

Haddonfield Kickoff Classic
August 26, 2017
(Rain date: August 27, 2017)

Tournament Rules

All tournament games will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, as modified by NJYS, USYS and as described herein.

Eligibility

The Haddonfield Kickoff Classic is open only to U8-U12 boys' and girls' teams. All teams will play two sixty (55) minute games. The tournament committee reserves the right to limit the number of teams that will be accepted. Teams are encouraged to apply as early as possible in order to maximize their chances of being accepted.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$300 for U8, U9, U10 & U12 teams. For any team registering after August 1, 2017, there will be a late registration fee of \$50, which is in addition to the \$300 entry fee.

Registration

Team Registration will take place on Wednesday, August 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Crows Woods field house. Every team will be expected to check in at this time, unless specifically excused by the tournament director. Teams traveling more than 45 miles may request to check in on game day by contacting the tournament director, Lisa Hurly, by email at HURLYL@ameetingplace.com or phone at 856-429-8305.

Teams approved for Saturday check-in will have to appear at the tournament tent one hour prior to the scheduled start of their team's first tournament game. Any team failing to appear for check-in will be disqualified from the competition and will forfeit all registration fees.

Teams must bring the following to registration:

- 1) Valid 2017-2018 coach and player passes from US Club Soccer or the appropriate governing state organization. Secondary cards will be accepted.
- 2) Original and one (1) copy of US Club Soccer team roster or USYSA official state roster.
- 3) Notarized Medical Release forms for all players.
- 4) Tournament roster and emergency contact sheet.
- 5) Approved Permission to Travel form from appropriate state office (out of state teams only)

Team Roster

All teams may roster a maximum of fourteen (14) players. Each team may use up to five (5) guest players in order to maximize opportunities for teams to be formed. Our intent is to allow as many young players to experience preseason tournament play as possible. Rosters will become final and will be frozen at the time of check-in.

U8 – Born Year 2010

U9 – Born Year 2009

U10 – Born Year 2008

U11 – Born Year 2007

U12 – Born Year 2006

Any team that registers players from multiple age groups will be placed into the appropriate age bracket of the team's oldest player.

Awards

Participation awards will be given to all players. Scores will not be kept, and there will be no standings.

Length of Game/Ball Size

All games will be sixty (55) minutes, with two twenty-five (25) minute halves and a five (5) minute halftime. Games will be played with a running clock and will use a size four ball, which will be supplied by the tournament.

The tournament committee may adjust the length of any game should a situation warrant such an adjustment (weather, unforeseen circumstances, etc.).

Home Team

The team listed first on the official game schedule will be designated as the home team. Should a uniform conflict occur, the home team will be required to wear an alternate jersey or pinnies.

Pre-game Check in

All teams must check in with the appropriate Field Marshall no less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of every game. Player passes will be inspected and notarized medical releases must be available for review. No exceptions.

Referees

All games will be officiated by USSF referees. Each team will be responsible for providing one linesman, who will be responsible for signaling when the ball has gone out of play. Linesmen are not allowed to coach from the sideline. All decisions will be made by the referee, and those decisions are final.

Conduct

All coaches, players and spectators are expected to conduct themselves with the utmost dignity and sportsmanship. The Haddonfield Kickoff Classic will place a substantial emphasis on providing a positive learning environment for the youth players who participate in our event and will have no tolerance for unsporting behavior. Coaches will be responsible for the behavior of their team's spectators and are asked to stress the importance of maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship. Any fan ejected from a game will be required to leave the grass playing areas and will not be allowed to attend any subsequent games at the 2017 Haddonfield Kickoff Classic.

Referees will not restart the game until the ejected spectator has left the grass playing areas.

Any coach or player who receives one red card or two yellow cards in a single game will be ejected from the game in question and will be banned from participating in any other games at the 2016 Haddonfield Kickoff Classic. Referees will not restart the game until the coach that has been ejected has left the grass playing areas. Ejected players will be allowed to remain on the team bench, so long as they do not create a distraction or otherwise disrupt the game. Any coach, player or spectator who is ejected as a result of a physical or verbal attack on another person in attendance (player, coach, referee, tournament volunteer or spectator) will be permanently banned from further participation in our tournament, and the appropriate state association and governing league will be informed in writing of the attack.

Teams will both be on the same side of the field, with spectators on the opposite side. Coaches will be allowed to move along their own sideline between the end of their defensive 18 and midfield. Referees will be instructed to warn and, if necessary, caution (yellow card) any coach who does not stay within the prescribed coaching area.

Mercy Rule

In keeping with sporting behavior and to ensure the best developmental opportunities for all participants of the tournament, every effort should be made to avoid creating an embarrassing situation for the players. Should one team find itself to be scoring a lot and dominating play, the tournament committee asks that the coach of that team manipulate his line-up in a sportsmanlike fashion. Please do so in a respectful fashion and be considerate of the young players who are out on the field doing their best. The aim is to create a worthwhile experience for all players.

Protests/Disputes

Protests of game results will not be allowed. Disputes will only be heard should the infraction involve the use of an ineligible player. The tournament committee will resolve any such dispute, and the decision of the committee will be final.

Equipment

All players must wear shin guards at all times during game play. No jewelry will be allowed. Referees will have the final authority to determine whether any item will be allowed to be worn by a player during game play. All teams must have matching uniforms with numbers.

Substitutions

Teams may substitute with permission from the referee at the following times:

- 1) Prior to a throw in by the team in possession.
- 2) Prior to any goal kick.
- 3) Following a goal by either team.
- 4) At halftime.
- 5) Following an injury to a player which caused play to be stopped (the injured player must leave the field). Both teams may make unlimited substitutions during an injury stoppage.
- 6) Following a caution that does not result in an ejection. Both teams may once again make unlimited substitutions during this type of stoppage.

Inclement Weather and Other Unforeseen Circumstances

Every effort will be made to play the tournament games as originally scheduled. Should weather or any other unforeseen situation prohibit all games from being completed on Saturday, August 29, the games will be played the following day, Sunday, August 30. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the length of games as necessary. Suspended games will be restarted so long as there is sufficient time to complete the game schedule. Any game that has entered the second half will be considered a completed game, should weather and/or other circumstances prohibit the full completion of the game. Should inclement weather occur on Saturday, August 26, the tournament will be played on Sunday, August 27. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust brackets and times to accommodate play. Please be prepared to play on Sunday.

Cancellations/Refunds

Should the tournament be cancelled prior to the start of play, all registered teams will receive an 80% refund of the team's entry fee, as required by NJYS. Should the entire tournament not be cancelled but a team play less than two complete games, refunds of entry fees will be issued as follows:

One complete game = 40% refund
No complete games = 80% refund

Please note, as mentioned above, a complete game is a game that has entered the second half of play, regardless of whether the entire second half has been played. All decisions with regard to such will be made by the tournament committee, and those decisions will be final. Any team that withdraws after acceptance into the tournament will forfeit all registration fees.

Golf Carts

Anyone operating a golf cart during the Haddonfield Kick-Off Classic must hold a valid New Jersey driver's license.

Final Word

Any rule not specifically addressed herein will be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Their decision is final.