

Tournament Rules & Regulations

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

Each game will include official FIFA entrance of teams and officials and the national anthem.

FORMS, DOCUMENTATION, ELIGIBILITY and TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

- A. Tournament headquarters for Saturday & Sunday will be at the Cedarbrae Community Centre
- B. Each team must check in at tournament headquarters prior to their first game. Upon checking in each team must provide a local phone number and name/location of hotel, if applicable, of the designated contact person who can be reached at any time, should the necessity arise.
- C. All players must have current, Player Registration Cards, Team Rosters and Permission to Travel Forms (if from outside the Province of Alberta)
- D. Players' numbers and personal information MUST be listed on the tournament Team Roster.
- E. All players must have a player registration card or a trial permit with birth certificate and photograph and be registered with their team through their club.
- F. All players must be currently registered with their provincial, state or national association. All out-of-district teams must have the appropriate permission to travel forms authorized by their governing association or district. All out-of-province players must show proof of medical insurance coverage and all out-of-province teams must show proof of liability insurance coverage.
- G. All teams may be register up to **20 players**, a team roster must be submitted and only those listed may play. The roster may contain up to four guest players (unless pre-approved by showcase committee). Players used from within the same club are not considered guest players.

SHOWCASE FORMAT & DURATION OF GAMES

The tournament format and duration of games shall be in accordance with the following:

U14

- 6 teams in total with 3 showcase games per team.
- Two groups of 3 teams each.
- Round robin includes inter group play.
- Crossover playoff games for all team based on round robin standings.
- Two 40-minute halves with no overtime period.
- All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents.
- The referee is the official timekeeper and therefore all decisions regarding game duration are solely at the referee's discretion and shall not be protested.

U15, U16 & U17

- 4 teams per age bracket.
- 3 showcase games per team.
- Two 40-minute halves with no overtime period.
- All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents.

- The referee is the official timekeeper and therefore all decisions regarding game duration are solely at the referee's discretion and shall not be protested.

FIELD CHECK-IN TIME AND FIELD AND GAME EQUIPMENT

Player registration cards and the official team roster, approved by SWU College Search Showcase staff, must be present at the field at check-in 30 minutes prior to a game and for the duration of the game.

- A. Check in time is 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- B. Players' numbers MUST be listed on the Team Roster. Players must wear numbers visible on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's official Roster.
- C. Players shall wear shin guards in accordance with FIFA laws.
- D. No metal cleats will be allowed, and no jewellery will be allowed.
- E. Where opposing team's uniform colours are similar, the designated home team will change colours. The designated home team is listed first on the schedule.
- F. Each team will be designated a warmup field accessible one hour prior to kickoff.
- G. When requested by the referee, each team must provide a referee assistant.
- H. An official tournament designated size 5 ball will be provided for all games.
- I. Players and coaches of both teams will take the same side of the field. All other supporters will take the opposite side.
- J. Team official must stay within the clearly designated and marked technical area.
- K. A special roped of area will be allocated for college coaches only. No spectators are permitted in this area.

PROTESTS

All protests will only be entertained if received within 1 hour after the completion of the game in question. All protests must be written and accompanied with the protest fee of \$100.00 payable by cash or money order only. Protest fee will be totally refunded if the protest in question is deemed to be valid.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions may be made with the referee's permission:

1. After a goal has been scored;
2. At the beginning of the second half of play;
3. At a goal kick by either team;
4. At a throw in by either team;
5. In case of stoppage of play for serious injury.

GAME AND SCORE REPORTING

It is the responsibility of the Referee to deliver the completed and signed game sheet to the appropriate Site Official (Field Marshall) promptly at the conclusion of each game. In case of a discrepancy, the Official Game Report Form, signed by the referee, prevails.

CONDUCT

- A. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the Laws of the game. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and the

surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Directors.

- B. Players, coaches and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game.
- C. It is the responsibility of the team's coach or the person acting in the coach's behalf to control the conduct of its parents and other spectators. Failure to do so may result in a warning to the coach or the person acting in the coach's behalf by the referee. If unacceptable conduct continues, the referee may eject the team's coach, or the person acting in the coach's behalf, from the game.
- D. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any of the field sites.

TOURNAMENT BRACKET CHAMPIONS:

Teams have been assigned to bracket, and there will be a champion in each; however, no awards given.

The U14 age bracket will include a round robin and playoff round based on group standings at the conclusion of the round robin phase.

The U15-U17 age groups will be a round robin format with the team accumulating the most points being crowned the bracket champion.

For each match (U14-U17), a team will be awarded points based on the following point system:

- 1. Maximum of 10 points awarded per team per game.
- 2. Six points for a win;
- 3. One point for a tie;
- 4. Zero points for a loss;
- 5. One point, to a maximum of three per match, for each goal scored, regardless of whether the team wins or loses;
- 6. One point per shut out.

In any division where there is a tie, the following tie-breaker will be used to determine the champion:

- 1. Winner of head-to-head competition;
- 2. Team with most wins;
- 3. Team with greatest aggregate goal differential determined by adding from each match the net difference of goals scored and goals given. The maximum goal differential per match is three;
- 4. Team that a given the least total actual goals in its matches;
- 5. If teams remain tied, they will be declared co-champions. (unless in the presence of a tournament format, thereby once all tie breaks have been deemed even, a penalty shutout, at a location designated by the showcase committee, will determine the winner)

If three or more teams tie, the preceding tie-breaker will be used to eliminate one team, after which the remaining teams begin the tie breaker process again. As long as more than two teams remain tied, the head-to head tie breaker is not used.

FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

- A. A team shall be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is awarded to their opponent. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team and if (7) players are present, the game will not be delayed.

- B. In no case shall a team, which forfeits a game, be declared a group winner. If an apparent group winner forfeits a game, the team in that group with the next best record shall be named the group winner. In addition, in divisions where the second place team of one group plays the first place team of another group in the semi-final game, in no case shall a team, which has forfeited a game, be declared the second place team in a group. The team with the next best record in the division shall be declared the second place team and play in the semi-final game.
- C. If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game. The determination as to which team is the cause for the termination shall be at the sole discretion of the referee on the field and the decision may not be protested.
- D. A forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team as three (3) points for a win. The score for all forfeited games will be recorded as a 2-0 result.
- E. Forfeits of a semi-final or championship game shall be recorded as 1.0.
- F. Playing a "red-carded player" (a player receiving either a red card or two yellow cards in one game) in the game following the receipt of a red card or two yellow cards in the same game is grounds for a forfeit.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director or official representative(s) will have the authority to:

- 1. Relocate or reschedule any game(s);
- 2. Change the duration of any game(s);
- 3. Cancel any preliminary game(s);
- 4. A game is deemed to be complete if 25% or less remains un-played when called off by a game official due to weather or playing conditions or for any other reason as the referee sees fit.
- 5. Determine the format for advancement.

GENERAL

- A. The tournament will do its best to schedule three (3) games for each team. However, at the Tournament Director's discretion, the number of games may be reduced and, the tournament is not liable for any expenses and no refunds will be given.
- B. Under no circumstances whatsoever Calgary South West United or any of their official representatives be responsible for any expenses (including the Tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation whereby the Tournament or any game(s) is cancelled in whole or part.
- C. The Tournament Committee's or their official representative's interpretation of the rules shall be final pertaining to this Tournament.
- D. No items may be sold at Tournament Headquarters, playing fields, or surrounding areas for the duration of the tournament unless specifically sanctioned by the Calgary South West United and/or Tournament Committee.
- E. The tournament committee, Calgary South West United will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any participant in the tournament on or off the field.

DISCIPLINE

- A. The Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) Published Rules on Discipline at Tournaments will apply.
- B. Standard ASA penalties for player misconduct will apply in all Tournaments and Tournament Discipline Rules must comply with the requirements.

- C. Notwithstanding above, Tournament Hosts are authorized to impose a one-game suspension on coaches who are ejected from a game in the Tournament.
- D. Additionally, in exceptional circumstances, Tournament Hosts have the authority to expel a team from the Tournament for behaviour deemed unacceptable to the Tournament Host Committee.