

## TOURNAMENT RULES

**All players must check-in at the registration desk** and sign the liability waiver form prior to playing their first game. **Players must continuously wear the 'tournament wrist band'** throughout the tournament. If the wristband is tampered with or removed the player will not be allowed to play until they obtain a new band, and based upon the circumstances of the removal or tampering, may be disqualified from the tournament.

All teams will be allowed to carry **no more than 20 players** on their roster. No players may be added or substituted after the start of the team's first game on Sunday. **Picture identification is required** upon check-in, and must be available at all times during the tournament. Players may be asked to produce their picture identification at any time by any referee or Soccer in the Sierras staff member. If any player refuses to produce identification, or is determined to be under age or unregistered, the team will forfeit the match and may be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.

**No player may play with more than one team within their designated age category.** However, players who register on Saturday in both the over 30 and the over 40 divisions may play with one team in each age category. **All teams are guaranteed four games**, with the top four teams in each division moving into the semi-final games on Sunday. **Placement within each division is based on points, which are calculated in the following manner:**

**Win = 6 Points                      Tie = 3 Points    Shut-Out = 1 Point**  
**Goals Scored = 1 Point for each goal up to 3 Points**  
**Forfeits scored as a 1-0 game, team awarded 8 points**  
**0-0 Tie at end of game, each team awarded 4 points**  
**Red Card = Subtract one point per card**

In the event of a **tie in points at the end of the first four preliminary games**, the deciding factor shall be head-to-head, goals for, goals against, then a coin toss.

Games will consist of **two 25 minute halves**, with a five minute half-time. Preliminary and semi-final games are not subject to overtime periods. In the event of a tie at the end of a semi-final game, the game winner shall be decided by five alternating penalty kicks for each team. Penalty kicks shall be taken by three women and two men from each team, (woman from team one, woman from team two, man from team one, man from team two, and so on). If this process ends in a tie, the process shall repeat itself on a "sudden death" basis. **Coach's/Team Captain's are ultimately responsible for ensuring that the proper score has been recorded** by the referees at the end of each game. It is

strongly recommended that each Coach/Captain double-check the scorecard prior to it being turned in.

**Championship games are subject to two 10 minute overtime periods,** followed by five alternating penalty kicks for each team. Penalty kicks shall be taken by three women and two men from each team, (woman from team one, woman from team two, man from team one, man from team two, and so on). If this process ends in a tie, the process shall repeat itself on a "sudden death" basis.

**Over 30 teams shall consist of 11 players, men over 30, woman over 25, in the year of the tournament.** Excepting the goalie position, **no more than five men may be on the field of play at any one time,** (ie: 5 men, 5 women, with the goalie being of either gender as determined by the team).

**Over 40 teams will consist of 11 players, men over the age of 40 and women over the age of 35, in the year of the tournament.** Excepting the goalie position, no more than five men may be on the field of play at any one time, (ie: 5 men, 5 women, with the goalie being of either gender as determined by the team).

**All players must wear uniforms** while on the field of play. Uniforms shall include shirts of a uniform color bearing individualized numbers, socks, shorts, shin guards, and appropriate shoes. All teams must be prepared to change to an alternate color uniform at any time during the tournament.

Kickoff will be decided by a coin toss.

**Casts and splints** will not be allowed on the field of play. Knee braces will be allowed if padded and covered. Jewelry will not be permitted other than rings which have been taped for safety.

The referee and assistant referees of the game shall be "the authority" on the field of play during the game. **All decisions by the referees are final** and incontestable. No protests shall be allowed. Any individual who attacks any referee or tournament official shall immediately be ejected from the game, the tournament, and any future tournaments.

**Each team shall report to their assigned field** fifteen minutes prior to the official start time for their game. Any team not ready to participate ten minutes after the scheduled start time shall forfeit the game.

**No alcoholic beverages** will be allowed at the tournament. Any player observed to be in possession of or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage will immediately be ejected from the tournament.

**Anything not covered** by the published rules will be decided by the tournament committee, the tournament coordinator, or the referee coordinator.

**All games will be played according to F.I.F.A. rules,** in addition to the following local rules of play:

- 1. All drop balls** to be taken by women.
- 2. Players may use their hands** and arms to protect themselves as long as they keep them close to their body and do not attempt to use them to direct the ball.
- 3. Teams must have at least 7 players to begin the match, 3 of whom must be women,** within ten minutes of the posted game time.
- 4. No slide tackling** within 10 feet of another player. First offense is an automatic yellow card ejection.
- 5. Teams may substitute** only when in possession of the ball for a throw-in, while play has stopped for a goal kick for either team, for an injury when authorized by the referee, after any goal, or at half time.
- 6. Out-of-control play** shall be considered an intentional foul, and is subject to all appropriate penalties up to and including ejection from the tournament.
- 7. Players receiving a yellow card caution** shall immediately leave the field of play and remain out of the game for a ten minute "cooling off" period. The player shall request permission from the referee prior to re-entering the field of play.
- 8. Any player, manager, or coach receiving a red card ejection** shall immediately be suspended from the remainder of the game being played, as well as the next game played by his or her team. The referee, in the referee's sole discretion, may allow the ejected player to remain on the grounds during the remainder of the game. If the referee determines that the game cannot continue with the ejected player on the grounds, the referee will immediately notify the captain of the ejected player's team and the player will have ten minutes to leave the tournament area. If the player refuses to leave, or has not left within the ten minute time period, his or her team will automatically forfeit the game.
- 9. It is the responsibility of the coach, manager, or team captain to control his or her players and associated spectators.** The referee shall consider associated spectators part of the team and will hold the team responsible for any violation of the tournament rules.

**10.** In the event of **flagrant behavior**, the referee shall have the authority to issue an immediate red card and eject the person or persons involved from the game.

**11. Free Kicks** (direct or indirect) may be taken by players of either gender. Penalty kicks awarded during the course of play may only be taken by women.

**12. No dogs allowed** on the tournament grounds. We are guests of the school, and must abide by their rules and regulations. Unfortunately the school has a strict policy on dogs, and anyone showing up with a dog will be asked to leave the campus.