

Tournament Rules and Regulations

KINGS PARK SOCCER CLUB SUMMER HEAT TOURNAMENT RULES and REGULATIONS

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to rule on any situation not specifically listed below. All tournament games will be played in accordance with the “Laws of the Game” as issued by F.I.F.A. The following statements (rules) supplement these Laws. The Tournament Committee’s interpretation of these rules shall be final.

ELIGIBILITY

- A. All players must be born in the proper age classification.
- B. No player is permitted to be registered with more than one team or to transfer from one team to another during the tournament.
- C. Teams must have a copy of a “Permission to Travel” form signed by their State Association if appropriate.
- D. Player passes will be verified against the team roster at the Registration session and may be required before or during each match if requested by a Tournament official.
- E. Any team who violates the eligibility rule shall forfeit the game in which the ineligible player has participated. The team will also be subject to disqualification from the Tournament and the forfeiture of all fees.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. Each team must submit a “Team Roster Form” at Registration. Adjustments to the roster must be submitted to the Registration Committee at this session.
- B. Each “Team Roster Form” must be verified by a member of the Registration Committee. Coaches shall insure that player passes presented at Registration and by the players prior to each match, if requested, correspond directly to the approved roster.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Each team may be composed of not more than 18 players. U6 to U9 teams are limited to 12, U10 – U12 teams are limited to 15 players.
- B. A minimum number of players shall be required for a scheduled match. For U6 and 7 Division teams, the minimum number of players shall be 4. For U8-U10 Division teams, the minimum number of players shall be 5. For U11 Division teams, the minimum number of players shall be 6. In all other age divisions, the minimum number of players shall be 7.
- C. Should a team not have at least the minimum number of players within 10 minutes after the scheduled match time, it shall forfeit the game 1-0.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. A team shall be permitted to use as many substitutes as it desires in any game (unlimited substitutions).
- B. Substitutions may, with the Referee’s permission, be made on any “dead ball” (throw-in by your team, goal kick, half time, injury, after a goal is scored, after a yellow card is issued).

BEHAVIOR

- A. The coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, club and team officials, and spectators and shall be subject to disciplinary action from the Tournament Committee for failure to exercise proper control.
- B. Players, as well as coaches, managers, and team supporters are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law. Displays of temper or dissent by word or action against an opponent or Referee are cause for ejection from the game.
- C. The issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information shall be reported immediately to the home state association and the home club/league of the player, coach, team, or supporters involved except that all matters involving a referee assault shall, in accordance with USSF Rule 1108, be referred immediately to the host state association.
- D. The home state association and the home club/league of the player, coach, team, or supporters shall, except in the case of referee assault, have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions, within their respective jurisdictions, with regard to any matters arising from the tournament.

PLAYER EJECTION

- A. Should the Referee eject a player from a game, the player will be suspended from that game and the following game.
- B. The Referee will report any red cards to the Field Coordinator immediately following the game.
- C. Should a coach, parent, or team official be ejected from a game by the Referee, they must leave the area and, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, that person may be subject to disciplinary action.

POSITION OF THE PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS

- A. Each team's coaches and players will take a position on one side of the field and all spectators will take a position on the opposite side of the field during the time that the game is in progress. Coaches, players, and spectators will not be permitted behind the goal line during the game.

LINESPERSON

- A. Each team must provide a linesperson for its side of the playing field at each game.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

- A. All fields conform to normal standards and rules where possible. U6 –U8 will play small sided, U9 – U11 $\frac{3}{4}$ field, and U12 full field

STANDING OF TEAMS-METHOD OF DETERMINATION

- A. All age groups will play a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 games, weather permitting. In large divisions requiring a semi-final/final match a sixth game will be required.
- B. The standings will be determined by the following criteria:
 - 1. Points: Each win = 3 points, each Tie = 1 point, each Loss = 0 points.
 - 2. Head-to-Head Competition: [a] In the case of two teams being tied, the winner of the previous match between those two teams shall be awarded the higher standing. [b] In the case of more than two teams being tied, the team that won its match against all other teams it is tied with shall be awarded the higher standing.
 - 3. Teams with most wins.
 - 4. Bonus Points: [a] Bonus points will be awarded to each winning team for the difference between goals for and goals against in each game. [b] A maximum of 3 bonus points may be accumulated in each game.

5. Least goals against.
 6. Penalty Kick Competition. The teams involved will be notified of the time and place.
- C. Forfeited games will be scored as 3 points in favor of the offended team. [1] Bonus points for the winning team of the forfeited game will be determined by that team’s average of the bonus points of all games played, rounded up to the next whole number. [2] In the event of a “no show,” where a team forfeits all games, only paragraph “C” will apply.
- D. Procedure to be followed for the Penalty Kick Competition: [1] Each team will take a series of 5 penalty kicks, alternately. [2] A toss of a coin will determine which team will take the first penalty kick. [3] Each coach will determine the order of players who will participate in the Penalty Kick Competition. This order may not be changed during the competition. [4] Should a tie exist at the conclusion of the 5 penalty kicks, each team will take alternate single penalty kicks until one clear goal margin is obtained following an equal number of players from each team having taken a penalty kick. [5] Only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which includes extra time where appropriate, are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark. [6] Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick. [7] Other than the kicker and the goalkeeper, all eligible players shall remain in the center circle while the Penalty Kick Competition is in progress.

DURATION OF GAME AND BALL SIZE

- A. The game ball will be provided by the Home Team or the Visiting Team, in that order, as accepted by the Referee.
- B. Ball size and game duration is as follows:

AGE GROUP	BALL SIZE	LENGTH OF GAME
U12	4	2 25 minute halves
U11	4	2 25 minute halves
U10	4	2 25 minute halves
U9	4	2 25 minute halves
U8	4	2 25 minute halves
U7-Special Rules Below	4	2 25 minute halves
U6-Special rules Below	3	2-25 minute halves

- C. Intervals between halves shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

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FORFEITS

- A. A team shall forfeit the game if it refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee. If the team to which the game is forfeited is ahead, the score at the time of the forfeiture shall stand; otherwise, the score shall be recorded as 1-0 in favor of the offended team.

PROTESTS

- A. There will be no protests.

PLAYER’S EQUIPMENT

- A. Players will not be allowed to participate if they are not in proper uniform (jersey, shorts, stockings, shin guards, and footwear). With the exception of the goalkeeper, no slider pants will be allowed under any uniform shorts.
- B. Teams must wear numbers on their shirts. Each player shall have a different number and this number must be the same as listed on the official "Team Roster" form.
- C. The colors of a team's jerseys may be different from the color of the team's shorts and/or stockings. At each game, both teams shall be able to make a change of jersey color. If both teams are wearing similar colored jerseys, the HOME team shall be required to change. Goalkeepers shall change jerseys as the referee directs, regardless of home/visitor status.
- D. Shoes must meet FIFA specifications (no exposed metal cleats).
- E. Players wearing splints or casts of any type shall not be eligible to participate in any Tournament game.

WEATHER

- A. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather: [1] Relocate and/or reschedule a game. [2] Reduce the scheduled game duration time.
- B. Should a game in progress be terminated (due to weather conditions, field conditions, or other situations beyond the tournament's control) after completion of the first half, that game shall be considered complete and official. The score at the time of the termination shall stand.
- C. If a game is suspended for any of the foregoing reasons before completion of the first half, each team involved must check with Tournament Headquarters for instructions.
- D. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear on the playing field ready to play at the scheduled game time, or forfeit the game.
- E. Only the Referee and/or the Tournament Director are authorized to postpone a game.

GENERAL

- A. The Tournament and the KINGS PARK Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any club, team or team member if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.
- B. All players are covered by their local club's or organization's insurance.
- C. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the preceding rules and regulations shall be final. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.

SPECIAL RULES PERTAINING TO U6 and 7 ONLY

No Off Sides

All penalties are Indirect Kicks

No Penalty Shots.

Please remember that these are 6 and 7 year olds, most playing in their first tournament. Sportsmanship is encouraged! Coaches are responsible for both their own behavior as well as the behavior of their parents. The referees are to be treated with respect at all times and the Kings Park Soccer Club has Zero Tolerance Policy towards the verbal abuse of any officials.