



## **UNION POINT SPORTS LABOR DAY CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **Duration of Games**

U10 - 7v7 games 50-minute games - 2x25min halves

U12 - 9v9 games 60-minute games - 2x30min halves

Halftime will be 5 minutes. If the tournament schedule falls behind, the tournament director may shorten it.

All games will be played with a running clock. The referee is the official timekeeper, and all disputes will be settled at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Both U10 and U12 age groups will use a size 4 ball.

\*\*\*There is no heading for the U10 age group. Any U10 or U11 player who is playing up on U12 will be allowed to.\*\*\*

### **Field and Game Equipment**

Players are required to wear shin guards according to FIFA Laws of the Game. In case of similar uniform colors, the home team (listed first on the schedule) will wear light-colored jerseys and socks, while the away team will wear dark-colored jerseys and socks. The away team will start the match with the ball, and the home team will choose sides. If a team does not adhere to the color designation, they must change uniforms to avoid a clash. Players and coaches will occupy one side of the pitch, and supporters will occupy the opposite side. Covered casts are permitted with referee approval. The tournament will provide game balls for each field, but each team should also be ready to supply one FIFA-approved game ball.

### **Rosters**

A printed-out roster will be required to show the referee before each game starts, which provides the player's ages and date of birth.

### **Substitutions**

For all ages, a player may be substituted during any stoppage of play with the referee's discretion.



### **Coaching**

All coaches are fully responsible for the conduct of their players, substitutes, friends, and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (providing direction to one's own team on strategy and positioning) is permitted, provided that no mechanical devices are used. The tone of voice is instructive and not derogatory. Each coach or substitute remains at least 10 yards from their side of the halfway line. No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to referees, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators. No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites disruptive behavior in any manner.

### **Cautions and Ejections**

A player receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single game is considered to have received an ejection (red card). An ejected player will not be replaced, will not return for that game, and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. A player ejected for violent conduct or serious foul play may be expelled from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Any player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the tournament. An ejected coach will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game and may be expelled from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. During a coach suspension in a game, there must be no contact between the team and the coach, and the coach must remain out of sight and return to his or her vehicle.

Additionally, the coach must not engage in unacceptable conduct, which includes coaching players by any means or method or harassing opponents, players, referees, or staff. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the coach's immediate ejection from the tournament. The Tournament Director will notify the appropriate federation regarding disciplinary actions taken.

**Suspended and Terminated Games** If, in the opinion of the referee, a game must be suspended for any reason, the game may be resumed but is subject to ending no less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled start of the next game. If, in the opinion of the referee, a game must be terminated due to misconduct by players, coaches, or spectators, the offending team may be suspended from further play and will forfeit that game and all remaining games. All previously earned points will remain as played.

### **Offsides**

The offside law will be applied by referees in all games, except U10, which will not have offsides.



### **Tournament Scoring**

Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) for a tie, and zero (0) for a loss.

### **Playoff Rounds**

Winners of each group advance to the playoff rounds. If a playoff game remains a draw after regular play, FIFA penalty kicks will determine the winner. The best of five penalty kicks, taken alternately by each team, will decide. Only players on the field at the end of the game may participate. If the penalty kicks are tied after five kicks, teams will continue alternately until there is a winner. All players on the field must take a PK, before any player may kick a second time.

### **Weather**

In the event of inclement weather or other forces, the Tournament Director has the authority to make the following changes:

- Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- Change the duration of any game(s).
- Cancel any preliminary game(s).

Preliminary games terminated by game or tournament officials after one-half of play shall be considered official as of the time of termination.

### **Tournament Complex Rules**

In addition to specific facility rules posted on the tournament website, the following rules must also be adhered to:

- Individuals and teams failing to comply with these rules or those communicated by Union Point Sports Complex may be expelled from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at game sites.
- The use of open-flamed grills at Union Point is strictly prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited at all sites.
- Dogs or similar pets are allowed outside of the fence and on walkways, **NOT** on the turf.
- Placing or erecting any structure or object that could damage the synthetic surface is prohibited.
- Chewing gum is prohibited. Consumption of sunflower seeds or shelled nuts is also prohibited.