

This tournament will be played in accordance with the Sumner County Soccer Indoor Tournament Rules 11-30-11

FIFA rules apply unless otherwise specified.

Players must be properly registered with a member organization of the United States Soccer Federation (U.S.S.F., US Club Soccer, etc.) and have a valid laminated player card and medical release. Use of an improperly registered player will result in a forfeit of the game and may result in the ejection of the team from the tournament. Players may play on only one team per division. Coaches are responsible for the players' conduct at all times.

Teams can play a maximum of 5 players and must have a minimum of three players on the pitch at one time.

Roster size for all ages is a maximum of 10 players. Rosters are frozen at check-in.

Forfeits give the winning team 10 points and the forfeiting team zero points.

Equipment of the players must include shin guards worn at all times. Players may not wear shoes that mark the gym floor. The safety of any medical equipment such as casts or braces must be approved by the referee. All field players must wear the same color shirts with individual numbers on the shirts. If two teams have similar colored shirts, the home team must change to an alternate color. Goalkeepers must wear a shirt of a different color from either team.

Prior to Play, teams must enter through the designated team entrance. Teams may practice *only* in designated warm-up areas. Any balls coming onto the field of play from warm-up areas will be held at the scorer's table until the end of the team's last game of the tournament.

The home team will be the team listed first on the schedule. The home team will defend the goal closest to the gym lobby unless designated otherwise. Teams must be ready and in the staging area *five minutes* before game time. Teams must immediately take the field at the conclusion of the preceding game unless a break is scheduled. Teams not on the floor within *two minutes* after the conclusion of the preceding game will forfeit their game.

Duration of Play will be one 18-minute period with no half-time. Game length may be adjusted to maintain the schedule or to compensate for inclement weather. Games may be played either earlier or later to accommodate needed schedule changes.

Start of Play will be with a kick-off by the visiting team. **Restart of Play After a Goal** will be with a kick-off by the non-scoring team. Kick-offs **must** be played backward.

Free Substitution will be allowed at any time from the team's side of the field of play in the area between the team's bench and the halfway line. Substitutes must wait behind the line for the players that are leaving the game to touch the substitute's hand before the substitute may enter the pitch.

Instead of a throw-in, the restart will be a **kick-in** with the ball placed on the touchline. Kick-ins are indirect.

Kick-ins, free kicks, corner kicks and Goal Clearances must be taken within four seconds.

Any time a **Goal Kick** is required, the goalkeeper will execute a **Goal Clearance**: The ball is thrown, from any point inside the penalty area by the goalkeeper and **it must hit the floor before crossing the halfway line**. It may not be punted, kicked, drop-kicked or dribbled out of the penalty area by the goalkeeper. If a goalkeeper wishes to drop the ball to the floor to play it with their feet, the ball must hit the floor outside the penalty area. A goal may not be scored directly from a Goal Clearance.

Any other time the ball is **in play and in the hands of the goalkeeper**, it may be dribbled or thrown but cannot be punted or drop-kicked and the ball must leave the goalkeeper's possession within four seconds **and hit the floor before crossing the halfway line**.

Corner Kicks are direct and are taken from on or behind the appropriately designated positions.

Direct Free Kicks are direct and **Indirect Free Kicks** are indirect. Players on the defending team must remain a minimum of *10 feet* from the spot of the kick. Free kicks will be taken from the spot of the foul except for fouls committed by a team inside its own penalty area (the "three-point" line) when:

...indirect free kicks will be taken from a spot closest to the point at which the foul occurred but no closer than *10 feet* from the goal.

...direct free kicks will be **penalty kicks**. Penalty kicks will be taken from the top of the key closest to the goal with the goalkeeper defending and the game clock stopped.

The ball is out of play when it strikes any part of a basketball goal that has not been raised and which hangs in the vicinity of a soccer goal. The restart will be a goal clearance or a corner kick.

The ball is out of play when it strikes any other object suspended from the ceiling or the ceiling itself. The kicker must serve a one-minute penalty. The restart will be an indirect free kick for the other team from a spot directly underneath where the ball struck the ceiling or object.

Offside rules will *not* apply.

Five team fouls in one game will result in a penalty kick for the fouled team. For each additional three fouls the team accumulates, an additional penalty kick will be awarded to the fouled team. Referees may apply "advantage" but should still signal the scoreboard with an upheld index finger (*as the referee should for all fouls*) to add the foul.

Sent-off (red carded) players may not play in the remainder of the current game *and* the team's next game in this or any other Sumner County tournament. Players ejected in *two* games or players damaging school property will be ejected from the tournament.

Cautions (yellow cards) result in a one-minute penalty served by the offending player in the penalty box (see "Penalty Time").

A Mandatory Caution (yellow card) will be issued for **delaying the restart of play** by deliberately kicking or throwing the ball out of bounds, **slide tackling** (if the slide tackle included a foul, the foul will count; otherwise, just the caution (yellow card) and the one-minute penalty will apply).

Penalty Time is served in the penalty box between the players' benches. The scorer is responsible for keeping penalty time. Penalty time given to a goalkeeper may be served by another player. Players serving penalty time may *not* be substituted for; teams must play a player down. A goal scored by the other team cancels the remaining penalty time.

A ball that is in the air when the buzzer sounds to end the game may still score a goal until it hits the floor or its forward momentum is stopped.

Point System results in a maximum of 10 points per game: Win = 6 points Tie = 3 points
Loss = 0 points Shut Out = 1 bonus point
Each goal scored = 1 bonus pt. (max of 3 per game)

Tiebreakers will be used if, after calculation of the above, a tie still exists between two or more teams: 1. Head-to-head 2. Goal differential (max. of 3 per game) 3. Fewest total goals allowed 4. Most shutouts 5. Most total goals scored (max. of 3 per game) 6. Golden goal "play down"

Tied Finals or Semifinals will, after a two-minute break, go directly to a golden goal "play down" where an active (not in the penalty box) field player (non-goal-keeper) from each team leaves the floor at *one-minute* increments until the game is 2v2. The first team to score a goal is the winner, no matter how long it takes. There are no substitutions except for injury.

Protests will *not* be allowed. **Officials'** (two game referees, scorekeeper, timekeeper, head referee) decisions *are final* regarding interpretation of facts or rules. Any official has the right to remove any unruly player, coach or spectator from the premises.