

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Players:**
 - a. Maximum roster of 24 players.
 - b. All teams play with 10 players plus goalkeeper on the field.
- 2. Duration of Games and Game Balls:**
 - a. All games will be 60 minutes, 30 minute halves.
 - b. At the referees and mutual team agreement, midway water breaks will be added based on weather conditions.
 - c. Game Balls: size 5.
- 3. Substitutions:**
 - a. Substitutions can be made on any possession, as long as the sub is at midfield.
 - b. Once a player is subbed, he cannot return back to the field.
 - c. Each team is allowed a maximum of 7 subs. No re-entry allowed.
- 4. Tournament Game Rules and Fouls:**
 - a. FIFA rules will be enforced unless stated differently.
 - b. Kickoffs are indirect kicks, and must go forward or backward.
 - c. There will be no coin flip. Home team will have kick-off.
 - d. Offsides will be enforced.
 - e. All players are responsible for wearing shin guards.
 - f. Dangerous tackles, like slide tackling may be awarded automatic yellows.
 - g. Opponents must be 10 feet behind any free kick, if whistled by the referee.
 - h. Flagrant fouls will not be tolerated. Referees will card serious offenses at their discretion.
 - i. Last man flagrant fouls are automatic direct kicks and yellow card
 - i. Hand balls
 - i. All hand balls lead to indirect free kicks outside of the 18 yard box
 - ii. All hand balls in the 18 yard box lead to automatic penalty shot, unless deemed an indirect kick.
 - j. Yellow Card: Player receives a warning for the first yellow card. A second yellow card in the same game becomes a red card and ejection from the game.
 - i. Two yellow cards in one game or accumulated in all group play results in 1 game suspension.
 - ii. Yellow cards reset in knockout round
 - k. Red Card: Player must leave the field immediately and may not return. The team will play short a player for the duration of the game.
 - i. Player automatically receives 1 game suspension
 - ii. All red cards reset in the knockout round. The exception is if a red card is issued in the final group stage game, the suspension carries over into the knockout round.
- 5. Goalkeeper:**
 - a. FIFA rule applies on pass back to goalkeeper
 - b. When a goalkeeper legally handles the ball: he may release it either by throw within 6 seconds of gaining control or the keeper may drop the ball to themselves.
- 6. Standings:**
 - a. Ranked by points: Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points, Donation Threshold = 0-3 points
 - b. Each team will have a fundraising goals, which will be awarded in the form of points
 - i. Fundraising starts two(2) months from the tournament and goes through the last group stage game
 - ii. Fundraising Thresholds and Rewards as follows
 1. \$250 fund raised = +1 point
 2. \$500 fund raised = +2 points
 3. \$1,000 fund raised = +3 points
 - c. Tie breaking procedure in order of evaluation
 - i. Winner of head to head game

- ii. Goal Differential
- iii. Fewest goals allowed
- iv. Most clean sheets
- v. Least amount of accumulative yellow and red cards

7. Knockout round:

- a. If after regulation and the game is either tied or scoreless, penalty shootout comes next
- b. Traditional FIFA rules of penalty shootout
- c. If score is tied through all field players, goalkeepers take their shot

8. Other:

- a. Each coach is responsible for the behavior of his or her team, coaches and spectators. Any player, parent, coach or spectator demonstrating conduct not in accordance with tournament, Level Up Athletics & Performance or legal regulations shall be evicted. Misconduct by players and/or coaches during periods between games will lead to expulsion for the team.