



Winter 4v4 Tournament 2025 Event Rules

Roster formation

- All rosters are final at check in.
- Players may only play on ONE team in the event.
- 8 players maximum on any team.
- 4 players maximum on the field at one time.
- There are NO GOALKEEPERS in 4v4.

Uniforms/Equipment

- Team listed first is the HOME team and will wear LIGHT colored jerseys.
- Team list second are the AWAY team and will wear DARK colored jerseys.
- In case of color conflict, team wearing wrong color will switch.
- Jerseys ARE NOT required to be numbered.
- All players are required to wear shinguards.
- Both teams/coaches will sit on the same side of the field. Parents/Fans will sit on the opposite side of the field.

Rules of the game

- No Offside.
- No Goalkeepers
- Games are 25 minutes in length. No halftime
- GOAL SCORING - A goal may ONLY be scored from a touch (Offensive or defensive) within a team's offensive half of the field (ball must be completely on the offensive half of the field). If a player in their defensive half kicks the ball across the midline and the ball hits another player (Offensive or defensive) and the ball goes in the goal, a goal will be awarded.
- THE GOAL BOX - The goal box, approximately 8ft wide by 5ft long, is directly in front of the goal. A defending player residing in the goal box who makes contact with the ball will result in a penalty kick from the half field line. An offensive player residing in the goal box who makes contact with the ball will result in a goal kick. Any part of the ball or the players body on the line is considered being IN the goal box.

- **PENALTY KICKS** - It is a direct kick taken from the center of the midfield line. All players must be behind the midfield line and the player taking the kick. This is a "Dead ball" kick. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick.
- **5-Yard RESTART RULE** - In all restarts situations, defending players must stand at least 5 yards away from the ball. If the defensive players goal is closer than 5 yards, the ball shall be placed 5 yards from the goal box, in line with the place of the foul.
- **INDIRECT KICKS** - All dead ball restarts (Kick ins, free kicks, kick offs) are INDIRECT, with the EXCEPTION of corner kicks/penalty kicks.
- **KICK-INS** - The ball shall be kicked into play from the sidelines instead of thrown in. The ball is considered in play when the ball is touched with a foot and moves one full rotation. (Defending player must be 5 yards away)
- **GOAL-KICKS** - May be taken from any point on the end line.
- **KICK-OFF** - May be taken in any direction. A goal CANNOT be scored DIRECTLY from kick-off.
- **SUBSTITUTIONS** - May be made at any dead ball situation, subject to referee approval. Players must enter at the half-way line only.
- **PLAYOFFS** - In the event any playoff game ends in a tie, the winner shall be decided by a penalty kick shoot-out. Only the 4 players on the field at the end of the game may take a penalty kick. All 4 players will take a penalty kick from each team. If the score is still tied after all players have taken a kick, sudden death penalty kicks will begin with the 1st kicker from each team.

Scoring System and Tie Breakers

- Team Standings will be based on the following scoring system:
 - 3 points for a win.
 - 1 point for a tie.
- **Mercy Rule:** If a team is down by 10 goals, the referee will end the game immediately.
- A game this is forfeited will be recorded as a 3-0 score and the winner will receive 3 points. Team forfeiting will be disqualified from the event.
- Tie-Breaker system is as follows:
 - Head to Head
 - Goal differential
 - Goals scored
 - Goals against
 - Penalty Kicks

Referees

Referee decisions are final. No protests will be allowed.

Team Discipline

- Referees have the right to eject a player from the game of continued disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending the player off. The tournament director will decide the suspension from additional games.
- Players, coach and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at ALL TIMES. Abuse if the referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event and entry fee will be forfeited.

Weather

- Any updates/changes in the schedule due to inclement weather will be sent out to all coaches/team managers.
- Any games that are in play but are effected by inclement weather, the score will stand if the game is into the 2nd half. If the game is stopped in the first half, all attempts to restart to reschedule will be made.

Matters not provided for

Any matters not provide for shall be determined by the tournament director, whose decision will be final.