

HAMBURG MONARCHS SOCCER TOURNAMENT 2009

2009 Tournament Rules

GAME RULES:

- All games need a winner!! FIFA laws are in effect

GAME LENGTHS:

- All games U11 and older will be 60 minutes (2 halves @ 30 min.) U10 games are 50 minutes (2halves @25 min.)
- There will be a five-minute interval between halves.
- In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play, FIFA penalty kicks will take place immediately to determine a winner (U10 will have 5 PK's every game, no official scoring at U10 level).

AGE GROUPS:

- Boys: U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16
- Girls: U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16

Players must not be older than division age group prior to August 1st of the year of the tournament.

TEAM SIZES:

- U10 14 per roster; 7 v 7 during game; Minimum 4 games
- U11 & U12 16 per roster; 9 v 9 during game; Minimum 3 games
- U13 to U19 18 per roster; 11 v 11 during game; Minimum 3 games

GUEST PLAYERS:

A maximum of 3 (three) guest players per team are permitted.

Players playing within the same club are not considered guests.

Players may only play on one team.

HOME TEAM:

- The home team is identified on the schedule. They will have field side selection and provide the game ball.
- In the event of uniform color conflict, the home team players uniform color changes.

SCORING:

- 2 points for regulation win; 1 point for shoot-out win; no points rewarded for regulation or shoot-out loss.
- In the event of a tie in a group, the tiebreakers will be determined as follows:
 - 1 - Head to Head
 - 2 - Goal differential (maximum 4 goals per game)
 - 3 - Goals for (maximum 4 goals per game)
 - 4 - Shut-outs
 - 5 - FIFA penalty kicks
- All divisions (except U10) must have a winner.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- Unlimited substitutions are permitted at the start of the half, on own team's throw-in, preceding goal kicks, following the scoring of a goal, or following the injury of a player.

FOULS & MISCONDUCT:

- *Players:* Any player receiving a red card will not participate in his or her next tournament game.
 - Players receiving 1 yellow card during play are not required to leave the field of play.
 - Players receiving 2 yellow cards in one game are awarded a red card and subject to all rules concerning red cards.

- Yellow cards do not carry over from one game to the next.
- *Coaches:* Any coach ejected will not participate in any remaining games for that team.
- *Spectators:* Any spectators asked to leave must be removed from all tournament sites for duration of tournament.
- Coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, coaching staff, and team spectators. At no time shall foul or abusive language or misconduct be permitted at any field or other facilities being used for the tournament. The referee has the authority eject coaches who are either unable or unwilling to control themselves or their sidelines.

FORFEITS

A FORFEIT IS DECLARED WHEN:

- A team does not show up for a match. A grace period of 10 minutes beyond scheduled kick-off time or the completion of the preceding game, whichever is later, shall be allowed before a forfeit is declared.
- A team has less than 7 players after the 10-minute start time grace period.
- A team is playing with illegal players.
- A team abandons the game.
- A team's conduct creates an early termination of the game.

If a match is forfeited, a score of 2-0 (win) is awarded to the winning team and the forfeit is noted on the game report.

PROTESTS:

The referee's decisions are final. Protests will be accepted on player eligibility ONLY. A written protest must be submitted within 20 minutes of the completion of the match accompanied by a \$50 cash fee, refundable if the protest is upheld.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- If a game is suspended due to weather or any other situation not in the tournament committee's control, after the completion of the first half, that game shall be considered complete and official.
- If the tournament is in progress and terminates due to weather problems, field conditions, or other situations beyond the tournament's control, refunds, if any, will be made based on the discretion of the tournament director.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

- Players are required to wear shin guards, and proper uniforms to coincide with FIFA, USSF, and NYSWYSA guidelines. No jewelry shall be worn by any player.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

- The referee has sole jurisdiction over the game.
 - Any games abandoned by the referee due to conduct of any person will be forfeited by the offending team regardless of score or time left.
- Three (3) officials per game will be used; one (1) referee plus two (2) assistant referees.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament, including interpretations of the foregoing rules and regulations.
- The tournament director reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.