



## Post Season Soccer Tournament Rules

- All teams will participate in the post season tournament.
- Pool assignments will be determined by regular season final standings.
- Each age group will have group play and then playoffs.
- Pool play and playoff format was determined by the number of teams in each age group and may vary per age group.

Each team will play a minimum of 2 games. 6U and 8U age groups will play 2 ten minute halves, with a 1 minute halftime. 10U, 12U, 14U, & 18U age groups will play 2 thirteen minute halves with a 1 minute halftime. All players will be required to play at least half of the first half. All players will be required to play in the second half. ***Any team that does not abide by the mandatory play rule will be disqualified from the tournament.*** The clock will be stopped at the official's discretion as close to the midway point as possible in the first half (5 minute mark for the U6 and U8 age groups, 6:30 minute mark for the U10, U12, U14, & U18 age group) to allow for mandatory substitutions. The clock will also be stopped mid-second half to allow for substitutions. As in the regular season, substitutions may also be made "on the fly."

Teams are expected to be warmed up and ready to play at the scheduled time so every effort can be made to keep the tournament running smoothly and on schedule. Teams should warm up prior to getting on the court as games will start as close to the scheduled time as possible.

Games in the group play can end in a tie. There will be no overtime in group play. Overtime will only be used in the playoffs, either semi-finals and/or finals to determine a winner. Overtime, if needed, will be played in 3 minute periods; first team to score wins (Golden Goal). If after two 3 minute periods neither team has scored, we will proceed to a penalty shoot-out, 3 Shooter format. If tied after 3 shooters, teams will shoot 1 for 1.

Standings will be kept for each age group to determine playoff teams. A team will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 1 point per goal up to three (winning and losing team), and 0 points for a loss. The teams with the highest point total from group play will advance to the playoffs. Number of playoff teams will be determined by the number of teams and the format for each age group. In the event of a tie in the standings, the following tiebreakers will be used.

1. Points
2. Head to Head Results
3. Goals Against
4. Goal Differential
5. Coin Flip

Any and all questions or concerns should be directed to the tournament director. The tournament director will have the final say on any and all matters.