



TOURNAMENT RULES

Games will be played according to the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. (https://football-technology.fifa.com/media/1022/footballs_futsal_laws_of_the_game.pdf)

TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS

- No sliding tackles permitted on any surface
- 12U and younger may not use their head to control the ball.
- Players can be double rostered for older age groups within the same club. Players cannot play for different clubs during tournament play.

The match duration will be as follows: - All age groups play two halves of 20 minutes and a 3 minute break period for half time. These will be running clock except for; - Injuries or time outs called by each team.

A match day squad can consist of up to 14 players registered in that specific tournament roster. Strictly no players older than the age parameters are permitted to play. Any teams found to be using "overage" players risk disqualification from the tournament without recourse for compensation or refund.

Staff on the matches: - All the teams are allowed to have up to 3 staff members during matches. All members must be listed on the Roster; - **ONLY THE HEAD COACH IS ALLOWED TO BE STANDING AND GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS/HER PLAYERS DURING THE MATCH;** - In case the head coach is expelled from the game and court area, the team must have a rostered staff to take his/her place, stand and conduct the team.

All players substitutes **MUST** be seated during the match and **MUST** wear bibs. They are **ONLY** allowed to be standing at the *warm up area* - area between the substitutes bench and the corner of the court.

The team listed first on the fixture schedule (home team) will wear its home colors and its opponent will wear its away colors or colors that do not clash with the home team. It will be at the discretions of the referees to request teams to wear a different color in case of a clash.

The tournament structure will vary from age group to age group based on the final number of teams.

- **4 teams tournament (U8 Girls and U14 Boys)** - Every team will play every other team in the group stage. After all group stage games, the 1st team will face the 4th team in one Semi Final and the 2nd team will face the 3rd team in the other semi final. The semi final winners play the final and the semi final losers play a 3rd place game.

- **5 teams tournament (U8 Boys, U12 Boys, U10 Girls and U14 Girls)** - Every team will play every other team in the group stage. After all group stage games, the 4th place and the 5th place will play the SILVER FINAL, the 2nd place and the 3rd place will play the GOLD SEMI FINAL. The winner of the gold Semi Final will play the 1st place in the Final, while the loser of the gold Semi Final will be consider the tournament 3rd place.

- **6 teams tournament (U10 Boys and U12 Girls)** - Every team will play every other team OF THE OPPOSITE GROUP in the group stage. After all group stage games, The 2nd place of group A will face the 3rd place of group A in a QUARTER FINAL game, while the 2nd place of group B will face the 3rd place of group B in the other QUARTER FINAL game. The 1st place of both groups will stand as a BY (Qualified to the Semi Final directly). The winners of the Quarter Finals will play one of the 1st place teams in the Semi Final. The losers of Quarter Finals will play each other in the SILVER DIVISION FINAL. The Winners of the Semi Final will play the Gold Division Final, while the losers of the Semi Final will play a 3rd place game.

TIEBREAKER

The group table will be decided in the order of points, head to head (only between two teams), goals against and goal difference.

If still teams cannot be separated, a penalty shootout consisting of three penalties will decide the placement. If tied after three, sudden death penalties will be taken. Time and location will be communicated to the head coach.

Ties in knockout stages - if, at the end of normal time, the scores are tied between 2 teams in the knockout rounds then the game will be decided by a penalty shootout (**regular Penalty Kicks used by FIFA**), best of 3 followed by sudden death if necessary.

SUSPENSION

A player receiving a red card will receive a **minimum** automatic 1 match suspension. The tournament committee will have the power to apply additional sanctions for any other disciplinary issues referred to it by the referees.

ROSTER AND CHECK IN:

Every team must have a representative (manager, coach or director) come to the tournament Office, at least ONE HOUR BEFORE their first game to get their official roster printed and laminated. The tournament office will be located in front of the court entrance at the convention center and the responsible for giving you the official roster will be Juliana Meireles. • Players DO NOT NEED to be in the tournament check in players (only one person per team is required). If the team still have pending situation, please, arrive more than 1 hour before your first game to make sure we help you solve all the issues.

Game check in: It is the manager/coach responsibility to keep their official roster during the whole tournament to present to referees before games. As soon as the previous game is finished, manager/coach should hand the roster to the referees and wait them to call your team for the game check in.

Ball sizes: the balls for the age divisions U8 and U10 are **size 3** (58 cm); Infantil, U12 and U14 the balls are **size 4** (62 cm).

Dressing code: all staff members that are assigned to the matches are obligated to wear the club's uniform for staff with the team's shield/logo/brand or the uniform provided by the sponsor. The colors MUST NOT clash with your team's home or away player's uniforms.

All players MUST wear the same uniforms except from the goalkeeper whose uniform's colors MUST NOT clash with his/her team's uniforms or his/her opponent's uniforms. All players MUST wear *shin guards* at all time during his/ her match time and the shin guards MUST BE covered by his/her team's soccer socks.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

COACHES AND STAFF

1. Responsibility for your team's registration on the Vault and to make sure all players will provide the requested documents, pictures and data BEFORE the Tournament.
2. Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
3. Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee.
4. During the game you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him or her to calm down.

5. During the game you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting and enforce it during a game if necessary
6. Your players or staff can only be on the court area once it is your time to warm up and play.
7. You are responsible for your schedule and match hours, be punctual. Respect the specified bus that is indicated for you and your team.
8. Conduct your game caring for the language and posture fomenting sportsmanship and performance individual and collective.
9. Take to all your matches both home (first), away (second) uniforms in case of clash colors.
10. Attend to all meetings that can be requested by the Board of Directions of the Tournament.
11. Communicate to the Tournament Staff any personal, technical or collective difficulty, so we can help you in the best way.
12. Care and ensure compliance with these rules, to maintain discipline, responsible work and the enthusiasm of the team.

PLAYERS

1. Respect and care for the facilities of the Tournament.
2. Respect the courts' area during other matches, it is not allowed to stay on the court area if it is not your game time.
3. Control your reactions, language and behavior during the entire Tournament. Use respectful manners to encourage other players.
4. During the matches, do not insult, scream or treat with disrespect the referees, players, staff members or public.
5. Eating is not allowed in the court area.

SUPPORTERS

1. Control your reactions, language and behavior during the entire Tournament. Use respectful manners to encourage players and team members.
2. During the matches, do not insult, scream or treat with disrespect the referees, players, staff members or public.
3. Inappropriate language has no place in a youth game and will result in immediate expulsion from the facilities.

SANCTIONS

Minor

1. Private warning.
2. Written warning to be addressed to the Board of Directors of the Tournament. - Lack of punctuality. - Soft unsportsmanlike behavior.

Serious

1. Suspension from a match or a period during the Tournament, according to the decisions of the Board of Directors. - Not show up for a game. - Abandonment during the match. - A suspended

player participating in a match. - A not registered player participating in a match. - Violent behavior. - 3 “minor” sanctions equals 1 “serious”. Any other infraction not listed in this document will be judged by the Board of Directors of the Tournament which will sanction the final decision about the infraction.

GENERAL RULES & LIABILITY – Products and behavior prohibited by the facility are not allowed in the facility, including but not limited to animals except service animals, outside beverages and food, verbal abuse, etc.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in any events, games or other sport or non-sport activities with Brookridge Soccer Consultants, Brookridge Sports Consultants or any division within, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I am aware and familiar with the ordinary and hazardous risk of sports activities including the possibility of serious and permanent bodily injury and understand that I am assuming those risks.
2. I understand that sports activities may require a certain level of fitness and skill to safely participate. I agree to only engage in activities in which I am physically fit to participate and will participate within my capabilities. I will play under control, within the rules of the game and to every extent possible avoid causing injury to myself or other persons using this facility.
3. I understand that Brookridge Soccer may prepare and issue rules and regulations regarding use of the fields or facilities provided and agree to comply with all such rules and regulations.
4. I understand that any fees paid to Brookridge Soccer Consultants do not include or require insurance for injuries to players, participants, coaches or managers.
5. I agree that Brookridge Soccer Consultants, its owners, officers, members, employees, agents or representatives shall not be liable, jointly or severally, for any injuries attained during activities. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Brookridge Soccer Consultants from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, liability, loss, damage and expense of any kind, including punitive, incidental or consequential damages or attorney fees arising from such claims.
6. Brookridge Soccer Consultants may from time to time prepare and utilize photograph, video or audio images of players acquired during use of the facilities for security, advertising or promotional purposes. I hereby grant Brookridge Soccer Consultants a non-exclusive license to use my name, photograph, likeness, video footage or audio recording on or in association with Brookridge Soccer Consultants security, promotional and advertising material.

If you are participating in the Hornets Futsal Summer Cup we, the Board of Directors and Organizers of the tournament, understand that you have read and agreed with all the rules and sanctions to be applied in case needed.

Enjoy the tournament!