

**CMSA SOCCER TOURNAMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS**
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I. IN GENERAL

1. All teams must register within their current season age division and competition level. Teams that misrepresent themselves will be forfeited out of all trophy competition.
2. Where applicable, advertised early registration discounts are only in effect until the deadline date indicated. Registrations are accepted by mail only. Multiple team discounts, when applicable, are only valid when all forms and payment are received at the same time.
3. All teams (including CMSA registered league members) must have a separate copy of their current stamped affiliated roster submitted and on file with the tournament a minimum of ten days prior to the start of the event. CMSA affiliated teams are required to submit a separate roster for each event or tournament registered for. League rosters on file in the CMSA office do not complete the tournament requirement.
4. There are no drops or adds after the roster has been received. Teams that do not have a roster on file prior to the competition will be subject to disqualification from trophy competition.
5. Teams are allowed a maximum of three (3) guest players provided they do not exceed the CMSA roster limits.
6. There are no refunds after the advertised early registration date. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after that date will not receive a refund.
7. If the tournament is canceled in whole or shortened in part for any reason, including inclement weather or any other "Act of God," no refunds will be given.
8. The Tournament Committee and the Central Maryland Soccer Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team, club or organization if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament and its judgment is final.
9. No team will be entered or bracketed into the Tournament until all fees and registration materials have been received.
10. 11V11 Roster maximum is 18 players per team, ages 12 thru 18 (14 per team for ages 12 and younger).

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Girls may play on boys' teams, but boys may not play on girls' teams.
2. The coach of each team is responsible to have a copy of their stamped roster and a valid photo ID for each player at all games.
3. Rosters are fixed as of the start of the first game.
4. Players can always play up in age, never down.

B. AGE DETERMINATION

1. Age brackets are established in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules.

C. INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. If inclement weather causes the stoppage of a game during the first half, the referee(s) shall note the time and score so that the game may be resumed at a later time. If one half or more of the game has been played at the time it is stopped, the game shall be considered as complete.
2. The site director, in accordance with the referees, shall be the judge(s) of the conditions of the playing fields.
3. In the event that all games are canceled for the day, games will be rescheduled for the next available day.
4. Inclement weather information will be posted on the www.cmsasoccer.com website.

D. CONDUCT

1. Officials have the right to eject from the game or from the playing area any player, coach, manager or spectator who commits a flagrant offense.
2. Any player ejected (red carded) from a game may not be replaced for the remainder of that game, and the team must complete the game in a "player down" situation.
3. Any player or coach ejected from a game must sit out the team's next scheduled game.
4. Yellow/Red card rule is in effect. Any player receiving two yellow cards during a game will receive an automatic red card and will have to sit out the remainder of the game. The team is allowed to substitute for the ejected player, and the ejected player will be allowed to play in the team's next game.
5. A player red carded for taunting will receive an automatic Yellow/Red card.
6. No spectators are allowed on the field of play or behind the goal areas during a match. Teams shall take opposite sides of the field. Coaching is allowed only from your team's side of the field, 25 yards on either side of the center line.
7. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, families and fans.
8. Teams are responsible to clean up their bench area at the conclusion of each game. We are guests of the local venue you and you are expected to treat the facilities in the same manner that you would like your community treated.
9. The venues are smoke free, alcohol free and pet free. No air horns or noisemakers are allowed at any venues. We appreciate your cooperation.

E. GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. Coaches are required to report their scores immediately after each game to the information tent at each site venue.
2. Standings will be posted at www.cmsasoccer.com and at all tournament sites.
3. All play will be in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules except as described below.
4. All tournament games will consist of two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
5. In any preliminary (round robin) game which ends in a tie, there will be no overtime

6. Forfeit time is ten minutes after scheduled start time. If the start time is delayed by the preceding game, both teams must be ready to play immediately at the conclusion of the preceding game
7. All decisions of the referees are final and binding and cannot be protested.

F. SCORING

1. POINTS are awarded as follows:

WIN	3 Points
TIE	1 Point
LOSS	0 Points

2. PLAY-OFFS: In 3 and 5 team brackets the first place team (by point total) will be declared the winner, and the second place team will be declared the runner-up at the end of preliminary play. In a four team bracket, at the conclusion of round robin play the 1st and 2nd place team will play a championship game.
In any division with two brackets, the first place team from each bracket will play in a championship game.
In divisions composed of multiple brackets, the first place team in each bracket will participate in play-offs with the winners playing a championship game to determine the winner..
3. TIE-BREAKERS: If any ties exist in the standings, the following tie-breaker procedure will be followed in the order listed:
 - a. Most wins.
 - b. Head to Head competition (not applicable in Wild Card decisions).
 - c. Fewer goals allowed.
 - d. Goal differential (maximum 3 per game).
 - e. Coin toss.

G. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

1. If a tie exists at the end of any semi-final or championship game, the game will be extended by two 5-minute "sudden victory" periods.
2. If the score remains tied at the end of the two sudden victory periods, the tie will be broken by a shoot-out.
3. The shoot-out will consist of five players selected from each team from those who were on the field at the conclusion of sudden victory.
4. If the game remains tied after the first five players shoot, the remaining players who were on the field at the end of sudden victory will then enter the shoot-out until a sudden victory winner is achieved.