

LETHBRIDGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2008 MAY GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

RULES

1. AGE GROUPS:

UNDER 10 – BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998

UNDER 12 – BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1996

UNDER 14 – BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994

UNDER 16 – BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1992

UNDER 18 – BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990

2. TEAM REGISTRATION:

Provincial Tier 1, 2 & 3 eligible teams may participate. If any questions arise during the tournament, a photocopy of your teams' provincial or district registration form must be provided. Any additional players must be on a form. Tier 1 teams will be allowed to play an age group up. Your teams' first game sheet will be your official tournament roster. Please ensure all your players' names are on the first sheet even if playing in later games. You will not be allowed to add players after your first game.

3. PLAYERS PARTICIPATION:

a) Teams may register 20 players and dress 20 players for any one game.

b) Teams require a minimum of seven (6+1) players to begin a game.

c) A maximum of 4 non-roster players will be allowed from a corresponding or lower age group.

d) Players may not play for more than one team.

4. GAMES:

a) All teams are guaranteed three games.

b) For all U-10 games, a size 4 ball shall be used. Halves will be 30 minutes.

c) For all U-12 games, a size 4 ball shall be used. Halves will be 30 minutes.

c) For all U-14, U-16 and U-18 games, a size 5 ball shall be used. Halves will be 35 minutes.

d) In case of a tie in playoff games only, game must be completed by ASA shoot-outs.

5. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

a) All round-robin games will terminate at the end of regulation time, regardless of the score. Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie.

b) Overall standings after round-robin play shall be decided on points awarded. In the event of a tie in points, the deadlock will be broken in the following manner:

i) Match result between tied teams

ii) If game ended in a tie, the team with the greater goal differences in all round-robin games shall be determined the winner.

iii) If teams are still tied, the team allowing the fewest goals in the round robin shall be determined the winner.

iv) If teams as still tied, the team scoring the most goals in the round robin shall be determined the winner.

v) If still not determined, penalty shots will be taken with the teams involved. This is under the FIFA guidelines of tie-breaking penalty shot.

6. SCHEDULES:

- a) The schedules prepared for the tournament will **NOT** be changed. Tournament chairman will determine if games are to be rescheduled due to inclement weather.
- b) If a team is unable to field a minimum of seven (7) players by fifteen minutes after the scheduled kickoff time then that team will forfeit the game. The official result in a forfeit is a 3-0 win for the other team.
- c) If both teams are unable to field a minimum required number of players (as stated above) then both teams will be credited a 3-0 loss and no points for either team.

7. WEATHER

In the event of poor weather, teams must still report to the field at the scheduled time, unless advised otherwise. Any decisions to play, postpone or cancel shall be made by the tournament organizers.

8. SUBSTITUTIONS

There are no restrictions as to the number of substitutions made during a game; however, a maximum of two players may be substituted at one time. The referee must be notified of all substitutions. Substitutions are allowed only during stoppage of play, at the referee's discretion. It is advised to check with your referee before the game when substitutions will be allowed.

9. DISCIPLINE AND PROTESTS:

- a) A discipline committee has been established for the tournament.
- b) Any ineligible players on a team means immediate disqualification of that player and a forfeit of points in the game(s) that player participated in.
- c) A red card issued by a referee shall carry a mandatory one game suspension, as will two yellow cards issued to the same player during a single game. Three yellow cards issued in separate games to the same player will result in a single game suspension. It is expected that coaches will ensure suspended players do not play. There is no leniency for ignorance.
- d) *** Serious player/coach infractions will be referred to the tournament discipline committee as well as their local league and ASA if warranted.
- e) Any protest must be submitted in writing within one hour of the incident/event to the Tournament Director, accompanied by a \$100 bond. The bond will be refunded if the appeal is warranted and forfeited in the appeal is unsuccessful.

10. REFEREES:

Referees shall have full discretion during games. Protests that relate to a referee's decision will not be considered. Due to the size of the tournament, not all games will have assigned assistant referees. Teams are to be prepared to supply a linesman if asked to do so by the referee or field Marshall.

11. ZERO TOLERANCE

Any player, coach, manager or parent that is **reported** by the **referee or field Marshall** for unfair, unsportsmanlike or abusive behavior towards another soccer patron, will be asked not to attend any further games in the tournament. It is time that soccer becomes fan and player friendly as these games are just that...GAMES. Everyone wants their kid to win but when the fun is not present and an uncomfortable feeling is in the air because of a loud and over zealous person, this person needs to be excused from our sport.

12. FIELD MARSHALLS & GAME SHEETS:

Each team is responsible for filling out a game sheet provided in your registration package and handed to the referee. Players do not need to sign the game sheets. Additional sheets for playoff games can be obtained at headquarters. *** The Field Marshall (Golf Cart) is responsible for returning both game sheets to the Tournament Headquarters. In case a field Marshall is not present, the winning or home team, in cases of a tie, is responsible for returning both game sheets to the headquarters.

13. EQUIPMENT

Each team is asked to supply a game ball. In cases of both teams wearing the same color of jersey top, the home team must change.

14. TEAM AREA

Only players, coaches and managers are allowed in the team area. Fans will be situated on the opposite side of the field. Game will not be started until this is adhered to. Coaches will be responsible to remove fans if in team area.

15. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:

SPORTS PARK TENT

Tent will be located beside washroom. 635-1301 for more info.

Official tournament results will be at this location only.

THANKS FOR YOUR ENTRY INTO OUR TOURNAMENT... ENJOY AND GOOD LUCK

