



U9 Only Intramural Select Tournament

Boys and Girls Teams

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Rules and Regulations

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Only intramural or select teams are eligible. Travel teams are excluded. No Guest Players.
2. Only players listed on an intramural team roster as of November 1st during the current season are eligible. Any player listed on a travel team roster after August 1st, whether it is the registering Club or any other Club is not eligible to participate in the Tournament.
3. Co-ed teams will participate in the male division.
4. Players eligible for this U9 Tournament are players, male or female, born after July 31st, 2000.
5. The Registrar of each club, league or association must certify the eligibility of its competing teams.
6. A player may only play for one team throughout the tournament.

B. ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT

1. Each club, league or association wishing to enter the tournament shall forward to the Hatboro-Horsham Soccer Club (HHSC) the following:
 - Entry fee in the amount of \$ 225 per team, payable to "HHSC".
 - Application form and roster for each competing team.

C. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

1. No metal cleats are allowed on soccer shoes.
2. Where the color of the jersey is similar or identical as determined by the referee, the designated home team (the first team listed on the schedule) will change jerseys.
3. All players must have uniforms with individual numbers on the jersey.
4. No jewelry, including earrings, is to be worn by any player.
5. Players wearing hard casts are not allowed to play.
6. Shin guards must be worn at all times by all players.

D. SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Substitutions should be unlimited at the following times but may be restricted by the judgment of the referee:
 - Your team's throw-in
 - After a goal is scored
 - Half time
 - Goal kick / 6-Yard kick
 - At the start of an overtime period
2. After an injury when play has been stopped, substitutions may be made on a one-to-one basis for the injured player(s). The opposing team may substitute one player if the injured player is substituted.

E. GAMES

1. Two (2) twenty minute halves.
2. 8v8 format (7 + goalie).
3. All teams should be at the assigned playing field 30-minutes prior to their first assigned start time to check in. For all subsequent games, teams should be at the field 15-minutes prior to the start time.
4. Coaches must remain between the 18 and the 18 to coach. No coach or player should be between the 18 and the end line. There should be no more than 3 coaches on a sideline.
5. Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field. Players and Coaches are the only ones allowed between the sideline and the dashed spectator line. All Spectators should be on the sidelines ONLY and behind the spectator line. No one should be along the end line.



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F. ADVANCEMENT

1. Each team will play 3 games within their flight.
2. Points garnered from the 3 games will determine the team's placement within their flight. (See "G" below)
3. The Tournament Winners will be determined by the winner of the game between the two first place teams in a Championship Game. Teams that make it into the Championship Game will receive a trophy or a medal, depending on the outcome of the game. There are no ties for the Championship Game. See items G # 4 and G #5 below for tiebreaking procedure should the championship game end in a tie after regulation play.
4. The tournament director and/or committee in advance of play and with notification to all teams can make changes to the format as needed.

G. DETERMINATION OF FLIGHT WINNERS (in this order)

1. The following point system will be used to determine flight winners:
 - Three points for a win.
 - One point for a tie.
 - Zero points for a loss.
2. In the event of a tie after tallying the above point system, the following will determine a flight winner:
 - a. Head-to-Head.
 - b. Least goals allowed.
 - c. Two (2) ten-minute overtime periods will be played in their entirety (Full 20 minutes).
 - d. Penalty Kick Procedure:
 - i. At the conclusion of the final overtime, all players on the field will report to the center circle. The coach from each team will also report to the center circle. No other players or coaches shall enter the field.
 - ii. Only players on the field at the conclusion of the final overtime can participate in the shootout. The coach must select the first five (5) players to shoot and select the order that they will be shooting.
 - iii. A coin flip will determine the first team to shoot.
 - iv. The teams will alternate shooters. All five players will shoot unless one team has taken a decisive lead.
 - v. If the shootout is tied after the initial round, all further rounds are "Golden Goal". All players on the field must shoot before a player shoots for a second time. Players will continue to shoot in the same order.

H. FORFEITS

1. A forfeit shall be declared by the Field Marshall if a team is not present and prepared to play within ten minutes of the scheduled start time.
2. Teams forfeiting a game(s) cannot place first or second in a flight.
3. A minimum of five players is necessary to start a game.
4. The score of a forfeited game will be recorded as 1-0.



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I. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

1. **Inclement Weather** - In the case of severe weather that begins after the start of play, tournament officials in consultation with referees may reduce the length, postpone, conclude, reschedule, relocate or cancel any game. Games terminated after the first half completes will be considered a finished game and the score will stand. Games terminated during the first half will be considered a 1-1 tie regardless of the current score.
2. **Protests** - There are no protests. The tournament officials reserve the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament and tournament rules and regulations. The judgment of the Tournament Director(s) is final.
3. **Ejection** - Any player or coach who is red-carded will be ineligible for all subsequent games. Referees will report the infraction to the referee assignor and the Tournament Site Coordinator.
4. **Gross Misconduct** - HHSC's Code of Conduct will be enforced. Any severe or gross misconduct will be reported to the team's state sanctioning body for review and possible action. Gross or severe misconduct, as determined by the Tournament Director(s), can result in a team's expulsion from the tournament. Referee assault or abuse as determined by the Tournament Director(s) WILL result in team expulsion from the tournament. Any expulsion will result in forfeit of prizes and fees.
5. **Coach's Responsibility** - Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the players, parents and spectators representing his/her team.
6. **Team Field Positions** - The players and coaches from both teams will take a position on the sideline opposite that of the spectators. Only players and coaches on a team's roster will be allowed with teams on the sidelines. (This means that both teams and coaches are on the same sideline opposite the one with all parents and spectators). Limit of 3 coaches per team. No coaches or spectators will be permitted on the goal line or behind the goals. Coaches must coach ONLY from the half line to their 18 yard line; they are not permitted to coach between the 18 yard line and the end line.
7. **Disclaimer** - The Hatboro-Horsham Soccer Club is not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event the tournament is canceled in whole or part, or in the event games are discontinued or canceled due to: forfeit, inclement weather, or adverse field conditions, nor will any refunds be made.
8. **Insurance** - Teams must provide insurance for their players. HHSC maintains liability insurance for the entire competition.
9. **Cancellation** - In the event our tournament is cancelled, prior to the day of the event and games beginning, due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances that are not controlled by HHSC a **\$75 cancellation fee** will be assessed for administrative cost.