

Gambit Winter Cup Rules

Tournament Format: Each Team will be scheduled a minimum of 3 games. Age groups 7U-8U will play 7V7. Age groups 9U-11U will play 9v9, and 12U-17U will play 11V11. All age groups will have a Final unless unforeseen circumstances arise, in which case the Champion will be determined based on points.

Roster Size: 7U-8U maximum 12 players. 9U-11U maximum 16 players. 12U-17U maximum 18 players. Players may play for only one team and must appear on the approved roster. Teams with unregistered players will forfeit and may face further penalties.

NO GUEST PLAYERS — Only Club Player Passes allowed.

Game Ball: Each team provides a suitable ball; referee will choose one for the match.

Jerseys: Home team (listed first) wears white or light jerseys; visitors wear dark. Home must change in case of conflict.

Team Actions: Coaches are responsible for spectators' behavior. Abuse toward referees will result in forfeiture or expulsion. Protests require a \$100 deposit and must be filed before the end of the game at Tournament HQ (Veterans).

Forfeits: Declared if a team is not ready within 10 minutes or fields an ineligible player.

Game Duration:

9U-11U = 2x30 minutes

12U-17U = 2x35 minutes

Scoring System:

Win – 6 points

Tie – 3 points

Loss – 0 points

Additional goal (max 3) – 1 point each

Shutout – 1 point

Game Cards: Winning team submits card to Gambit Tent at each complex.

Website: <https://gambitsportsgroup.com>

Heading: 11U and younger may not head. Violations result in IFK to opposing team.

Referees: All send-offs miss next game. Further sanctions may apply. All decisions are final.

Players: Minimum of 7 players required to start or continue a game.

Substitutions: Allowed freely with referee consent at throw-ins, goal kicks, goals, yellow cards, injuries, halftime, or water breaks.

Nets & Flags: Provided by tournament; first teams of the day set up if needed.

Fields & Gates: Open 1 hour before kickoff. No warm-ups in goal areas.

Headquarters: Located at Veterans Fields. Limited access to 5 personnel max.

Tents: Only freestanding 10x10 pop-ups allowed. Stakes prohibited (\$100 fine per stake).

Refunds: Teams withdrawing under 2 weeks prior may lose eligibility for future events and refunds. Full refunds for unaccepted teams within 15 days.

Weather Policy: Only Tournament Director and City of Carrollton may suspend or cancel play. If canceled mid-game, score stands. If first half not completed, may reschedule or resolve by penalty kicks (if affecting outcome). No reschedule for full cancellation.

Concussion Policy: Onsite Health Care Professional must clear all suspected head injuries before returning to play.

Miscellaneous: Rules not listed follow NTSSA and USYSA guidelines. Director's decision is final.

Assistance: Gambit Winter Cup staff or field marshals are available onsite.

Contacts: 214-395-7316 or 214-980-4987

Emergency: Call 911

Facility Use & Conduct: No unauthorized field use, free play, or tent staking. Follow lightning protocols. No alcohol, smoking, drugs, pets, firearms, fires, or grills. Destruction of property, fighting, or profanity leads to removal. Vendors, marketing, signage, and displays require written approval.