



2019 Lions FC Memorial Day Tournament Rules

May 24-26, 2019

TOURNAMENT WEBSITE: <http://www.lionsfc.org/memorialday>

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Games will be played at the Schertz Soccer Complex (75 Maske Rd, Schertz, TX 78154) and Lions FC Pride Park (49 Maske Rd, Schertz, TX 78154). Both complexes are adjacent to each other.

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: The tournament headquarters will be located in the tent near the pavilion at the Schertz Soccer Complex concession building.

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CLASSIFICATION AND AGE DIVISIONS: The tournament is sponsored by the Lions Football Club and sanctioned by the South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA). This is an unrestricted tournament open to boys and girls in the following programs: U8-U10 recreational and academy, and U11-U19 recreational and select. Single age brackets and levels will be formed if enough registered teams can support the groupings. Brackets may have to be combined to create a playing group. Unless otherwise amended below, the current Laws of the Game (as published by USYS) will apply to this competition.

TEAM REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN: Team registration must be done through GotSoccer from the link on our tournament website at www.lionsfc.org. No team will be scheduled for games without full payment. Once a team is accepted and scheduled for games, no refunds will be given. All teams must provide an official team roster signed by their local association or club registrar. Teams from outside STYSA must submit an approved USYS travel permit and travel roster. All teams must have proper player identification for each player, including guest players. Laminated cards or virtual cards ("player cards") are acceptable. Teams or players will not be allowed to participate without approved, official documentation. Validated rosters and player cards must be available for inspection upon request. Rosters or player cards from previous seasons **will not** be accepted. Medical release forms must be presented for each player at check-in.

Payments can be made by either check/money order or by credit card. All check/money order payments must be received by May 12, 2019. After this date, all payments must be made by credit card. Teams will not be scheduled until payment is received. Payments are to be mailed to: Lions Football Club, Attn: Tournament Director, P.O. Box 79, Schertz, TX 78154.

Team check-in will take place on the Friday night before the tournament. Official roster, current player cards, and medical release forms for all players are required for check-in. Location and time will be posted on the tournament website.

"STAY TO PLAY" EVENT: Lions FC has partnered with Traveling Teams to provide out-of-town teams with the best available hotel rates and a smooth booking experience. Teams outside an 80-mile radius from the Schertz Soccer Complex will be required to book their hotel stay through Traveling Teams. Once your team registers for the tournament, you will be contacted by a Traveling Teams representative.

ONLINE CHECK-IN: To be eligible for online check-in, teams must be registered and paid by Sunday, May 12, 2019. Online check-in will be available until Sunday, May 12, 2019, 11:59pm. Please upload a legible copy of your official team roster/tournament roster. Player cards for each player on your team need to be scanned together in one document and in alphabetical order. Medical release forms must be uploaded for each player on the roster. Your official roster will come from STYSA or US Club. Please check with your Club's Registrar if you're not sure. These items must be scanned and

uploaded through GotSoccer. If we are not able to read your documents, you will be required to check-in in person at the host hotel.

If you are playing on Friday night, you may check-in at the Lions Pride Park field office, no later than 1-hour before your game.

TEAM AND PLAYER CREDENTIAL CHECK: If requested, each team must be able to present its validated roster and player cards to either a tournament official or the referee before the start of each match. A player may play for only one team in the tournament, and must be listed on the approved roster. If a player plays in a game and is not properly registered, the team will automatically forfeit that game and may face further penalties as determined by the Tournament Director and/or Home Association.

PLAYER SAFETY, PER STYSA RULES: No player will be allowed to play with a hard cast (padded or otherwise). No player will be allowed to play with a brace (knee or otherwise) that contains exposed metal or hard plastics, unless it is wrapped with a minimum of ½ inch high-density foam wrapping or the manufacturer’s recommended protective coating. Players on U11 and younger teams are prohibited from heading the ball.

GAME INFORMATION: All teams will be guaranteed to play at least three (3) games. In group or round robin play, ties at the end of regulation time will stand. Semi-Finals and Finals will go straight to Penalty Kicks in the event of a tie. No overtime periods will be played. Finals will be full length games. Both coaches must agree in order to shorten the halves on the Final games.

Game cards must be picked up at the tournament headquarters by the HOME TEAM COACH/MANAGER prior to the start of each game. The WINNING TEAM COACH/MANAGER must return the game card to the tournament headquarters immediately following the end of the game. Once game cards are turned in, scores are final. Please verify that scores are accurate and that a representative from both teams has signed the game card before they are turned in.

Teams must be at the scheduled field and ready for inspection by the referee at least 15 minutes before the scheduled game time. Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the referee, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match. All games will have a 5-minute halftime.

There are to be no more than three team coaches/representatives on the team sideline. Each coach/representative must have a current Kid Safe badge to be on the sideline. No coaching shall be permitted from behind the goal line or from the parent spectator sideline. No one shall be allowed behind either end line. The referee and/or Field Marshall(s) are authorized to remove any spectator whose behavior, in their opinion, interferes with the play of the game or violates the coaching ban from the parent’s sideline.

Age Group	Ball Size	Max Roster Size	Minimum Players on Field	Guest Player Limit	Game Format	Game Length	Finals Game Length
U8	4	8	3	2	4v4	2 x 15 min	2 x 20 min
U9-U10	4	14	4	4	7v7	2 x 20 min	2 x 25 min
U11-U12	4	16	6	4	9v9	2 x 25 min	2 x 30 min
U13-U14	5	18	7	5	11v11	2 x 30 min	2 x 35 min
U15	5	22	7	5	11v11	2 x 30 min	2 x 35 min
U16-U19	5	22	7	5	11v11	2 x 35 min	2 x 45 min

Game length may be shortened to meet scheduling constraints.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Either team may request unlimited substitutions subject to the following conditions:

- The referee is informed before the substitution is made
- The request occurs prior to requesting team’s throw in

- The request comes after a yellow card
- Any time the referee approves a substitution (as in the case of injury)

In the event of a substitution, the following conditions apply:

- The substitute only enters the field after the replaced player leaves and the substitute is signaled on by the referee
- The substitute must enter the field of play at the halfway line

HOME TEAM: The first team listed on the schedule is the home team and should wear their dark-colored jerseys. The visiting team should wear their light-colored jersey. Teams without two sets of uniforms will be permitted to use “pinnies” to provide color distinction. The home team will be responsible for supplying a game ball of appropriate size, weight, and pressure to the referee, and if necessary, changing jerseys in case of a color conflict.

UNIFORMS: All uniforms for U11 and above teams must have a number that matches the number listed on the game card. If you have a duplicate number, you must make the referee aware and be able to distinguish between the players with duplicate numbers. GK jerseys do not have to have a number, but if the GK comes onto the field as a field player, his/her jersey number must be listed on the game card.

PROTESTS: There is NO appeal or protest process. Referees’ decisions are final. Any other problems should be immediately reported to tournament headquarters and will be resolved by the Tournament Director, or a representative.

TEAM AND SPECTATOR DISCIPLINE: Spectators are expected to occupy the side of the field opposite their team. The coach/manager is responsible for the actions of verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated. Violations may result in termination of the game and further sanctions by the Tournament Director. Any individual that has been sent off must leave the field area immediately or the game could be terminated by the referee with further sanctions added by the Tournament Director. Any coach who removes his/her team from the field during a game will cause the match to be abandoned. This is a forfeit and ALL forfeit rules apply. If a player refuses to give his or her correct name when requested by a referee or tournament official, the referee may terminate the game and additional penalties may be imposed. Teams exhibiting poor sportsmanship will not be allowed to participate in subsequent Lions Football Club tournaments. **The use of artificial noise makers is prohibited.**

EJECTIONS: An ejected player is ineligible for their next scheduled game. An ejected coach or trainer is ineligible for the next scheduled game of the team he/she was ejected from, even if that game is a semi-final or final game. A second red card to the same individual results in that person being expelled from the tournament. Any ejected player, coach or trainer must report to the tournament HQ before leaving the complex. Team officials or players that refuse to report to the tournament HQ before leaving the complex may cause the referees to abandon the match. Violations may result in further game suspensions. All red cards will be reported to your State Association.

Team Standings and Tiebreakers: Team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

Win 6 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)

Tie 3 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
** A 0-0 tie will be scored as 4 points for each team. 3 points for the tie, and 1 point for the shutout.*

Loss 0 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)

Bonus 1 point is awarded for a shutout, 1 point per goal scored (max of 3 goals)
** Teams shall be awarded the bonus points for goals scored without regard to the outcome of the game. That is, the losing team will receive points for goals scored, and 0 points for the loss.*

Maximum number of points awarded to a team in one game is 10. Each team’s total points from all first-round games will determine the placement of teams in each bracket, with the team earning the highest total points being the bracket

winner. In the event a team forfeits a match, all points from tournament games involving that team will be dropped from the calculation of final standings. All forfeited games will be scored as 1-0 (7 points to the opposing team). Any team who forfeits cannot qualify for advancement.

ROUND ROBIN GAMES: In the event that two or more teams are tied in points at the end of these games, the following tiebreakers shall be applied in order given until a winner is determined. While following criteria, never revert back to the top of the list even after a team has been eliminated from the tiebreaker. Finals cannot end in a tie; these matches will go straight to FIFA penalty kicks. Ties in the standings will be resolved in the following order:

- Winner of head to head competition,
- Net goals (goal difference, limit of +/- 3)
- Goals against,
- Most goals scored
- Most total wins
- FIFA penalty kicks
- In the event of inclement weather final decision may go to coin toss. Decision to be made by the Tournament Director.

SEMI-FINAL AND FINALS: All semi-final and final games ending in a tie will go straight to FIFA style penalty kicks.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the first and second place teams for the U9 – U19 divisions. Awards will consist of individual medals for each player for the first and second place teams. The awards will be presented at the Headquarters tent area.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Regardless of weather conditions, unless notified by the Tournament Director, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective fields at their scheduled time prepared to play. Failure to appear will result in a forfeiture of the match.

In the case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine if games are to be played. The Lions FC will make every effort to allow teams to play their complete tournament schedule, however game schedules or length of play may need to be altered. The Tournament Director will have the authority to change, cancel or re-schedule any game and/or its format. In the case of unplayable fields for extended periods of time, the use of penalty kicks, coin toss or other means may be used to determine the winner. The Tournament Director's Decision shall be final.

Once a game has started, the decision to continue play rests with the referee and the Tournament Director. If any games are cancelled or re-scheduled, it is up to the team's representative to check with the Tournament Director for re-scheduling information. Any game terminated at or after half-time due to adverse weather conditions shall be considered official.

REFUNDS: Under no circumstances will Lions Football Club be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team. A team withdrawing from the tournament after being scheduled for games will forfeit the entry fee in full. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. It will not be rescheduled for another date and no refunds will be issued once play has begun. In the event that the tournament is cancelled entirely, a portion of the entry fee may be refunded. The amount of the refund will be determined by the Tournament Director and the tournament committee after all expenses have been calculated. A full refund will not be issued.

COMPLEX RULES: In addition to the rules established above, additional rules, and procedures are implemented by the soccer complexes. Please note that **Alcoholic Beverages, Firearms, Pets, Tobacco Products, Drones, and Glass Containers** are prohibited on the complex grounds.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR: Any situation or questions on rules of competition not covered herein will be governed by USYSA and STYSA Administrative Rules. Any matter not provided for in the tournament rules or STYSA or USYSA rules shall be determined by the Tournament Director, whose decisions shall be final.