

CVFA Tournament Rules

RULES OF PLAY

FIFA

Laws of the Game shall apply as modified by FIFA/USSF.

ROSTER

Roster must be uploaded on GotSport(Deadline to Submit is final Thursday before event) After first game there can not be any changes to rosters. Players can not be added after first game.

Double Roster

Players can only be double rostered if teams are separate age groups. A player can not play in more than one team in same age group.

HOME AND VISITING TEAM

The home team is listed first on the schedule and must change jerseys in the event of a color conflict. The referee at the game will determine if there is a jersey conflict. Players and Coaches will sit on the same side of field as opponents. Parents/Spectators will sit directly across. All Head coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their other coaches, team officials, players, and spectators at all times.

Team Check In

Each team must have a representative check them in before start of first game. (Team check in will only take place before first game) Minimal 30 minutes to an hour before and present player passes. (Please have player passes available at all times)

GAME LENGTHS

The Tournament Director holds the right to shortened game times if there is a delay in the schedule.

U8-U10: 20 minute halves with a 5 minute half-time

U11-U12: 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half-time

U13-U16: 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half-time

Championship games will be the same length as group games. If a Final is tied after regulation, teams will determine a winner going straight to kicks from the mark according to FIFA rules.

Half Time Interval – No more than five (5) minutes

Tiebreaker –No added extra time, direct to FIFA Penalty Kicks

HEADERS

Will be allowed to U12 and up

For age groups U11 and under, deliberate header will be an indirect free kick

TOURNAMENT SCORING

1. Six (6) points for each win, Three (3) points for each tie and zero (0) points for each loss. One point for each goal up to three. One point for a shut-out. Max 10 points in a game.

2. For a forfeited match, the winner will be credited with a 1-0 win and awarded (8) points.

A team abandoned by another team during a match will be awarded total points regardless of the score at the time of the abandonment. No points for the team abandoning the match.

3. No points will be awarded if neither team shows up.

4. Any team leaving the field prior to the determination of a winner shall forfeit the match.

5. A match is considered official upon completion of one half of play regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half with final results based on the score at termination.

6. Final standings for the pool will be determined by the total number of points accumulated during pool play.

TIE BREAKING WITHIN A POOL

Ties in pool standings will be broken by employing a tiebreaker. If more than two teams are involved in the tie, the first team to move ahead of the remaining teams will be awarded the highest place, and the tiebreakers continue until all ties are broken.

1. Head to head
2. Goal Differential
3. Least Goals Against
4. Most Goals For
5. Least amount of Red Cards
6. Kicks from the Penalty Spot in accordance with the procedure outlined in the FIFA Laws

FORFEITURES

Teams failing to check-in (15) minutes prior to their scheduled kick-off time or failing to report

ready to play within (5) minutes of scheduled kick-off time may forfeit their match.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitution at any stoppage with the discretion of the referee.

INJURY

Referees will be instructed not to add time to a match except under the most extenuating circumstances. However, all preliminary matches will be terminated not less than (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next match.

EJECTIONS/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Players/Coaches who are ejected/receive a red card from a match must serve a suspension from future matches (up to referee's discretion).

A coach, team official, or player who has been ejected for VIOLENT CONDUCT shall not be allowed to participate in the next TWO scheduled matches (subject to review by the Tournament Director).

Any coach, team official, or player who assaults a referee will be expelled from the tournament. FIGHTING will not be tolerated for any reason. Coaches, team officials, players, or spectators sent off for fighting (striking or attempting to strike another coach, team official, player or spectator) may not be allowed to participate in any further tournament matches.

Coaches, team officials, players or spectators who enter the field of play for any reason, in the event of a fight, may be ejected from the tournament. If the coaches, team officials, players or spectators cannot be identified, the entire team may be removed from the tournament. No refunds will be made to any team that is removed from the tournament for fighting.

The coach/team official shall forfeit the carded coach's, team official's or player's pass to the Center Referee who will give the pass and the match report to the Field Marshal. The coach, team official or player in question shall be ineligible until the pass is returned to said coach, team official or player by the Tournament Director.

Any coach or team official that is coaching more than one team in the tournament and is suspended on one team is automatically suspended from any other team or teams until the suspension has been served.

If in the opinion of the Center Referee, a match must be terminated for misconduct, the offending team forfeits that match and will be suspended from further play in all remaining matches which would be forfeited. Previous points earned and any right to a refund, awards or other consideration will be forfeited. In addition, the home league and State Association will be contacted.

Any verbal abuse directed at committee members, referees or other volunteers will also result in suspension and ejection.

Referees have complete authority during all matches and will not allow abusive or profane

language, threats of any kind or any style of play that detracts from the Game of Soccer.

DISPUTES

The Tournament Director shall settle all disputes and their decision shall be final. NO protests will be allowed. Red Cards cannot be rescinded.

AWARDS

At the conclusion of the final matches in each age group, first (1st) and Second (2nd), place teams will receive individual medals. The first-place team will receive a trophy.