



## SPRING TWISTER

### Rules:

#### **TEAM REGISTRATION**

All team applications for the tournament must be completed accurately and received by the deadline.

\*\*\*Online Check in will be posted on the tournament page.

Guest Player forms (3 maximum per team)

Academy teams will only need roster, medical releases, and birth certificates.

\*\*\*ANY TEAMS THAT HAVE SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE NOTIFIED AT THE TEAM CHECK-IN or via the SLSC website.

#### **TEAM STANDINGS AND TIE-BREAKERS**

Team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

Win....3 points

Tie.....1 point

Loss.....0 points

**Tie-breaker system is as follows:**

- (1) Head-to-head
- (2) Goal differential (max 3 per game)
- (3) Most shutouts
- (4) Fewest goals allowed
- (5) If still tied, then FIFA penalty kicks will determine the winner.

\*\*\*If 3 teams are tied, we will proceed down the tie-breakers until there is a winner or one team is eliminated. If one team is eliminated, then we will start back with those two remaining teams at tie-breaker one (1) and proceed down the tie-breakers with the remaining two teams.

#### **GAME LENGTH AND BALL SIZE**

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BALL SIZE</u>	<u>LENGTH OF Games</u>	<u>Max Roster</u>
U5/U6 (4v4)	3	4 x 10 Minute Quarters	8
U7/U8 (4v4)	3	4 x 10 Minute Quarters	8
U9/U10 (7v7)	4	2 x 25 Minute Halves	12
Academy U8-U10 (7v7)	4	2 x 25 Minute Halves	12
U11-12 (9v9)	4	2 x 30 Minute Halves	16
U13 – U19	5	2 X 30 Minute Halves	18

There is no Goal Keeper in the 4v4 divisions.

There is no overtime in Preliminary games. Semi-Final and Championship matches that are tied at the end of regulation will be decided on "Golden Goal" (1 x 5 min).

If there is not a winner after "The Golden Goal" then the game will be decided by FIFA penalty kicks.

**GAME TIME:** Kickoff will be at the scheduled time unless games are delayed. A team not ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game is subject to forfeiting the match.

**Substitutions:** Unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play during all tournament games.

**Heading Rule:** There is no heading allowed from U11 and below per US soccer recommendation. If a deliberate header is made an indirect free kick will be given from the spot of the foul. If the infraction occurs inside the 6 yard box the kick will be placed on the top of the 6 yard box closest to the foul.

**Academy Build out lines:** Opposing team players must move behind the build out line when keeper has possession of the ball in his/her hands or on a goal kick. Once the ball has been put into play; players may pressure, if the keeper chooses to play the ball out quickly not waiting for defending team to get behind the line, play is live and players can immediately pressure. There is no punting in Academy age groups. The offside line in Academy is the build out line closest to a teams' attacking goal. (There is no offside in 4V4)

## **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

The home team is listed first or on top in the schedule. Home team is to wear light colored uniform, away is to wear dark. In case of color conflict, the home team is responsible for changing. (The Away team cannot wear a light color to force the Home team to change. Each team must be prepared to provide a game ball to the referee prior to start of the game. All teams will be located on the side of the field opposite of the spectators. The team side is designated by either signs or team benches. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine if a game is to be played. Games shall be considered complete if one half of the game has elapsed. The score at the stoppage of play will be the final score. Tournament entry fees are not refundable if inclement weather forces the cancellation of the tournament.

**TEAM WARM-UP:** NO WARM-UPS IN THE PENALTY AREA!!! Only the goalkeeper can enter the penalty area to warm-up NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES before kick-off.

## **TEAM DISCIPLINE**

An ejected player or coach is ineligible for the next scheduled game. The coach is responsible for the verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated! Violations may result in forfeit of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

## **AWARDS**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards are given out for U7-U19 and U5/U6 will be a festival format where all participating players receive medals.

## ***Referees***

- a) Referee decisions are final; no protests will be allowed.
- b) Oklahoma State Law prohibits verbal or physical assault of a referee.

### ***Team Discipline***

An ejected player or coach is ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. Any ejected player or coach must leave the field immediately. Ejection for fighting will automatically result in the coach, parent or player(s) not being allowed to participate in the remainder of the Tournament.

### ***Team Protests and Appeals***

Protests and appeals will be allowed only if the Referee has misapplied the rules of the game or if a team uses an ineligible player. The offended team may file a protest by submitting in writing, the nature of the violation within two hours of the incident, along with \$150 in cash to the Tournament Director. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and corrective action as determined by the Tournament Director will be taken. The Tournament Director must determine that the violation defined by the written protest materially affected the outcome of the game. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final.

### ***Inclement Weather***

- a) In case of extreme heat the tournament will instruct the referees to give the players a short water break in each half. Players are allowed to leave the field, and coaches may substitute players with the approval of the referee.
- b) In case of lightning, one long blast will signal everyone to leave the fields and wait in vehicles until the danger has passed and it is deemed safe to take the fields again. (Two short blasts of the horn)
- c) Tournament entry fees are not refundable if inclement weather forces the cancellation of the tournament.

### ***South Lakes Soccer Complex Rules***

- NO PETS
- NO SMOKING
- NO ALCOHOL
- NO FIREARMS
- NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP TRASH ON THEIR SIDELINE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR GAME. PLEASE HELP KEEP THE FACILITY CLEAN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FIELD
- GATES TO THE COMPLEX WILL BE OPENED ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE FIRST GAME

## **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

Any matters not provided for shall be determined by the Tournament Director, whose decision will be final.