked up

The ball must travel forward on the tap

3-Player, Coach and/or Spectator Behavior

All players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the spirit as well as the letter of the Laws of the Game. Referees have been specifically instructed to run the matches according to this spirit and will act accordingly. **DISSENT FROM PLAYERS, COACHES AND/OR SPECTATORS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; CAUTIONS AND/OR DISMISSALS WILL RESULT.** Players are encouraged to play all matches with intensity and desire. However, **UNNECESSARY PHYSICAL PLAY, PARTICULARLY THAT WITH INTENT TO INJURE, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; CAUTIONS AND/OR DISMISSALS WILL RESULT.** Coaches are responsible for the actions of the team's players and spectators as well as their own actions.

Players, coaches, and/or spectators **DISMISSED FOR FIGHTING** will be banned from further tournament participation. Teams will be held responsible for adhering to this rule. Any team playing a dismissed player in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the tournament and all matches played by the team will be ruled to have been a forfeit.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY TEAM, PLAYER, COACH OR FAN, IF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PLAYERS, COACHES AND/OR SPECTATORS CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH A MATCH OR MATCHES CANNOT BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE LAWS.

*Any player, coach, and/or spectator that is cautioned (**yellow carded**) **TWICE** *during any given game* will be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that match and may not participate in the next match.

If any player, coach, and/or spectator is sent-off the field of play (dismissed/red carded**) by a referee for any reason other than fighting, that player, coach, and/or spectator is ineligible to participate in the remainder of that match and may not participate in the next match. Referees are instructed to record the players name, number, team and reason for the caution or send-off and present the information to the tournament director. All cards issued will be reported to the appropriate state association. Any disciplinary measures imposed by the Quakertown Soccer Club shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament.

4-Pre-Game Activity

Home team (team listed first on schedule) will get first possession. Visiting team will get choice of goals to defend.

5-Start of Play

Regardless of weather conditions, players and coaches must be on the field at the scheduled playing time, ready to play. Forfeits will be awarded if play has not started within five (5) minutes of starting time as determined by the referee; a minimum of 5 players must be prepared to play before a team will be allowed to start a match. A forfeited match will be recorded as a 3-0 score and bonus points awarded. The tournament director may modify a scheduled start time for any match or reduce scheduled match length prior to the start of the match; all such matches will be considered to be official. Only a referee may restart a match already stopped due to weather conditions; all such matches which have been played for a minimum of 50% of the scheduled time will be considered official. Matches not considered official will be replayed in their entirety when rescheduled.

6-Duration of Play

- A. All matches will consist of twenty-five (25) minutes of playing time.
- B. Official match time will be kept on the field by the referee. Match time will be kept on a running clock, and there will be no stoppage of time unless an injured player needs to be assisted from the field with an ambulance.
- C. Games will start at the top and bottom of each hour. Referee's have the ability to shorten matches to ensure games run on schedule.

7-Substitutions

Substitutions can be made on the fly. The player leaving the field must be within 5 yards of the sideline before the player may enter the field.

A. If a player receives a dismissal (red card), that player must leave the field of play. Their team may not substitute for them at any time during that match. If the match goes into Sudden Death the team will play short one player from the allotted number. The team may field a full team in its next scheduled match.

All substitutions must enter the playing field from the halfway line.

8-No Protests

NO PROTESTS will be entertained concerning the interpretation of the Laws of the Game by a referee.

9-Score Reporting

COACHES OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MUST SIGN GAME REPORTS AFTER EACH GAME

The referee will have a representative from each team sign the scoresheet after each game. The winning team must deliver the scorecard to the scoring table at the clubhouse promptly after the game.

If there is a question on the score of a match, the coach or team representative, can contact the site administrator. The site administrator will take whatever action may be necessary to verify the score.

10-Scoring

Scores will not be posted. Games will be posted as either win, loss or tie.

11-Tie Breakers

There will be no tie breakers in this tournament.

12-Disclaimer

The tournament director, members of the tournament committee, the host soccer club, its members and board of directors, any participating associations, colleges, advertisers, school districts and recreation departments and related municipalities will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team, player or spectator nor will they be held liable for any injury of any player, coach or spectator that may result from the participation in, or travel to and from the tournament. The tournament director or site administrator reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the conduct and administration of the tournament and their judgment shall be deemed as final.