



2022 ROHNERT PARK SOCCER CLUB CITY CUP RULES

TEAMS

- Home team is determined by the tournament scheduler. The first team listed is the home team. Home team will wear blue and the visitors will wear white. Home team will be responsible for providing three game balls to the referee before the start of the game.

LAWS OF THE GAME

- All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:
 - A. Unlimited substitutions are allowed at any stoppage of play at the referees discretion.
 - B. All free kicks are to be indirect kicks. Any fouls committed inside the goalie box will result in an indirect kick outside the top of the goalie box. There are no penalty kicks in U10 games, unless there is no winner determined after the overtime period of an elimination game.
 - C. All games will consist of two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime break.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

- Each team (coach) is responsible to make sure everything is cleared and cleaned up from the sidelines after each game. If you are going to have a post-game talk with your team, do so after the field is cleared and clean of debris, players, and parents. Have your post-game talk at a different location. This will allow teams for the next game to get organized.

START TIMES AND FORFEITURES

- Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game. Games will be started within 5 minutes of the designated start time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of five (5) players within the 5 minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team that has taken the field with at least five (5) players. If neither team takes the field within the 5 minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team and the game will be declared a double forfeit.
- The referee and/or RPSC BOD may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a team leaves the field during the game without the approval of the referee, the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and/or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans, or a team is deemed to be in gross violation of US Youth Soccer, CYSA, or rules of the RPSC City Cup tournament.

SCORING SYSTEM

1. Maximum number of points allowed per game: 10
2. 6 Points for a win.
3. 3 Points for a tie.
4. 1 Bonus point for shutout win.
5. 1 Bonus point for 0-0 ties
6. 1 Point per goal (for a maximum of 3 per game)
7. 2 Points deducted for excessive goal differential. Teams will lose 2 points for exceeding the “six goal score differential” rule.
8. Forfeited games will be scored as 2-0 (9 points) in favor of the team that did not forfeit.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

In case of a tie following the completion of preliminary games, the team with the most points will advance based on the following criteria in the order specified:

1. Head-to-Head competition – team that won the head-to-head competition between the teams that are tied will advance.
2. Goals Against – team with the least goals scored against them shall have the higher standing.
3. Goals For – team scoring the most goals up to a maximum of four per game.
4. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken by a coin toss.

In case of a tie following the completion of a Consolation or Championship game, winners will be determined as follows:

2. Two mandatory 5 minute overtime periods will be played to completion. There is no Golden Goal.
3. If still tied at the completion of the overtime periods, the game will be decided by penalty kicks, which will be taken from 9 yards. Only players on the field at the end of the second overtime period are eligible for penalty kicks. A coin flip will determine who goes first (visiting team calls). A list in order of the 3 penalty kickers for each team will be given to the referee. Each team will alternate kicks. The most goals scored after 3 kicks for each team is the winner. If the score remains tied after 3 kickers, the teams will alternate shooters until there is an unmatched goal between the teams. After all eligible players on the field of play have taken a kick; teams will start with their first kickers again and in the same order.

FINAL RULINGS

- The final interpreter of the foregoing rules and regulations, and any matters not provided for in these rules will be the Tournament Directors, whose decisions shall be final.

ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND NO PROTEST OF THEIR OUTCOME IS ALLOWED.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Good sportsmanship is expected of all teams, officials, and fans. Coaches are responsible for the conduit of their players, staff, parents, and affiliated spectators.
- Teams will be penalized 2 points for exceeding the “six goal score differential” in each game.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- Disciplinary action taken against a coach will be levied in the next game in which he/she coaches the team playing at the time of the original infraction, or to the next game coached if the violation occurred during the last game for that team. If additional behavior problems occur, the Directors reserve the right to levy additional discipline up to and including expulsion from the Tournament.
- There shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee is considered dissent. All coaches are responsible for the actions of their spectators, specifically verbal abuse of referees. Such abuse will not be tolerated! Violation may result in forfeiture of the game and/or expulsion from further play.
- Spectators may be ejected from the park for improper conduct at the discretion of the tournament officials. Persons ejected due to any of the above situations must leave the site immediately.
- Artificial noise makers are not permitted.

PROHIBITIONS

- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the sport fields. Any team (coaches, parents, and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played.
- Use of tobacco products is prohibited at this tournament. Use of tobacco products on the grounds of any public school facility is a violation of California State Law.
- Dogs (even on leashes) are prohibited within 10 yards of the field of play.

EJECTIONS

- Any player, coach, assistant coach, or parent who is sent off will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the City Cup tournament. The send off report will be forwarded to the RPSC PAD Committee. Additional penalties may be imposed.