

TOURNAMENT RULES – CHALLENGE BROSSARD HIVERNAL 2025

1. Tournament Committee

The Committee is responsible for the overall organization of the tournament. All decisions made by the Committee regarding the interpretation of these rules are final.

2. Team Categories

The maximum number of players allowed to register and participate on a team is fourteen (14) for the U-9 (2017) and U-10 (2016) categories, and sixteen (16) for the U-11 (2015) and U-12 (2014) categories.

No player may register for or play with more than one team during the tournament. A boys' team **may include** girls regardless of the category; however, a girls' **team may not include** boys.

3. Player Eligibility

Each player must hold a valid Affiliation Card issued by their Federation or Association. Affiliation cards will be verified during team registration, and the Committee reserves the right to check them at any time during the tournament.

Teams may modify their player list up until the day of team registration. After that date, no changes are permitted.

Each team may include a maximum of **eight (8) players from another club**, provided they play in the same competition category or lower. All players must meet the age requirement for the category in which their team is registered.

4. Team Eligibility

Each team must be in good standing with its respective Federation or Association. Any team that is not part of the Regional Soccer Association of the South Shore (ARSRS), on the south shore of Montreal, must present a valid **travel permit**. This permit will be verified during team registration.

5. Coach Eligibility

A maximum of three (3) coaches and one athletic therapist are allowed **on the bench**. Each must hold an Affiliation Card* issued by their Federation or Association.

6. Laws of the Game

U-9 (2017) to U-10 (2016): Soccer Québec 7v7 rules apply**
U-11 (2015) and U-12 (2014): Soccer Québec 9v9 rules apply**

**Except where otherwise specified in these tournament rules.

7. Referees

The Committee appoints a Head Referee for each match. Their authority begins as soon as they enter the field of play. Additionally, for the U-11 (2015) and U-12 (2014) categories, two referees will officiate.

8. Substitutions

The number of substitutions is unlimited. Substitutions are permitted in the following situations, after notifying the Referee and obtaining authorization:

On a goal kick

When a goal is scored

At halftime

When replacing an injured player

On your team's throw-in

If one team makes a substitution, the opposing team may also substitute at the same time.

9. Expulsions

Players (red card) and/or coaches expelled during a match are automatically suspended for the following match and may be expelled from the tournament by the Committee. Players and/or coaches may also be removed from the tournament in cases of serious misconduct.

10. Equipment

If, in the referee's opinion, both teams are wearing jerseys with similar colors, the visiting team must change to a different color, either by switching jerseys or using pinnies. Teams must provide their own alternate jerseys.

The goalkeeper must wear a jersey that distinguishes them from all other players.

11. Balls

The Organizing Committee provides the match balls.

12. Match Duration

All matches will have a continuous duration of **30 minutes**. At any time, a goal difference of six (6) automatically ends the match. Teams must arrive on the field 30 minutes before the start of each match. Furthermore, any team that does not show up for a match may lose by forfeit and may even be disqualified from the tournament. Any violation of this rule will be reported to the Organizing Committee, whose decision is final.

13. Minimum Number of Players on the Field

U-9 (2017) to U-10 (2016) : 5 players

U-11 (2015) and U-12 (2014) : 6 players

14. Protests

NO PROTESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

15. Qualification Rounds

The qualification rounds are played in a Round Robin format within the groups of each category. If groups do not have the same number of teams, inter-group matches may be played. Points are awarded as follows:

Win: tree (3) points **Draw:** one (1) point

Loss: zero (0) point **Forfeit:** minus one (-1) point

If **two (2) or more teams have the same number of points** at the end of the qualification rounds, their ranking will be determined in the following order:

1. Result of the match between the tied teams
2. Highest goal differential (+/-) in all matches
3. Fewest goals allowed in all matches
4. Most goals scored in all matches
5. Shootout (penalty kicks) – 3 kicks per team

16. Playoffs

Qualification criteria depend on the number of groups in the category (see the category schedule).

For a category with 1 group: the top 2 teams compete directly in the final—no semifinals.

For a category with 2 groups: the 1st-place team of Group 1 plays the 2nd-place team of Group 2, and the 1st-place team of Group 2 plays the 2nd-place team of Group 1 in the semifinals. Winners advance to the final.

For a category with three (3) groups: the team with the most points in each group, plus the **BEST SECOND-PLACE TEAM** among all three groups (based on points), advance to the semifinals.

Playoff matches must determine a winner.

Semifinals: If tied after regulation time, each team takes 3 shootout kicks.

Finals: Two (2) full 5-minute overtime periods are played, followed by three (3) shootout kicks per team if needed.

17. Miscellaneous

During a match, players on the bench must remain seated at all times except during warm-up. The same rule applies to coaches. Only one (1) coach may stand and give instructions at any given time.

Any person present at a match—whether participating or not—who disrupts its proper conduct will be removed from the field by the referee or by any authorized tournament official. Each team is responsible for the behavior of its supporters.

The referee **MAY STOP THE MATCH** if supporters, coaches, or players enter the field without authorization. **The offending team may lose the match by forfeit and may be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to expel any team from the tournament for undesirable or unsportsmanlike behavior.

18. Liability of the Organizing Committee, ARSRS and SOCCER QUÉBEC

The tournament's Organisation Committee, the ARSRS and SOCCER QUÉBEC cannot be held responsible for theft, loss, or accidents that may occur during the tournament.