



SUMMER 7v7 KICKOFF TOURNAMENT RULES

General Rules

- FIFA Laws of the Game apply unless modified below.
- All referee decisions are final.
- Good sportsmanship is expected from players, coaches, and spectators at all times.

Roster & Player Identification

- Rosters are final as of May 29 at 12:00 PM.
- All teams must turn in player identification prior to their first match.
- Accepted forms of identification include: Driver License, State ID, or Passport.

Uniforms

- Teams must wear like-colored shirts or jerseys.
- Teams must have an alternate color available in case of color conflict.
- Home team will change jerseys in case of color conflict.
- Numbers are not required on jerseys.

Team Format

- 7 players on the field (6 field players + 1 goalkeeper)

- Minimum of 5 players required to start or continue a match.
- Unlimited substitutions allowed during stoppages with referee permission.

Coed Division Rules

- Coed teams must roster a minimum of 3 female players.
- A minimum of 2 female players must be on the field at all times during play.
- If a team cannot field 2 female players, that team must play down accordingly.
- Only 1 female available = team plays with 6 players total.
- No females available = team plays with 5 players total.
- Teams may not substitute a male player in place of a required female player to maintain full numbers.

Match Length

- Two 20-minute halves
- 3-minute halftime
- Running clock except for serious injuries or referee discretion.

No Offside

- There will be NO OFFSIDE calls during tournament play.

Goalkeeper Rules

- Goalkeepers may not punt or drop-kick the ball.
- Goalkeeper throws or distributions with the hands MAY NOT cross midfield in the air.
- If the ball crosses midfield without touching the ground or another player: Indirect Free Kick awarded to the opposing team at midfield.
- Goalkeepers may play the ball with their feet normally during live play.

Restarts

- Kickoffs: Opponents must remain outside the center circle until the ball is in play.
- Free Kicks: All free kicks are indirect unless otherwise indicated by the referee. Defenders must give 5 yards of space.
- Goal Kicks: Opponents must retreat to midfield until the ball is in play.
- Throw-Ins: Standard FIFA throw-in rules apply.

Slide Tackling

- NO slide tackling allowed.

- Goalkeepers may slide within their own penalty area.
- Penalty for slide tackling: Indirect free kick or direct free kick at referee discretion.
- Repeated violations may result in cautions.

Fouls & Misconduct

- Yellow Cards: Warning issued. Player may be substituted.
- Red Cards: Player removed from the match and not allowed to play next match.
- Team plays short for remainder of match.
- Tournament director may issue additional suspension if necessary.
- Players ejected for fighting or violent conduct will need to pay a \$50 VC fee before being allowed to play future matches after suspension.

Mercy Rule

- If a team leads by 7 goals, the losing team may add one additional player until the goal differential decreases.

Standings & Tiebreakers

- Group Play Points: Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.
- Tiebreakers: 1) Head-to-head 2) Goal differential (max +5 per game) 3) Goals allowed 4) Goals scored 5) Coin flip.

Championship Games

- If tied at end of regulation:
- 5-minute golden goal overtime
- If still tied, penalty kicks (3 shooters each)

Weather Delays

- Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten or modify games due to weather or field conditions.

Tournament Director Authority

- Tournament officials reserve the right to make final decisions on all rules, disputes, scheduling, and disciplinary matters.