



# Athletico Soccer Academy

## 5v5 Friendly Tournament Rules

Tournament rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Tournament Director at any time during the course of the games.

### Player Rules

- CLEATS ARE MANDATORY
- SHIN GUARDS MANDATORY
- NO JEWELRY
- NO SLIDING OR SLIDE TACKLING
- NO SPITTING
- SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES

### Team Rules

- ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE UNIFORMS
- NO REMATCHES ALLOWED
- NO ADDITIONAL PLAYERS ALLOWED AFTER SUBMITTING ROSTER
- NO FOUL LANGUAGE, OR VULGAR CHANTING FROM TEAM
- MINIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS REQUIRED TO START GAME

### Spectator Rules

- NO FOUL LANGUAGE, OR VULGAR CHANTING FROM FANS
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PREMISES
- NO VERBAL ABUSE TO REFEREE OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL
- SPECTATORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES

### Scheduling

Games cannot be rescheduled or changed once the schedule has been released to the coaches or posted on the website **No exceptions!**

### Team Roster

- A team roster **MUST** be submitted prior to the first game.
- Coaches may not add or substitute players once the roster has been submitted.
- Players cannot play for another team in the same tournament
- Each team is allowed 7 players on the roster.
- A team consist of Five (5) field players (NO goalkeepers)
- A minimum of 4 players is needed to field a team.
- Less than 4 players result in an automatic team forfeit.

### **Team Bench & Substitutions:**

- Only two adults are permitted to coach from the team bench.
- All other adults must watch the game from the spectator area.
- Coaches and players may not cross over the designated team bench area.
- Players who are not playing need to be seated on their team bench.
- All team bags must be placed neatly behind team bench.
- Coaches and players must leave their team bench immediately after their game.
- Players are responsible to clean up any garbage from their team bench.

### **Substitutions:**

- Unlimited substitutions.
- All players are substituted on the fly.
- Substituted players must first come off the field before a new player may enter.
- Violation of substitution rule will result in an indirect free kick for opposing team at the spot of the infraction (where substitute coming on early affects play).
- All substituting players and coaches must remain on team bench during the game.
- Coaches may not enter the field at any time unless the referee permits - failure to comply will result in a two-minute penalty.

### **Field Play** •

- Two 20 minutes halves with a (5 minute halftime) | Duration varies each tournament event
- Field Dimensions – 40 yards x 30 yards
- Ball size: U10 through U12 – Size 4

### **Kick-off**

The soccer ball will be placed in the center of the field, to start games and after goals are scored.

- Opposing team must stand 5 yards back from the kick off marker.
- The ball need not be played either direction.
- No Offside
- Substitutions – On the fly
- All restarts are indirect (must touch another player on either team for a goal to be scored on restart), except penalty kicks and free kicks for handling.
- No throw-ins. Balls that go out of bounds will be played in by a Kick-In -  
- ball must be completely stopped and placed on the line where the ball went out
- Players must stand 5 yards away from all kick-ins. In-bounding team has 5 seconds to get the ball in play.

### **No Goal**

- If the ball is kicked directly in on a kick-in.

### **Free Kicks**

**All free kicks are indirect with the exception of penalty kicks infractions.**

- Indirect free kick if players slide or leave their feet.

## **Point System**

Teams are awarded: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.

The tournament standings are determined by the following:

- Total Team Points

### **Tiebreakers:**

- Head to Head Competition (not used if more than 2 teams tied with points)
- Most Wins
- Goal Differential **\*All games will be capped at a 5 goal maximum. Example: An 8-1 win will be recorded as 6-1. This is in place to avoid running up the score.**
- Goals For
- Least Goals Against.

## **Fouls & Penalties**

The following card system applies for fouls and penalties at Global Sports Centers:

- Yellow Card = Two Minute Penalty
- Two Yellow Cards = Player Ejection from Game
- Red Card = Player Ejection from Game and tournament

Two-minute penalties occur when:

- Physical confrontation between players on or off the ball.
- A player blatantly fouls another player. • A player delays the game in any form.
- A player purposely obstructs the flow of the game by using their hands.

### **There will be Zero Tolerance for:**

- A player or coach who consistently argues with the referee.
- A player, coach or parent uses abusive language.
- A parent from a respective team does not comply with the parent acknowledgement form or argues with a referee and/or tournament administrator.

## **Forfeited Games**

- Teams who are 5 minutes late to their scheduled game will automatically forfeit their match.
- Teams who have less than the minimum number of players required at the start of match will forfeit their game.
- No rematches or make-ups will be awarded.
- If game is forfeited, the opposing team may utilize the time slot for team training or scrimmage.
- No refunds of any kind are given once the team has registered in the tournament.

## **Running Time**

All teams coming off must exit the field immediately.

Teams coming on must be prepared to start the game immediately (no warm-up time or space designated).

- Time kept on the field by referee (running time).
- No overtime play
- Games start promptly according to tournament schedule – no exceptions.
- Failure to field a team will result in a team forfeit.

**Sportsmanship**

Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. There will be no abuse (verbal or otherwise) of referees or league officials tolerated. Any indication of such behavior by a coach or parent will result in immediate removal from the facility.

**We are all here to play soccer and have fun!**

**Referees**

- The referees will have sole jurisdiction over the conduct of the game. It is the responsibility of the winning team or in case of a tie, the home team, to report the score to the tournament staff at the tent.
- If a referee terminates a game for any reason, the score at the time of the termination will stand.

**Protests**

- NO PROTESTS will be considered or allowed.
- If the tournament Rules appear to be violated, the matter may be brought to the attention of the tournament Director for the final resolution.
- All decisions made by the tournament Director will be final.

**Inclement Weather**

Unfortunately, we are unable to reschedule games due to inclement weather conditions. If a team feels it is unsafe to attend a scheduled game due to inclement weather the coach must call the tournament director a minimum of three hours prior to game time. If a team forfeits a scheduled game we will notify the opposing team as early as possible. No fine will be levied to a team who does not attend a game due to inclement weather.

**Dismissal from Tournament**

The result of a coach, parent, or team fan involved in any type of physical confrontation with other spectators, referees and/or tournament officials will automatically disqualify their entire team from the tournament.

All results will be posted on our website at the end of the tournament

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I have read and understand the rules

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach name \_\_\_\_\_