



## Tournament Rules

### 1. FIFA

F.I.F.A rules apply, except where specifically noted in these rules.

### 2. # of Players

- All divisions shall play 6v6 (5 field players plus a goalkeeper).

### 3. Ball Size

- U8 - divisions shall use a size #3 standard soccer ball.
- U9-U12 divisions shall use a size #4 standard soccer ball.
- U13 & Up divisions shall use a size #5 standard soccer ball.

### 4. Game Time

All games will be 25 minutes and begin at the sound of the starters' horn.

The clock will not stop for injuries or other needs. A deliberate delay which prevents a direct kick from being taken before the horn sounds at the end of a match will be treated as "misconduct" and result in a (1) point deduction to the offending teams' standings.

### 5. Rosters

- The maximum roster size for U8 thru U12 is 12 players, all remaining age groups is 12 players.
- 4 guests outside the soccer club are allowed. They must be hand-written on the official team roster.
- Unlimited guest players within the same soccer club are allowed.
- A player may play for only ONE team during the course of the entire tournament.
- All players must have a player pass and a signed medical release from their soccer club/league.
- A birth certificate or passport can be used to prove age if a pass is not available.
- Select, ODP, Super-Y teams must play up at least one age group.

### 6. Home Team

The team listed 1st on the schedule is the "home" team. The home team will kick off.

### 7. Visitor Team

The team listed 2nd on the schedule is the "visiting" team and will defend the goal of their choice. They must resolve jersey conflicts prior to the start of the game, else, a forfeit may be given to the visiting team.



## **8. Substitutions**

Field Player substitutions will be made on-the-fly, however, it may not occur within 10 yards of where the ball is in play. Goalkeeper substitutions require referee acknowledgement.

## **9. Kick-ins**

Balls coming in contact with a field netting above the boards or going into the players' bench area will result in a kick-in.

## **10. Free-kicks**

Violations will result in either a direct or indirect free-kick consistent with FIFA Law 12. The opposing team must be at least 10 yards away from the ball. All penalty kicks will be from field mark. All kickoffs are indirect. Sliding and slide-tackling are not permitted and will result in an indirect kick. Players cannot grab the top of the boards to gain an advantage. Referees will award a direct free kick for all infractions.

## **11. Half-line**

The ball must either make contact with a player or the turf before crossing the half line after a goal-kick or goalkeeper release, at least 10 yards outside the goal box. Violations will result in an indirect free-kick for the opposing team from anywhere along the center line of the field as determined by the referee.

## **12. Overhead**

If the ball comes in contact with any overhead structure the opposing team will be awarded an indirect free-kick from anywhere along the center line of the field as determined by the referee.

## **13. Offsides**

Offside rule is not in effect.

## **14. Keeper**

Goalkeepers may not handle a ball passed by a teammate, except as provided

## **15. Equipment**

All players must wear matching uniforms, shin guards, and proper footwear - turf shoes, soccer cleats or sneakers. Only goal keepers are permitted to wear apparel/ padding covering their legs and arms.

All jewelry (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, hair beads) must be removed prior to play.



## 16. Facilities

The following rules apply to usage of the facilities:

- Restrooms are accessible in multiple locations in the complex.
- A first-aid provider will be available throughout the tournament.
- Spectators must be located in the bleachers along each field.
- The game fields shall not be used for warm-ups prior to the game except for the first game of each day.
- Players and coaches shall avoid any behavior which interferes with games in progress.
- No portable seating is allowed.
- Gum chewing and spitting are not permitted on the turf fields.
- Body Zone is a non-smoking facility.
- Please place all litter in receptacles located throughout the facility.

## 17. Scoring

**3 points for a win**

**1 point for a tie**

**0 points for a loss**

Teams failing to be on the field at the designated time of their game may be awarded a forfeit with a 1-0 win given to the opposing team. An additional bonus point will be given for a shutout (excluding 0-0 tie).

Ties will be decided by the following sequential criteria:

- a) Head-to-head (This is dropped in the case of more than 2 teams tied)
- b) Least goals allowed
- c) Most wins
- d) Goal differential (a maximum differential of 5 goals per game will be used)
- e) Five-minute game, golden goal

## 18. Awards

All competing age groups will receive 1st and 2nd place awards.

## 19. Cards

Sliding and slide-tackling is not permitted and will result in a yellow card. Players receiving 2 yellow cards or a red card during a game will be ejected from the game without replacement and may not play in their team's next game. Players receiving 2 red cards during the tournament will be suspended from further tournament play.



## **20. Misconduct**

Players guilty of blatant un-sportsmanlike conduct, a serious foul or violent behavior will be ejected from the game without replacement and suspended from further tournament play. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and other spectators, and may be penalized for any issues. The tournament committee may choose to deduct points from a team's standing for any of these situations.

## **21. Protests**

No protests will be entertained. The decision of the referees and tournament officials are final.

## **22. Liability**

Each team (defined as players, coaches, staff, parents, guardians and related spectators) participating in the tournament do so at their own risk and agree to accept responsibility for all injuries. Mifflin FC, Body Zone Sports & Wellness Complex, and all sanctioned vendors, cannot be held responsible for any form of injury.

## **23. Rule Changes**

Final rules will be available when checking in your team.

## **24. Cancellation Policy**

### **Tournament Cancellation and Refund Policy:**

Should the tournament be cancelled due to weather and/or other force-majeure concerns/reasons before its start time, the tournament fee will be refunded to all teams less a \$125.00 Administration fee. No other refunds will be issued.

Should the tournament be cancelled, due to weather or other force-majeure concerns/reason after the first game has started, no refund will be issued. The determination of force-majeure as well as field(s) being playable will be made solely by the Mifflin FC Tournament Organization and/or its designees.