

# PLAYING RULES

FIFA rules will apply with the following exceptions:

## **1. Players**

The six (6) field players must consist of no more than three (3) male players. The goalkeeper may be either male or female. A team must have at least five (5) players to be eligible to play, a goalkeeper of either gender and a minimum of one (1) female field player.

## **2. Substitutions**

Substitutions will be unlimited and may be made at own throw-ins, goal kicks, kick-offs, and at the discretion of the referee. A substituted player may re-enter the game.

## **3. Warnings and Ejections**

If a player is ejected (red card) from a game by the referee, the player must leave field immediately and must sit out the remainder of the match and the match immediately following. An ejected player may not be substituted. A player who receives three (3) yellow cards or two (2) red cards during the tournament will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.

If the players on a team receive a total of three (3) red cards during the preliminary matches, the team will be disqualified from the tournament.

Teams will be fined a minimum of \$25 for each red card issued.

## **4. Slide Tackles**

No slide tackles will be allowed in any divisions. A slide tackle may result in an automatic yellow card, at the discretion of the referee.

## **5. Drop Balls**

All drop balls will be taken by two (2) opposing female players.

## **6. Scoring**

Women's goals will count as two (2) points; men's goals will count as one (1) point. All penalty kicks will count as one (1) point for both genders.

In the case of a deflection, the last offensive player to strike the ball will determine the number of points. If a player scores a goal on his/her own team, even if by deflection, the goal will count as one (1) point.

## **7. Duration of Games**

All matches will be held on Saturday. Each match will have two (2) 25-minute halves with a five (5) minute halftime.

## **8. Tie Games**

In the round robin play, a match may end in a tie. During finals, if regulation play ends with a tied score, the teams will play a 5-minute overtime period. If the first overtime ends in a tie score, teams will play an additional 5-minute overtime period. In the event that both overtime periods end in a tie score, the game will be decided by penalty kicks. Each team will take five (5) penalty kicks from the penalty mark, as described by FIFA rules with the following exceptions:

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- of the five (5) penalty kicks, two (2) must be taken by women
- one (1) of the first three (3) kickers on each team must be a woman
- if after the first round of penalty kicks the score is still tied, the teams will take additional penalty kicks until one (1) team misses
- each penalty kick goal counts as one (1) point for both men and women

#### **9. Team Advancement**

The tournament will use the following point system to determine advancement:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) points for a tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss

If the event of a tie, we will first use goal differential, then goals for and goals against if necessary.

#### **10. Protests**

NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED. ALL REFEREE DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.

#### **11. Player Eligibility**

A player may register on only one team in each division. Each player must have a signed liability waiver.

#### **13. Uniform and Equipment**

Shin guards and all other proper attire will be required. Socks must cover the shin guards completely. All team shirts must have a visible number, and shirts must be of the same color. In the event of color conflict, the home team must change shirts. The goalkeeper's jersey must be easily distinguishable from other players' shirts.

The home team must supply the game ball.

#### **14. Failure to Show - Forfeited Games**

A team will be allowed a ten-minute grace period from scheduled kick-off time. A minimum of five (5) players will constitute a team (see rule #1 for clarification).

#### **15. Rain-Out Dates**

If the tournament is cancelled due to field closures from excessive rain, the reschedule date will be \_\_\_\_\_ (TBA).

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