



7v7 Spring Soccer Tournament



Rules & Regulations

- FIFA Laws of the Game will be used with modifications and amendments as outlined within this document.
- Indirect Kick-ins will be used instead of throw-ins when the ball is out of play on the sidelines.
- The defenders must be at least 5 yards from the ball on ALL kicks.
- Co-ed teams must have a minimum of 3 females on the field (not including the GK) at all times.
- Must be at least 18 to be manager/coach of a team.
- No gum, food, or drink will be allowed on the field. Any player who is caught will be asked to leave the field immediately.
- No substituting on the fly. There must be a stoppage of play.
- Shin guards are mandatory as per FIFA Law 4.
- Yellow cards & red cards will be issued at the referees' discretion. A yellow card given to a player is at least two minutes off the field. Two yellow cards during the same game will result in an immediate ejection from the game. A red card at any time will result in an immediate ejection from the facility along with a minimum of a one game suspension. Red cards given for fighting or verbal abuse of a referee will be required to withdraw from all tournament play without refund.

Roster

- A minimum of 7 and maximum of 12 players may be on a team roster.
- Coed teams must have at least 4 players from each gender.
- Players must register through the NDSC registration portal
- Team managers are responsible to ensure that all rostered players have matching tops with numbers on the back.

Tournament Check-In Procedures

- Team manager should check in to the main tent at least 20 minutes before the start of their first match.

Conduct

- Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area.
- All Referee decisions during game play are final and can not be overruled.

Tournament Format

Tournament format will be set based on final registration numbers. In past years the tournament has been administered in the following way:

- Teams will be registered in Women's Open, Men's Open or Coed divisions. Each team will play at least 3 games.
- 3 points for a win, 1 point for draws, 0 points for a loss, +1 for a shutout win.
- Playoff rounds may be constructed in different ways for each division. In all instances, the tiebreaker sequence is as follows: 1) head to head, 2) goal differential, 3) goals for, 4) goals against and 5) coin flip

- Qualification for knockout rounds will depend on registration and division make-up.

Rules of Play

FIFAs Laws of the Game will be used as the basis of all rules with the following modifications:

- No Offsides.
- No slide tackling. (This is not applicable to a keeper sliding in their own box. Sliding to stop, trap, kick, or pass the ball when there is no opponent or teammate in close proximity is not permitted.) Slide tackles will result in an indirect free kick.
- Indirect Kick-ins will be used instead of throw-ins when the ball is out of play on the sidelines.
- The defenders must be at least 5 yards from the ball on ALL kicks
- All players must wear proper equipment to play in all matches. Shin guards must be fully covered by proper socks. Any items that have hard plastic or metal parts are considered dangerous and not allowed to be worn during play.
- There will be a 5-minute countdown between games for teams to leave the field/bench areas and new teams to take over and warm up.
- If a team is unable to field a proper team after 5 minutes of the start of a match that team will forfeit the match and the opposing team will be awarded a 3-0 victory. If neither team is able to field a proper team on the field both teams will forfeit the match to be recorded as a 3-0 defeat for each team.
- No substituting on the fly. There must be a stoppage of play.
- Co-ed teams must have a minimum of 2 females on the field (not including the GK) at all times.
- Round robin games will end in ties at the end of regulation play; subsequent elimination games will play a single 5-minute, golden goal overtime to begin immediately after regulation time expires. If still tied, teams will go to a 3 round penalty kick shootout. If the shootout is tied after 3 rounds a sudden death shootout will commence until a winner is decided. Every player must shoot before a player takes a second shot.
- Penalty shootouts must include at least one shooter of each gender (Coed Division only) in the first three shots. Any player who played during that game may shoot.
- Yellow cards are not cumulative and do not carry over from previous matches.
- Referees will send players who have received yellow cards off the field for at minimum a 2-minute "cool down" period. They may be replaced on the field of play.
- Any player receiving a red card shall be disqualified from the current match as well as the next match. Any player receiving a second red card during the tournament shall be banned from all remaining matches.