

COPA9

9v9 Soccer Tournament

TOURNAMENT RULES

*The rules of this tournament shall be in accordance with
FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME
except as modified and approved herein.*

PLAYERS

The maximum amount of players a team can have on the field of play is 9 (nine), 1 (one) being the goalkeeper.

The minimum amount of players a team can have on the field of play is 7 (seven).

Roster Limit is 15 Players. Players can only play for one-team in the tournament.

GAME DURATION: All games are 25 minute halves, 5 minute half-time.

REFEREE FEES: Referee fees are \$25 per game, cash, paid directly to the referee before each game.

OFFSIDE

Offside is abandoned for this competition.

KICK-INS

Throw ins are replaced by kick-ins. The ball must be stationary and on the relevant line of the field. All kick-ins are indirect. Foul kick-ins will result in a kick-in for the opponent at the same location.

PENALTY KICK SHOOTOUT

No games will end in a draw. Games that are tied after regulation will go directly to penalty kicks. Whichever team scores more goals in a series of three kicks per team is declared the winner of the game. If the score is still tied after three, sudden death format is introduced until a winner can be declared. Only the players who were on the field of play when the referee ended regulation time may shoot a penalty kick. The goalkeeper of the penalty shootout can be the same goalkeeper as in regulation time, or one of the players who were on the field. Positional changes are allowed during penalty shootouts, but substitutions are NOT. For example, the goalkeeper may change throughout the shootout, as long as the goalkeeper is one of the players who were on the field when the referee ended regulation time.

SUBSTITUTIONS

To maximize playing time, games are not halted for substitutions. Substitutions can occur at any moment in the game. Substitutions that interfere with the run of play will result in an indirect free-kick at the location of the ball at the time of the false substitution. Players may leave the field of play at any location. Field players may only enter the field from the halfway line, after the player he or she is replacing is completely off the field of play. Goalkeepers can be substituted in from the goal line to ensure the game does not stop. The game will not stop for the replacement goalkeeper to wear the same uniform/gloves as the original goalkeeper. Replacement goalkeepers need to be fully dressed prior to the substitution.

NON-HEADING DIVISIONS U11 & 12 are non-heading divisions.

Players playing in U13 and above must have already turned 11 years old on the day of competition or earlier.

POINT SYSTEM

Win – 2 points

Shutout – 1 point

Loss – 0 points

For each game the winning team will earn either 2 or 3 points depending on the score. The losing team will not be awarded points.

ADVANCEMENT TO PLAYOFFS WHEN TWO TWO TEAMS ARE TIED IN POINTS

1. Head to Head
2. Goal Difference
3. Penalty Kicks

ADVANCEMENT TO PLAYOFFS WHEN TOP THREE ARE TIED IN POINTS

1. Goal Difference
2. Penalty Kicks (all 3 teams)

All players shall be required to wear protective shin guards (to be worn beneath their game socks) at all times while actively participating in the game. Such shin guards shall be of the type and style of protective athletic equipment specifically designed to protect the player's lower leg (shin bone).

Casts and Braces: Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee.

No player will be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet. The referee shall make the decision as to the safety of the player and the referee's decision is final. (The taping of any earring shall not be permitted under any circumstances.) If the referee notices a player wearing jewelry while the match is under way at the next stoppage of play, the referee will instruct the player to remove the item. If the referee deems the jewelry to be dangerous to any player, the referee must stop the match to correct the situation.

PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS, & FAN CONDUCT

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves with the letter and spirit of "THE LAWS OF THE GAME." The site directors have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses to good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by other authority. In addition to the rules of good manners, these rules will apply :

The Site Director will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of players listed on the game rosters, and two managers/coaches from each team, with one team occupying one side of midfield and one team the other. While the game is in progress, the manager/coach and reserve players must remain on their respective benches and not roam the sidelines.

The Site Director will designate the opposite sideline for spectators and fans.

A restraining line shall be drawn 3 yards from the side touch-line and all sideline viewers must remain outside of that line to protect linesmen.

Manager/coaches will be responsible for behavior of their fans.

TOURNAMENT RULES - BEHAVIOR- The Tournament Committee shall insure that the rules of the tournament and the behavior of teams, players, coaches and spectators on the sideline is appropriately controlled.

- a. The issuance of red and yellow cards will be reported on the game report along with an incident report. Disciplinary action will be suspension from game or games in the tournament. A player receiving 3 yellow cards in the first road will be suspended for one playoff game.

DELAY OF START - Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game by more than 10 minutes without authorization from the tournament director shall forfeit the game to the opponent. Forfeits will be recorded with a score of 3 to 0. Shutout points are not possible in a forfeit, therefore the maximum points earned from a forfeited game is 2 points.

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the Tournament Director shall have absolute authority to make these changes to best serve the interest of the tournament as a whole, keeping in mind the need to successfully identify winners by a certain time period.

The Tournament Committee, INTERPRETATION of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.

4-The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all tournament matters.

NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO/ VAPING – There is no alcohol or tobacco use permitted inside in the field or in the surrounding vicinity and parking lot.

NO BBQ/ COOKING FOOD – Cooking / BBQ is not permitted inside the field or in the surrounding vicinity and parking lot.

IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER The Tournament Director reserves the right to reschedule the Tournament in its entirety, or partially, to a future time and date with the intention of completing the event.

No refunds will be given.