

7 vs 7 Tournament – Bases and Rules

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **Tournament Name and Organizer:** The competition shall be known as the *[Tournament Name]* and is organized by *[Organization/Academy Name]*.
2. **Format:** Matches shall be played in the 7 vs 7 modality (six field players and one goalkeeper).
3. **Eligibility:** Each team may register a maximum of **12 players, minimum of 10 players** and **1 staff member**. (coach/assistant).
4. **Documentation:** All players must provide valid identification prior to participation. This includes ID or any official documentation with the player's date of birth, signed all waivers in the registration process and attached a picture of each player/coach.
5. **Teams enrollment:** As soon as the team payment fee goes through, is a commitment to play the whole tournament. Only the players that are in the original list will have the right to compete for all the benefits and prizes of our league. Fees are not refundable.

II. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. **Group Stage:** Teams will play a round-robin system. Long format league are playing 2 games against each team.
2. **Points System:**
 - Win = 3 points
 - Draw = 1 point
 - Loss = 0 points
3. **Ranking Criteria:** In case of a tie in points, the following criteria shall apply in order:
 - a. Goal difference
 - b. Goals scored
 - c. Head-to-head result

- d. Fair play record (fewest yellow/red cards)
- e. Draw (or penalty shootout, if applicable at group conclusion)

4. **Knockout Phase:**

- 4 top teams advance to semifinals/finals. (1st vs 4th) (2nd vs 3rd) In case of a draw, match goes directly to penalty shootout (3 shooters per team, then sudden death).

III. MATCH RULES

1. **Match Duration:** Matches consist of **two halves of 25 minutes**, with a **5-minute halftime**.
2. **Field Dimensions:** Minimum 35 x 45 yards, maximum 55 x 65 yards.
3. **Ball Size:**
 - Size 4 for coed 8, 9 and 10 years old
 - Size 5 for all other categories
4. **Offside:** The offside rule shall **not** apply in this tournament.
5. **Goalkeeper Rules:**
 - The goalkeeper may use hands only inside the penalty area.
 - Goalkeepers may restart play by throw, punt, or drop-kick.
 - The back-pass rule is enforced: goalkeepers may not handle the ball from a deliberate pass with the foot.
6. **Substitutions:** Unlimited rolling substitutions are permitted but may only occur during a stoppage of play and with referee approval.
7. **Free Kicks:**
 - All free kicks are direct unless specified by the referee.
 - Opponents must remain at least **6,5 yards** away.
8. **Throw-ins:** Shall be executed from the touchline with both hands.

IV. DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

1. **Cautions and Send-offs:**

- Yellow card = They accumulate during the whole tournament. (including semi final and final round)
- Red card = immediate expulsion; player may not be replaced and shall serve a minimum **1-match suspension**.

2. **Accumulated Sanctions:** Two yellow cards in separate matches = automatic 1-match suspension.

3. **Unsporting Conduct:** Aggressive behavior, violence, or insults toward referees, players, or spectators will result in expulsion from the tournament.

V. ORGANIZATIONAL REGULATIONS

1. **Team Uniforms:** All teams must present matching jerseys with unique player numbers. In case of color conflict, bibs will be provided by the organization. Our organization will provide models of uniforms, and each team have to choose their model in the enrollment process.

2. **Match Punctuality:** Teams must be present and ready **15 minutes before the scheduled kickoff**. A grace period of 5 minutes is allowed for waiting to start; otherwise, the match may be declared a forfeit (3–0). (Minimum players for starting a game is 5)

3. **Refereeing:** All matches shall be officiated by referees appointed by the Organizing Committee. Referee decisions are final.

VI. LIABILITY AND FAIR PLAY

1. **Insurance:** Each participant is responsible for his/her own health insurance. The organizer is not liable for injuries sustained during the competition.

2. **Fair Play:** Teams, players, and staff are expected to demonstrate respect, sportsmanship, and adherence to the values of soccer.

3. **Authority:** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to resolve any matter not covered in the present rules.

4. **Safety**

- Heading: heading is permitted in all categories, under the own player's risk.

- Each player must use shin guards. If they don't have it, they don't play.
- Players are not allowed to use any type of jewelry, rings, chains or any other object that doesn't belong to a soccer player.
- Not candy or gums are allowed during the game.

Weather

- There will be special dates for recovering suspended games
- Weather conditions or field conditions could force the organization to suspend games at the last moment. This is under the organization criteria.

Prices:

- Hat trick of the game: Any player that scores 3 goals or more will receive a ball as recognition for the hat trick scorer.
- Best player of the game: Referee must choose which is the best player of the game. Only one player between the 2 teams. This recognition will be accumulative during the length of the league, crowning our best player of the tournament that player that has the most appearances as a best player.
- Best goalkeeper of the tournament: At the end of the league, a committee must choose the best goalkeeper of the tournament.
- Top scorer of the tournament: At the end of the league, a committee must choose the best goalkeeper of the tournament.
- Best player of the tournament: At the end of the league, aour committee will choose the best player based on the number of nominations the players have during the tournament.
- Second place: Will receive medals and recognition from the organizations.
- First place adult league: Will receive a cup and recognition for each player.
- First place coed 8, 9 and 10 years old will receive a cup plus a trip to Orlando and spend time in one of the parks there.
- First place categories (men 11, 12, 13), women 11,12,13), (men 14,15,16), (women 14,15,16) will receive tickets to Europe, hotel night and a ticket for a soccer game there for the whole team)

More details of the prizes send a message to olfosportsacademy@gmail.com