

Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

- (1) FIFA Laws of the Game are in effect except as noted below.
- (2) **Prohibited Items and Activities.**
 - (a) Consumption of drugs and alcoholic beverages at any Tournament location.
 - (b) Dogs or other pets.
 - (c) Use of recreational vehicles or tents on Tournament grounds, excluding those used by the Tournament or vendors under contract with the Tournament.
 - (d) Charcoal or gas grills, excluding those used by the vendors under contract with the Tournament.
 - (e) Cigarette smoking shall not be allowed on Tournament grounds.
- (3) Format:
 - U-8 will play 5v5.
 - U-9/10 will play 6v6.
 - U-11/12 will play 8v8.
 - U-14 will play 11v11.
 - U-16 will play 11v11.
- (4) Size and weight of ball:
 - #3 for U-8.
 - #4 for U-10/U-12.
 - #5 for U-14/U-16.
- (5) All game durations will be 50-minutes. Each game will consist of two 25-minute halves with a 5-minutes half time intermission. No game will have extra time except the championship game of a results oriented division (U11 and above) that contains four teams in the division. In this instance, the regular time period will be followed by two 5-minute extra time periods. Both extra time periods will be played regardless if a team scores a goal. If the game ends in a tie after the extra time, a penalty kick shootout will ensue immediately following the end of the extra time periods. Only the players on the field at the end of extra time are allowed to participate in the penalty kick shootout.
- (6) Substitutions are unlimited and may be made prior to all goal kicks, after a goal by either team and at half time. Also, substitutions may be made prior to a throw-in by the team with possession. If the team with possession makes a substitution, the defending team may substitute as well. The defending team may make as many changes/subs as they want and are not limited to how many the offensive team makes. After a referee has stopped play for an injury or a caution, only the injured or cautioned players may be substituted for and the opposing team will be entitled to the same number of substitutions. Players coming into the game may run onto the field as the substituted players are running off the field.
- (7) Maximum roster size/ minimum number of players needed for match are:
 - U-8; Max Fourteen (14) / Min Five (4)
 - U-9/10; Max Fourteen (14) / Min Five (5)
 - U-11/12; Max Sixteen (16) / Min Seven (7)
 - U-14 and U-16; Max Twenty-Two (22) / Min Eight (8)
 - Only Eighteen (18) can dress per game.

- (8) Any player or coach ejected from a match will not be allowed to participate in the team's next match and may be subject to disqualification from the tournament after review by the referee and the Tournament Director.
- (9) Results: Three (3) points for a win; One (1) point for a tie; Zero (0) points for a loss. Tie-break rules are as follows:
 - (a) Head to head results.
 - (b) Least goals allowed.
 - (c) Goal differential (maximum of 3 considered per game).
 - (d) Most Shutouts
 - (e) Most goals scored (maximum of 5 considered per game).
 - (f) Shoot out via penalty kicks.

Forfeits will be awarded if a team is not ready to play five (5) minutes after the published game time. A minimum of seven (7) players are required to play a match. A forfeit will be considered a 1-0 win.

- (10) Heading: Due to USSF concussion guidelines, there is no heading in the U12 and below divisions. If a player intentionally heads the ball, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect kick at the spot of the infraction. Intentional heading of the ball determination is of the discretion of the referee.
- (11) All decisions by the Tournament Director are final. No protests will be allowed.**
- (12) In the case of a uniform color conflict, the designated home team, which is listed first on the schedule, shall be required to change or wear pinnies.
- (13) All players' equipment is subject to the referee's approval. A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to themselves or another player. No jewelry is allowed and no plaster casts or hard splints – no exceptions.**
- (14) Coaches, managers, team officials and spectators are not permitted on the field of play without the permission of the referee. Doing so will result in an immediate ejection from the game.
- (15) No player is allowed to play without a medical/general release form and a state approved player pass. Coaches are required to have their team's player passes in their possession at all times. Teams that do not have their player passes at field during a match may be subjected to a forfeit.
- (16) A photocopy of a stamped state roster and medical/general release forms must be submitted to the Tournament Registrar at the time of registration.
- (17) Every team must register before their first scheduled game. Failure to register before that first game will result in forfeiture of that game.
- (18) All out of region teams that are not governed by US Youth Soccer Region I must carry a "Permission to Travel" (USYSA-TT5). Also, a certified copy must be submitted to the Tournament by mail prior to June 8th, 2017.
- (19) This is a patch/pin tournament.
- (20) All U-8 and U-10 participants will receive participation awards.**
- (21) In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the location, delay, or reduce the length of a match by 50%. If a match is terminated in progress after one half is completed, the match will be considered official and the score final. If a match is suspended,

coaches and players are to remain in the area until a determination of the match is made. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and players must appear at the field ready to play-unless otherwise advised by the Tournament Director. Only the referee or the Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match. In the event that the entire tournament is canceled due to severe weather conditions or other reasons beyond the control of the Tournament Committee, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.

- (22) We recognize that in the heat of competition, emotions can run very high. However, we ask that everyone remember that our purpose is to come together in mutual respect and sportsmanship in the great game of soccer. Please respect your fellow spectators, players, coaches, team officials, referees and tournament officials.
- (23) All games are subject to spot inspection for player passes. If unregistered players are found the player & coach will be subject for Tournament ejection.
- (24) Guest players must be presented to the Tournament Director for approval prior to game start.
Three guest players allowed per team, unless otherwise approved.

U8 Division Modified Rules

- (25) Substitutions may be made at any time and on the fly during the match without waiting for a stoppage of play or acknowledgement of the referee. Players entering the field must do so from the coach's box area and only after the substituted players exits the field of play first.
- (26) Offside. There will be no offside in this division.
- (27) Throw-in. The player will be allowed to redo the throw-in if done incorrectly. The referee shall explain to the player how to execute the throw-in correctly.
- (28) Penalty kick. There will be no penalty kicks for this division.
- (29) Goal Kick. All goal kicks shall be **indirect**. The ball may be placed at any location inside of the goal box for the goal kick. The defending team shall retreat to the center line and may not pressure until the ball is returned to play by the attacking team.
- (30) Corner Kicks. All corner kicks shall be **indirect**. Opposing players shall be at least 5 yards away from the spot of the ball.
- (31) Fouls & Infractions. All fouls will result in an **indirect** free kick with the opponent at least 5 yards away from the spot of the ball. The referee shall explain all infractions to the offending player.

MOST IMPORTANT.....HAVE FUN!!!