



Americana Community Center, Inc.

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2009 Americana World Festival 6v6 Soccer Tournament Rules, Regulations, and Responsibilities

REGISTRATION

You have received this because you have turned in your team registration form. Please read through these rules thoroughly and inform all other players. Players must bring picture I.D.s on the day of the tournament, June 6, 2009, at the time of registration. All players must also have individual liability forms signed (by a parent/legal guardian if player under age of 18) and turned in at time of registration. No liability form, no play. All teams should register with all players present. Registration will begin at 8:00a at Americana’s soccer fields and close promptly at 8:45a. Any players or teams who arrive after 8:45a will be disqualified from the tournament and will not receive a refund of the registration fee.

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED – this includes players and fans. Anyone found with alcohol or drugs will be ejected from the tournament and asked to leave the property.

PROTESTS

All games will be considered final and NO protests will be allowed.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship will prevail at all times. Captains are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. Any players involved in a fight will be ejected from the entire tournament and will not be allowed to return to the property for the duration of the tournament. The captain can be ejected (RED CARDED) from the game if their sideline is at fault. Bench areas for each team will be on opposite ends on the same side.

PLAYERS

Each team is allowed a maximum roster of 10 players. Games are played with 5 field players plus 1 goalkeeper. All players must be at least 16 years old and no player can play for more than one team. All players must be on team roster by May 26. All players must sign and turn in liability forms at time of team registration on June 6. Players under 18 years old must have parent/legal guardian signature on liability form.

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EQUIPMENT

All players must wear shinguards and cleats. No metal studs will be allowed on the field. Goalkeepers are advised to wear gloves. Each player on a team must wear a t-shirt of similar color. Each team must also have an alternate color t-shirt in case of conflicting colors. Visiting team will have to wear alternate color t-shirt. If alternate color t-shirt is not available, visiting team will have to wear pennies (vests).

GAME TIMES

Games are 24 minutes long with two, 12 minute halves and a five minute half-time break. No injury time will be awarded at any time. A referee may add time based on his/her discretion for any unfair delay of time. Games will try to start on time. Teams who are more than 5 minutes late for a game will forfeit that game and be awarded zero points.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are unlimited. Substitutions can be made at any time without notifying the referee. Substitutions must take place near the teams' bench. The active player must be off the pitch before the substitution can come on the field. Violations in the substitution rule will result in a throw-in for the other team.

BALL OUT OF PLAY

Restarts along the sidelines will be awarded throw-ins. Restarts along the end lines will be awarded goal kicks and corner kicks, accordingly. Goal kicks can be taken by any player on the team and must be touched by another player before scoring on the opponent's goal.

RESTARTS

All game starts and after goal restarts are at the center of the field with a whistle from the referee. All kicks awarded for fouls are indirect, except penalty kicks, and can be played backwards.

RULES AND FOULS

FIFA rules will be enforced unless stated differently. First kickoff will be determined by coin flip. There are no offsides.

NO SLIDE TACKLING IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIN THE BALL in the vicinity of an opponent. Slide tackles will result in a yellow card or a red card if vicious. Note: Sliding in an attempt to keep the ball in play, complete a pass, or shot, is not considered a violation of the

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sliding rule as long as opponents are not in the vicinity. It's the discretion of the officiating referee to determine if the play is dangerous and in violation of the sliding rule.

A defensive wall must line up 10 feet from any free kick.

Flagrant fouls will not be tolerated. Referees will card serious offenses.

- Red Card: Player must leave field and may not return to the game. The team will play short a player for the duration of the game. The red carded player must sit out the next game.
- Yellow Card: Player must leave field and may be substituted for. Player may reenter after a 2-minute penalty period. A second yellow card to a player in the same game becomes a red card.

Penalty kicks may be awarded by the referee for fouls within the penalty area. All penalty kicks are taken from the penalty spot and can be taken by any player on the pitch at the time of the foul.

GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper **MAY NOT** handle balls with their hands when played back to them from their own team (same as FIFA rules). Resulting penalty will be an indirect kick for opposing team. When a goalkeeper legally handles the ball, (s)he may release it only by a throw within 5 seconds of gaining control. Goalkeepers will **not be allowed to punt the ball**. Goal kicks and goalkeeper throws must touch another player before crossing the midfield line. Infringement: Indirect free kick on midfield line.

TIE GAMES

Tie games will stand for all games played in group play and each team will be awarded one point. Games in the knock-out round and championship games will address ties in the following order:

- a. *SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME*: Two 5-minute halves. First goal wins.
- b. *PENALTY KICKS*: Any player may participate. They do not have to be on the field at the end of play. Each team shall designate 10 players to take penalty kicks. A coin toss will determine which team shoots first. The first 5 shooters will alternate shots; if the score is tied after the first 5, the second round is sudden death with each team alternating rounds until one team leads at the end of a round. If still tied, 5 new shooters must be chosen from anyone on the team regardless of whether or not they have taken any shots.

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LAYOUT

All teams are guaranteed 3 games. The tournament will consist of 2 major sections. The first section is group play where teams will be split into groups of four teams each. Teams within each group will play each other – totaling 6 matches in each group. Points will be awarded after each game. The two teams in each group with the most points after group play will advance to the knockout round of the tournament. The knockout round is single elimination where points will not be awarded for any games.

SCORING

During group play, teams will earn points according to the following guidelines:

- Win = 3 points
- Tie = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points

Tie-breaking procedure:

- 1) Winner of head to head game.
- 2) Goal Differential. (Maximum of 3 per game)
- 3) Fewest goals allowed.
- 4) Most games holding opponent scoreless.
- 5) Most games scoring at least 1 goal.
- 6) Coin Flip.

WEATHER

Games may be shortened, delayed, or postponed to protect fields and players.

OTHER

Teams who are not scheduled to play are not allowed on any of the fields at any time during another team’s match. Only registered teams and players are allowed to visit the refreshment tent – no family members or fans allowed in without a player bracelet. Teams who are eliminated from the tournament are invited to stay and watch subsequent games but will not be permitted on the fields.

The TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS will resolve situations not covered by these rules.

Tournament Directors: Sara Renn and Isaiah Wiles

Please contact tournament directors at 366.7813 with questions.

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