



The tournament headquarters: Ray Thomas Soccer Fields 2101 maple street Georgetown Texas 78626.
The Tournament Director is: Thomas Stowell – 512-363-8660 or via email
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Classification and Age Divisions: This event is sponsored by Georgetown Soccer Association. The tournament is for teams registered with any USSF affiliate. This is an unrestricted tournament sanctioned by South Texas Youth Soccer Association and is open to boys & girls teams from U-8 through U-18. There may be up to four levels of competition: Blue (Most Competitive), Yellow, Neon and Pink (Least Competitive). Single age brackets and levels will be formed if applications support the groupings. Unless otherwise amended below, the current Laws of the Game (as published by USYSA) will apply to this competition.

Team Registration and Check-In: Team registration must be completed through the online system at www.georgetownsoccer.org. There is NO in-person check in. Check-in instructions are available on line. Once a team is accepted no refunds will be given. A \$35.00 fee will be assessed for all checks/fees not honored for any reason.

Game Information: All teams will be guaranteed to play at least three (3) games with round robin. Teams that make it to the final and end regulation in a tie will go to a FIFA penalty kick. Tournament officials will be responsible for collecting the match results, but each coach is responsible for verifying the posted scores prior to the team's next game. Game cards will be provided by the referee and The referee will return the game card to the tournament headquarters for official scorekeeping. 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. Each team must present a game ball of appropriate size, weight, and pressure to the referee before the start of the game. All games will have a 5 minute halftime.

Player Substitutions: No player shall enter or leave the field of play without the consent of the referee. Players may be substituted, with the consent of the match referee, at any stoppage of play.

Playing Conditions: The home team is listed first in the schedule. Both teams shall occupy the same side of the field, as identified by the Tournament Director, at each complex. All game spectators, including parents and other visitors for both teams will occupy the opposite side of the field, spectators will sit directly across the field from their own team. No one is allowed to sit behind the goals. The home team chooses the goal to attack and visitors kick off. In case of inclement weather, the tournament director and/or site coordinators will determine if a game is to be played. Once the game has started, the decision rests with the referee. If games are cancelled, it is up to the team coach to check with the site coordinator or tournament director for rescheduling information. 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. If one half has not elapsed and the game is stopped, the game will be rescheduled if possible to be determined by the tournament director.

Uniforms: Home team must wear their "dark/colored" uniform and the visitors must wear "white/light". If the referee determines a color conflict exists, the home team will be required to change jersey colors. Each player's uniform must have an easily identifiable number. Teams without two sets of uniforms will be permitted to use "pinnies" to provide color distinction.

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.

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

Win 3 points

Loss 0 points

Tie 1 point to each team, 3 player FIFA penalty kick and 1 point added for the winning team.

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 forfeits will be scored as 3-0. Any team who forfeits cannot qualify for advancement.

Group Play/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 penalty kicks. Ties in the standings will be resolved in the following order:

- Winner of head to head competition
- FIFA penalty kicks

Championship Games: championship games that have a tie score at the end of regulation time will go directly to a penalty shootout. Consolation games ending in a tie will go to a 3 player penalty kicks. Any players on the team at the conclusion of regulation time are eligible to participate in the penalty shootout, and the penalty kick goalkeeper can be any player on the team at the conclusion of regulation time (the goalkeeper cannot be changed during the penalty shootout unless they are injured). Only the knockout stage game formats will have five penalty kick takers per team (best of five). If the score is level after all penalty kicks, the shootout will advance to a “sudden-death” round of one kicker for each team--this will continue until a winner is determined. If all eligible players have taken a penalty kick through the sudden-death, the kickers will cycle back to the start in the same order.

Awards: First and second place teams in each age group and competition level will receive an award. Awards will be presented immediately after the final game.

Team and Spectator Discipline: An ejected player is ineligible for their next scheduled game. An ejected coach or trainer is ineligible for the next scheduled game, regardless of team. 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 site coordinator. Team officials or players that refuse to report to the site coordinator 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. Spectators are expected to occupy the side of the field opposite their team. The coach 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. (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 forfeits will be scored as 1-0. (7 points to the opposing team) for all games forfeited. Any team who forfeits cannot qualify for advancement. 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 Georgetown Soccer Association. **Consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products on tournament grounds is prohibited.**

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