



**3RD ANNUAL SPRING THAW
INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT
FEB 24 – 26, 2023 GIRLS & ADULT
MAR 3 – 8, 2023 BOYS
THE DEN, HELENA MONTANA**



TOURNAMENT FACILITY

All games will be played at The Den on a shock absorbent multi-purpose sports floor surrounded by a wall and glass. The Den is located at 1035 ½ Mill Road, Helena MT 59602. Only service animals are allowed in the facility. Alcohol, Smoking, Vaping, Illegal Substances, and Weapons are not permitted.

REGISTRATION & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Teams must have an approved team roster with medical waiver signed for all players. All teams must check-in at the Tournament Headquarters at least 60 minutes prior to their first game. If the Team Roster is NOT submitted prior to the start of the competition, the team will forfeit their first match and each match thereafter until all required forms have been turned in. The team registration fee must be paid prior to team acceptance and made payable to Queen City FC and made all at once. We will not collect individual player's fees for any team.

TEAMS

Age divisions will consist of 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U; one each for female and male. Coed teams are allowed but will play in the boy's division. For Adults: all teams must be coed, consisting of at least 2 males and 2 females. All teams require a minimum of 6 players with a maximum of 10 rostered players. Players and teams may play up in an older age group but may not play down in a younger age group. No player may play on more than one team. Teams must have matching shirts/jerseys. When two teams have the same color, the home team will change into an alternate color or wear pinnies

BRACKETS

The number of entries by age group and gender determine the bracket sizes and format. Teams are scheduled for a minimum of three matches.

INDOOR SOCCER COMPARED TO OUTDOOR SOCCER

- Kick-ins vs. throw-ins
- Goalkeeper throwing only distribution (no punting or goal kicks)
- No slide tackles
- Off-side vs Three-line violation
- Play off the wall
- Time penalties (sit out)
- Very fast paced, little stoppage time
- Substitution on the Fly

The QCFC Indoor Soccer Rules will be enforced for this tournament. Age and Gender regulations from the QCFC Indoor Soccer Rules will not apply for the youth age groups during this tournament. Any other modifications to the rules for this tournament are listed in this document.

COACHES AND PLAYERS

Coaches are responsible for checking schedule changes after each game. Coaches and players are responsible for understanding the tournament rules prior to participation. The team area is on the far side of the court behind Spring Thaw Rules 2023

the court wall. Players must wear clean dry shoes on the court and are not allowed to have any liquids, food, or gum on the court. Coaches do not enter the court during matches.

SPECTATORS

Spectators must remain on the near side of the court and cannot enter the team area (past the gates) or watch from behind the goals. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their respective spectators. Only players, coaches, referees, QCFC representatives, and approved medical personnel are allowed past the gates.

EJECTION

Any coach or player receiving three yellow cards or one red card in one match will be sent off and suspended from play in the following match and must remain off the field. The referee shall file a misconduct report with the Tournament Director, who shall review the report, and may at their option, increase or decrease the suspension. The referees shall have total control of the court during their assigned matches. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, guests, and staff. Abusive behavior towards the referee, opponents, tournament staff, etc. will not be tolerated. Any such actions are grounds for immediate individual or team removal from the tournament and/or facilities.

REPORT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary action taken against players or coaches will be communicated to the team's home state organization.

PROTESTS

Only coaches may protest a misconduct report or the outcome of a match. The referee of the match must be notified immediately after the match concludes and the coach must follow-up within sixty (60) minutes after the match with a written request. All protests are submitted in writing to the tournament director at Tournament Headquarters for consideration. The Tournament director will have final authority on all matters related to them. Notes: Protests for receipt of a red card will only be considered in the event of a misapplication of the Laws of Play for suspensions greater than one game. Protest of game outcomes will be considered only in the case of overage or suspended players or the clear misapplication of the Laws of Play by a referee. Protests involving Referee judgment will not be accepted. All protests not involving misconducts will be reviewed by the tournament committee.

FAILURE TO SHOW - FORFEITS

A minimum of four (4) players constitutes a legal team. Any team not having enough players for a legal team at the start time for the match shall be granted a single 10-minute grace period. If a team is still unable to field at least four players at the expiration of the grace period, they shall be deemed to have forfeited the game. If a forfeit is determined, the winning team will be awarded a score of 4-0 and will receive the appropriate points for that score.

SCORING FORMAT, GROUP PLAY

A maximum of three (3) points may be awarded per game. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win, one (1) for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.

TIE BREAKERS, GROUP STANDINGS

If teams finish group play tied in total points, the following tiebreaker shall be implemented:

1. Head to head competition*
2. Highest Goal Differential, all games - Limit of 6 per game.
3. Most wins.
4. Most Goals For, all games - Limit of 6 per game.

5. Fewest Goals Against, all games - Limit of 6 per game.

6. For determination of advancement the tournament will use a penalty kick shoot-out- 5 players per team; if still tied, sudden victory penalty kick shootout.

7. For determination of seeding the tournament draw names at the tournament headquarters.

*In the event of a 3-way tie, the tiebreakers will be followed (starting at #2) until 1 team advances or is eliminated, then the tiebreakers will be started again (at #1) for the remaining 2 teams.

TIE BREAKERS, GROUP PLAY; FINALS

Games that are tied at the end of regulation time will end as a tie in group rounds. In the event of a tie in a final game, two 5-minute overtimes will be played (no golden goal). In the event a match remains tied at the conclusion of the overtime play, penalty kicks will be taken to determine a winner at the assigned field or at a designated shoot out area, as decided by the tournament officials.

TIE BREAKERS - PENALTY KICKS

If penalty kicks must be used to determine a winner in the semi or final rounds, the format will be as follows:

1. Each team will select five (5) players to kick.
2. Teams will alternate kicks - first team to kick will be determined by the referee's coin flip.
3. If the score remains tied after five (5) kicks, teams will alternate kicks one at a time until a winner is determined.
4. All eligible players must kick before any eligible player can repeat.
5. Goal keepers may be changed after any shot (from the initial players selected to participate in the kicks).

INCLEMENT WEATHER/CANCELLATION

The Tournament Committee has the right to shorten and/or cancel matches due to climatic conditions or other acts of nature, which are beyond the control of the tournament, most notably in the case of winter storms that impact transportation to and from the facility. By default, if a game is shortened or canceled after match play has started the score will be considered final if the second half of play has started. Match delays due to unforeseen circumstances or occurring prior to the start of the second half will be addressed by the tournament director.

TOURNAMENT ENTRANCE FEE

The Tournament Entrance Fee will not be refundable 7 days before the first day of the tournament. The tournament will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

FINAL AUTHORITY

The tournament director has final authority in all matters not mentioned in the rules above. The tournament director also has final and only say on rule clarification.