

Refuge BG International Soccer Tournament Rules

Team Composition and Records

No player shall play for more than one team throughout the Tournament. All teams must provide an official roster on which all team players and team officials are listed. All team members must have a medical release on file.

Behavior and Sportsmanship

Players must follow the referee's calls. Abuse of the referee, either verbal or physical, by coaches or players, will not be tolerated. Foul language will not be tolerated. Players and coaches must be respectful to each other and to the referees.

Player Equipment

All players and teams participating in the Tournament must meet the following equipment requirements:

- No metal cleats will be used.
- Shin guards must be worn by all players.
- No jewelry will be allowed.
- All players on the same team must have on the same jerseys or the same color clothing.
- When the color of jersey is similar or identical, the home team must change their jersey.
- The referee will determine if a jersey change is required.
- All players, with the exception of the goalkeeper, must have uniforms with individual numbers on the shirt. The goalkeeper's jersey must be easily distinguishable from all other players and the referee.
- Casts-- players who are wearing protective casts are permitted to play provided the following conditions are met:
 - The cast is wrapped in foam or other protective material that will protect other players.
 - The player with the cast does not attempt to use the cast to an advantage or in such a way to put other players in danger.
 - The referee approves the cast and such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- Referees will check all equipment prior to each match. No equipment changes may be made after the referee's check without permission from the referee.
- Sleeveless jerseys will be permitted, subject to tournament guidelines.
- The referee will have the final say concerning the acceptance of equipment for play.

Team Field Position

Coaches must remain within twenty yards of the halfway line. Under no circumstances will players, coaches, officials, or spectators be allowed to stand or position themselves behind the goal line or on the sideline from the goal line to the outer line of the penalty box ("the 18").

Start and Duration of Games

All teams must be prepared to start matches on time. A match can be started if a team has at least 7 players present. If a team is not on the field of play and ready to start a match within 5 minutes after the scheduled

start time, the match will be deemed a forfeit. Teams are not required to reduce the number of field players to equal those of an opponent who is playing with fewer than the required number of players.

Inclement Weather

Every attempt will be made to have all matches played; however, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel or modify any match due to weather conditions prior to the start of the match. Regardless of weather conditions, teams and coaches must be at the game site and ready to play on time as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game. Bowling Green City Parks and Recreation, who oversees field usage, may require tournament officials to discontinue a game, but all efforts will be made to complete the match without delay, if possible.

Clean-up

Each team is responsible for cleaning up their own sideline area after each game. If trashcans are full, please let a tournament official know and they will provide you with trash bags for trash collection.

