

Poughkeepsie Soccer Club

20th Annual JR Memorial Columbus Weekend Tournament Rules

LIABILITY: Teams participate in the tournament at their own risk. TOPSC, the TOPSC Tournament Committee and the Town of Poughkeepsie cannot and do not accept liability for any injuries that may occur as a consequence of playing in the tournament. The act of participation by a team, player, coach, parent and/or spectator is a release by them of any and all claims against TOPSC, it's members and/or the Town of Poughkeepsie.

WEATHER: Games will be played rain or shine except for severe weather or lightening. Games are considered complete after 15 minutes. If a game is halted before 15 minutes have elapsed, the Tournament Committee will decide the course of action. The Tournament timekeeper is the sole authority of time played. In case of cancellation due to severe weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reschedule or offer other alternatives.

SEVERE WEATHER: In the event of severe weather, the tournament committee will rely on the head referee to assess field conditions and will abide by the head referee's decision on continuing play.

MAKE UP DAY: In the event that either Saturday (10/11/2008) or Sunday (10/12/2008) is cancelled, the rain date will be Monday October 13, 2008. If both days are cancelled, Saturday's games will be played on Monday. Sunday's games will be cancelled. We will make an attempt to reschedule Sunday's games when teams are available.

Refund Policy: In the event that the tournament (either or both days) is cancelled, TOPSC will refund 80% of the tournament fee.

REGISTRATION: Each coach must register at least 30 minutes prior to their first game. League registration forms with signed medical release (or medical release forms signed by parents) and player passes must be presented at this time for each player at the tournament. Permission to travel forms are required from teams outside of the East New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYSSA).

Guest Players Up to 3 guest players are allowed on a team. The coach must have the player pass for the guest player and the player must be on the roster that the coach submitted.

for **East Hudson Youth Soccer League guest players**, the coach must abide by the EHYSL rules regarding guest players, that is they must present a signed EHYSL guest player pass at the time of registration.

ELIGIBILITY CHALLENGES: A coach may challenge the eligibility of a player by notifying the referee prior to game conclusion so that the players name and number can be recorded on the scorecard. The tournament committee will then rule on eligibility. Any team using an ineligible player forfeits any game in which that player has participated and the appropriate League and State Associations will be notified.

PROTESTS: Protests must be submitted in writing by the registered team coach with a \$50.00 cash fee. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

FORFEITS: If a team is not on the field ready to start a match within 10 minutes of game time, they forfeit the match and the opposing team receives credit for a 2 - 0 victory. No points are awarded if both teams forfeit. If an accepted team fails to appear at the tournament, there are no refunds and all games are forfeited.

DISQUALIFICATION: Any team leaving the field prior to completion of a match is disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. The remainder of their schedule will be recorded as forfeits.

PATCHES/PINS: The exchange of team emblems is strongly encouraged at the conclusion of each game, OFF THE FIELD ON a SIDELINE, PLEASE.

AWARDS: First and second place teams from each division will receive trophies. Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 teams not receiving first or second place trophies will receive a participation award.

STANDINGS: All divisions are round robin play. Standings are determined on a point system. Teams receive 4 points for a win, 3 points for a tie with a non-zero score, 2 points for a scoreless tie and 1 point for playing. A red card issued to a coach or player will cause the deduction of 2 points from that team's total.

TIE BREAKERS: Head-to-head, Most wins, Fewest Losses, Fewest goals allowed, Most shutouts, Most games with at least one goal, Penalty shootout.

LAWS OF THE GAME: FIFA Rules are used with the following exceptions:

Law II - Under 9 through Under 12 will use a size 4 ball

Law III - Micro divisions must have at least five players to start a match. Substitutions at any time WITH PERMISSION OF THE REFEREE. The substitute must enter the field at the half line after the player s/he replaces has left the field.

Law IV - Both teams must have available alternate jerseys. In case of conflicts, the home team (listed first) will change colors.

Law V. Referee: The tournament timekeeper will be responsible for time and will use the air horn to start and stop all games.

Law VI. - Club Linesmen will be provided by the under 15 and under 16 Boys Travel teams from the TOPSC. They will assist the referee in calling out of bounds and will assist with offside. Only the certified referee will call offside and fouls.

Law VII - All games will be 28 minutes. At approximately 13 minutes into the match, the referee will stop play and have the teams switch sides. There is no rest period or coaching opportunity at this time. Teams remain on the field and play is resumed immediately after the teams have switched sides.

Law VIII - The home team (listed first) will kick off, the visiting team will get choice of goal.

Law XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT: Red cards will result in a two point deduction for that game and the player may be ruled ineligible for the next game or the remainder of the tournament at the discretion of the TRRC.

SPECIAL MICRO SOCCER RULES: Micro soccer divisions will play on fields sized as per US Youth Soccer guidelines. U9, U10 and U11 will play on a field with 7x21 goals which is 80-70 yards long by 50-40 yards wide. **U9 and U10 will play 7+keeper and U11's will play 8+keeper.**

SPECIAL NOTE: No player will be allowed to wear any orthopedic cast during games.