

Important Contact Information: All matters related to the tournament should be directed to the Tournament Director at tournament@sportingca.us. It is the responsibility of the coaches and managers to ensure appropriate phone numbers and email addresses are entered into the team's roster/application. Coaches and managers need to review and make sure they are familiar with the rules, pre-match check-in procedures, and credentials.

Protests: No protests will be allowed during this tournament. The decision of the referee, field marshal, and the tournament director shall be final. All games will be considered final.

Player Credentials: Player picture identification cards are to be present and available at all matches. Identification cards will be verified at team check-in. Player cards will be held by the referees until the game is completed. Cards for players who receive red cards or suffer a head injury will be retained by the referee and given to the tournament director until a player suspension ends or a player is cleared by medical personnel. Any appeal of a player's eligibility must be made before a match begins to a Field Marshal or other tournament official.

Rosters: Teams may register a maximum of 22 players for 11 v 11 (only 18 players can dress); and 18 players for 9 v 9 and 14 players 7 v 7. Teams are allowed an unlimited number of loan players.

Player's Equipment: It will be within the game Referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment including the wearing of a hard brace.

Conduct: All coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, bench, friends, and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team) is permitted provided:

- No mechanical devices are used.
- The tone of voice is instructive and not derogatory.
- Each coach or substitute remains within 10 yards of either side of the halfway line.
- No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators.
- No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.

Cautions & Ejections: A player or coach receiving two (2) yellow cards in a single game is considered to have received an ejection (red card). Ejected players may not be replaced in the current game and shall serve a minimum of one-game suspension at their next game played. Any coach, player, team official, or spectator receiving an ejection (sent off) will not be allowed to be within sight or hearing distance of the field of play during his/her suspension and will not be allowed to coach the following game (will serve a one-game suspension). Any parent red-carded or sent off will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. For flagrant violations, a longer suspension may be enforced based on mandatory review of the tournament director.

The player ID cards will be pulled for all red cards issued for violent conduct or referee abuse and submitted to Cal South (tournament sanctioning organization).

Suspended Games: If, in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated due to misconduct of players, bench, or spectators, the offending team could be suspended from further play and forfeit all points and position previously earned. Additionally, the home league and state association will be contacted accordingly.

Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions are allowed in all age groups. Teams may substitute at any game stoppage of play with the referee's permission. Substitutes must wait on the sideline (off of the field of play) until the field player has left the field of play and/or the referee has indicated the substitute may enter the field of play. Substitutions will be made at the centerline.

Injury: Delays of the game due to injury will result in appropriate time being added to the full game time, based on the judgment of the referee. However, all preliminary games will be terminated not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game.

Sideline Assignments: Both teams will sit on the same side of the field in the Technical Area. Only players and team personnel whose names appear on the filed team roster may be in the technical area. Spectators must sit on the sideline opposite their team bench without crossing the midfield line during the entire match. Spectators must remain at a minimum of 3 yards away from the sideline. No spectator affiliated with a team may sit on either end line.

Home Team: The home team appears first on the game schedule. The game ball is subject to referee approval. The home team will be required to switch to an alternate jersey if the referee declares color conflict. The home team will have the

selection of the touchline from which they play. In event of restricted space on one or both touchlines, teams may play from the same touchline subject to the discretion of the field marshal. If teams are on the same side of the field the halfway line shall separate the teams.

Forfeits & Byes: All teams who forfeit will have the game(s) scored as a 0-3 loss. The winner will be awarded ten (10) points. If, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, a forfeit provides an unfair advantage, the Tournament Director may make an adjustment in the bracket. Teams forfeiting their first game will be assumed to forfeit all of their games unless they contact the Tournament Director at least 3 hours prior to their subsequent games. Teams will forfeit for any of the following reasons:

- Teams fail to check in at the required location, ready to play five minutes before the scheduled kick off time
- Home team fails to produce an alternate color jersey if referee determines there is a color conflict
- Teams fail to produce laminated player passes and/or coach's pass
- Teams fail to report to the field with the minimum number of players required to start the game
- (6 for 2017-20012; 7 for 2011-2005)
- Coach is ejected and fails to leave the field when directed to do so
- Coach is ejected and there is no other coach or administrator available
- Game is suspended due to the misconduct of players, coaches, administrators, parents or spectators

There will be no refunds to teams who forfeit their own games.

Brackets: Bracketing of teams within an age group is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director and may not be appealed unless a team is placed in the wrong gender.

Acts of God: Rain or other weather conditions during the tournament shall not delay play unless the referee determines the field to be unsafe for play or the facility personnel decide to close the fields. In the event of such a delay or postponement, games will be rescheduled if at all possible. It is the responsibility of the coaches to be available for any contingencies and to monitor the tournament website for updates. Field Marshals at the location will be informed of any changes and will provide instructions to all teams. Coaches are asked to be patient and remain flexible if this unfortunate situation arises.

In case of cancellation due to inclement weather or any other reason, the "Tournament Committee" retains the right to retain the full amount of the team fee to cover expenses. Therefore, there will be no make-up games due to inclement weather or refunds.

****All coaches/managers are to check their emails and schedules frequently.**

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