

Greater Longview Soccer Association Youth Tournament Rules

1. Each team must have unique numbered jerseys. Alternate jerseys or numbered T-shirts must be available with a unique number for each player. Pennies may be used over the jersey to resolve color conflicts. Goalkeepers are not required to have a number on their jersey but should be identified by number on the roster. Violators will be removed from the field and not allowed back on the field of play until player equipment is corrected. Home Team is listed first on the schedule. The Home Team will change jerseys if there is a color conflict.
2. Home Team will occupy either the North or West side of the playing field, except at complexes which are setup for teams/players to be on the opposite side of the field from spectators.
3. A game may be declared a forfeit by the Tournament Director/Committee if a team is not ready to play at the published time within ten (10) minutes of the game. At half-time the teams must be ready to resume play within five (5) minutes of the referee's designation.
4. The only protests allowed are for ineligible players and misapplications of the laws of the game that the referee admits. All protests must have a material impact on the outcome of the game and be reported in writing, with a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) cashier's check, money order, or cash a must be filed within 30 minutes of the end of the protested game.
5. Teams will play Mini-Games in preliminary & quarter-final games. Semi-final and Final games will be full length. Half-time will be five (5) minutes. 7U-8U do not play advancement games. ***7U teams may enter but must play in the 8U age division.**
6. Brackets with three (3), four (4), or five (5) teams that play each other within the bracket, the team with the highest total points will advance from the bracket. Three (3) team brackets that play crossover games with other three (3) team brackets, the top two (2) teams with the highest total points of the two (2) brackets combined will advance. Preliminary games may end in a tie. If Quarter Final games end in a tie, IFAB "kicks" from the mark will be taken to determine the winner. If semi-final or final games end in a tie, two (2) overtime halves will be played, and if the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, IFAB "kicks" from the mark will be taken to determine the winner.

North Texas Soccer scoring system for all games will be as follows:

- a. 6 points for a win
- b. 3 points for a tie
- c. 0 points for a loss
- d. 1 point per goal scored in the game with a maximum of 3
- e. 1 point for a shutout (not allowing opponent to score)
- f. A forfeit game will be scored at a 3-0 win in calculating mini-games points for tiebreaker determination.

When determining "Wild Cards" if needed, the team(s) from all brackets with the next highest number of points will be selected after all bracket winners have been chosen. Age brackets that contain flights with different numbers of scheduled games, points will be determined on a 10-point system. All teams will divide points by total games scheduled in order to obtain equality with all brackets.

North Texas Soccer tiebreaker system for mini-games will be as follows:

If two or more teams are tied in points after their mini-games are completed, the following tiebreaker procedures will be used to determine the team advancing:

- a. Head to Head game results - winner will advance.
- b. Most number of "shutouts" - team with most "shutouts" will advance.
- c. Goal differential – team with highest goal differential against opponent will advance (maximum of five (5) goal differential). (Example: A 7-0 game = 5-0 in calculating advancement; a 11-5 game = 10-5 in calculating advancement).
- d. Fewest goals allowed - team with fewest goals allowed will advance.

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- e. Fewest accumulation of caution points, 1 point for yellow and 2 points for red.
- f. Kicks from the mark

These tiebreaker procedures will be applied, in order, to the teams tied in points until one team is selected for advancement. In the event of a tie involving age brackets that contain flights with different numbers of scheduled games, then the same tie breakers are used, with the exception that averaging to determine b, c, d, and e will be used.

7. In 11U – 19U age groups, each team must have a minimum of seven (7) players on the field to start the game. There must be a minimum of seven (7) to continue the game. In 7U-8U, three (3) players are required and 9U-10U five (5) players are required.

8. There will be free substitution, with the referee's consent for youth games 9U and above at the following times:

- A player receiving a yellow card (the player carded only)
- Prior to a throw-in for the team in possession (the opposing team may substitute when the team in possession subs)
- Prior to a goal kick
- After a goal by either team
- After an injury by either team when the referee stops the play
- At half-time by either team
- At the referee's discretion

In 7U-8U, substitutions are at the end of the quarters.

9. Any send-offs should be reported to the Tournament Committee immediately following the game. Any player or coach sent-off, other than on account of receiving two cautions in the same game, shall automatically sit out the next played tournament game with their team, unless the send-off occurred in the last game of the tournament for that player or coach, in which case such player or coach would be required to sit out their next scheduled game played. If the send-off was for fighting, or if it is the player's second tournament send-off, the player will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament. Any player receiving three (3) cautions (yellow cards) in the tournament must sit out the next played tournament game with their team (unless the third caution occurred in the last game of the tournament for that player or coach, in which case such player or coach would be required to sit out their next scheduled game played). The **North Texas Soccer Cup & Games A&D Committee** has the right to hold a hearing and increase the suspension at its discretion. **Any player sent off must immediately report to the tournament headquarters with a manager or parent. Any coaches or spectators sent off must report immediately to the tournament headquarters.**

10. All referee decisions are final.

11. The Chairman of Cup & Games, Tournament Director, or their designee, is empowered to make all decisions regarding the competition during the tournament. The decision of the Chairman of Cup & Games or Tournament Director is final in all matters. No appeals will be allowed beyond that point.

12. Each recreational player, when present at a game, shall be required to play a minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action).

13. In the event the referee or linesman are missing from the field, report immediately to your Field Coordinator. In the event the linesmen are not available, each team is required to provide a "club linesman".

14. If a game has played one full half but is stopped short of full time, other than acts on the part of one of the teams, the game shall be considered complete. Full-length games, if tied, will be determined by the tiebreaker procedure.

15. In the event of inclement weather, format for tournament play and/or completion of the tournament will be determined by the tournament committee.

16. Each coach must turn in a Misconduct Report/Score Sheet at the tournament tent immediately following each team's scheduled game.

17. All teams not accepted by the tournament will be refunded in full within ten (10) days of the notification of rejection, or notification to the teams accepted, whichever comes first. Posting on web sites can be considered notification of teams accepted.

18. Any team that withdraws from a tournament less than two weeks from the start of a tournament or does not complete all required scheduled games may not be allowed to enter any sanctioned tournaments until said team appears before the **North Texas Soccer Cup & Games Committee**. The committee may issue sanctions to include suspension from tournament play.

19. In case of rain - HARD RAIN, NOT A SPRINKLE - Follow the tournament's weather guidelines. If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the completion of a team's first scheduled game of the tournament, a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the team's entry fee may be retained by the tournament to cover start-up cost of the tournament.

For any assistance needed, see the Cup & Games Field Coordinator or call the tournament headquarters.

Greater Longview Soccer Association (GLSA) Rule Extensions

A player's jersey number must match his/her jersey number listed on the team's validated tournament Misconduct Report and Score Sheet. Any duplications or incorrect numbers will result in a forfeit. No changes allowed after the team's tournament score sheet is validated by GLSA.

This rule is meant to be an extension of North Texas Soccer Youth Tournament Rule 1.

7U-8U teams: Home team and its spectators will occupy either the entire North or West sideline.

9U-19U teams: Both teams will occupy one sideline and all spectators will occupy the other sideline. Home team will occupy either the North or West half of the playing field from the center line.

This rule is meant to be an extension of North Texas Soccer Youth Tournament Rule 2.

Only rostered team staff and players will be allowed on the team sideline. GLSA allows one head coach and up to two assistant coaches.

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Any player or coach issued a red card must report to the tournament tent immediately after the red card is issued and turn in his/her jersey/coach ID card. The coach will be required to sit in the tournament tent during the remainder of the game and the sit out game. This is to ensure that the player/coach may not play/coach during the remainder of that game and for the subsequent required sit-out game. The player/coach may pick up his/her jersey/coach ID card after the sit-out game has been verified.

This rule is meant to be an extension of North Texas Soccer Rule Youth Tournament 9.

The Tournament Director will decide upon any situation not specifically addressed by the above tournament rules and the decision will be final.

This rule is meant to be an extension of North Texas Soccer Youth Tournament Rules 11 and 12.

Any team that withdraws less than two weeks before the start date of the tournament will forfeit the total entry fee.

This rule is meant to be an extension of North Texas Soccer Youth Tournament Rule 18.

All recreational games will follow GLSA's age specific rules.