

MTsc United Preseason Tournament Rules and Policies

- **Team check-In Requirements** – Teams are required to check-in at Tournament Headquarters at least 1 hour prior to the start of their first game or you may email them to the tournament director. The following documents must be provided:

- ✓ **Official Team Roster** – Team’s official stamped roster(s) showing that you are registered in a recreational league. Player’s number must be listed on the official roster for each player.
- ✓ **Roster Size** - The following chart provides the maximum allowed players on a team:

Age Bracket	Maximum Roster Size
U5-U6	8 Players
U7-U8	8 players
U9-U10	12 Players
U11-U12 and Academy/ Juniors	16 players
U13-U14	18 Players
U16-U19	22 Players*

*No more than 18 players may be in uniform and/or participate in any particular game

- ✓ **Medical Release Forms** – A copy of each player’s medical release form, signed by the player’s parent or guardian, must be presented and kept on hand by the coach or manager throughout the tournament.
- ✓ **Player Passes** – All U16-U19 age players (whose regular league requires player passes) must have a current player pass and you will need to provide them for review at check-in and have them available at every game.
- ✓ **Travel Documents** – For teams from outside of Oklahoma travel documents obtained from the home state association must be presented. If the home state does not provide travel documents, the team must provide proof of insurance before being allowed to play.
- ✓ **Guest Player Documentation** – If a team has guest player(s) for the tournament the following documentation is required for each guest player, a copy of the guest player’s primary team’s official stamped roster showing that they are registered in a recreational league, the guest player’s signed medical release form and the guest player’s player pass if player is U16-U19.

- **Game Schedule** – Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of three games. Scheduler will attempt to avoid conflicting games for coaches who coach multiple teams. Schedule will be published as early as possible to allow coaches time to review.
- **Refunds/Application Acceptance** – Any refund of registration fees are at the discretion of the Tournament Director. No refund shall be provided to a team removed from the tournament due to disciplinary reasons. Once a team is accepted the payment form will be charged for the registration fee.
- **Scoring** – Scoring used to determine team standings at the end of group play will be based on a three (3) point system:

Win = 3 points
Tie = 1 point
Loss = 0 points

Note that U6 games are “festival style” and scores will not be recorded.

- **Tie Breakers** – The following tie breakers will be used for the tournament:
 - Group play – If at the end of group play, two teams are tied, the group (or wild card) winner will be determined using the following order of tie breakers:
 - Winner of head-to-head competition
 - Most wins
 - Team with the greatest net goal difference (NGD) which is computed as “goals for” minus “goals against”
 - Team with the least goals against
 - Team with the most goals
 - Kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA law.
 - If more than two (2) teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence from the top.
 - In elimination, semi or final round matches, tie games will not be permitted. Overtime and kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winner in each game.
- **Forfeits** – A forfeit will be declared if a team fails to appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled game time with at least the minimum number of players required. In the event a team in round-robin competition forfeits any match, the official game score for all that team’s games will be recorded as 3-0 losses. A team that forfeits a match will be considered to have withdrawn from the tournament and will forfeit all applications fees.
- **Awards** – Player medals will be awarded as follows:
 - All U6 players will receive participation medals upon conclusion of their games.
 - Players on the 1st and 2nd place teams in each bracket will receive medals.
- **Uniforms and Player Equipment** –
 - All players of the same team must wear jerseys of the same color, with the exception of the goalkeeper who will wear a different color to distinguish them from both teams and the referee. Team shorts should all match and be of the same color. Team socks and any applied tape or covering must also match and be of the same color.

- Each player on a team must have a unique number that matches the number shown on the official roster.
 - The home team is to change colors in the event that both teams show up wearing the same color jersey or similar colors.
 - All players are required to wear shin guards.
 - No player shall wear anything that is dangerous to him or other players, including but not limited to rings, earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.
- **Sidelines** - Teams and spectators shall seat themselves as follows:
 - The Home team (listed first on the schedule) and their spectators will be seated on the North or East side of the field.
 - The away team (listed second on the schedule) and their spectators will be seated on the South or West side of the field.
- **Rules and Policies** – Tournament games will be played in accordance with current FIFA laws of the game as modified herein.
- **Match Length & Format** – The format and duration of all games will be per the table below.

Age Group	Format	Ball size	Offside	Game length	Overtime for semifinals and finals
U5, U6	4v4 Festival	3	NO	Four 8 minute quarters	None
U7 pure age	4v4	3	No	Four 8 minute quarters	
U7-U8 mixed age and U8 pure age	4V4	3	NO	Four 8 minute quarters	Two 5 minutes halves
U9, U10	7V7	4	Yes	Two 25 minute halves	Two 5 minutes halves
U11-U12 And Juniors/Academy	9V9	4	YES	Two 25 minute halves	Two 5 minutes halves
U13-U14	11V11	5	YES	Two 30 minute halves	Two 5 minutes halves
U16-U19	11V11	5	YES	Two 35 minute halves	Two 5 minutes halves

- **Substitutions -**

For U5 through U12: At any stoppage and unlimited

For U14 through U19:

1. Unlimited and may be made at the following times
2. Prior to a throw-in by either team.
3. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
4. Following a goal by either team.
5. After an injury by either team if the injured player is substituted.
6. After a caution for the cautioned player only, the opposing team may sub.
7. At half time.

- **Protests and Appeals** – No protests or appeals will be heard unless the laws of the games have been misapplied by the Referee and have affected the outcome of the game. The Tournament Director and the Referee Staff will determine whether or not such action affected the

outcome of the game. If, in their opinion, the outcome was affected, they may take whatever remedial action they deem appropriate. NO JUDGEMENT CALLS MADE BY THE REFEREE MAY BE PROTESTED.

- **Match Officials** - The MTsc U Referee Assignor will be responsible for assigning all tournament referees, with the appropriate number of referees for each game. All center referees and assistant referees who officiate will be licensed and in proper uniform. Field referee instructions regarding tournament rules will be the duty of the Referee Assignor. Field center referees and assistant referees will be paid at a rate to be determined by the Tournament Committee.
- **Standards of Conduct** - All participants in and fans and observers attending the tournament are required to maintain high standards of conduct while at MTsc United facilities. Should it come to the attention of MTsc U officials, tournament personnel or referee oversight that a person or persons failed to do so, remedial action may be taken which may include and is not limited to any or all of the following: a reduction in points in their associated team's current standings, banning of such individuals or associated team from the current match, the remainder of the tournament and or MTsc United facilities. For MTsc United Facility Rules please go to www.metrotulsasoccer.com and click on the "Safety & Communication" tab on the left.
- **Tournament Director** - It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to employ these rules herein in a manner consistent with fair play and the spirit of the game. For issues not specifically addressed herein, please contact the Tournament Director at MTscTournament@att.net