

## Central Brevard Winter Classic TOURNAMENT RULES

### **Important:**

- ❖ Please visit <http://www.BrevardSoccer.net> for the most current release of rules.
- ❖ Last update: 9/7/11

### **Tournament headquarters:**

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The rules of this tournament shall be in accordance with US Youth Soccer and Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) except as modified herein.

### **1. TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

This tournament shall be open to all teams as indicated on the Application to Host approved form, comprised of properly registered youth players (as defined by the rules of US YOUTH SOCCER or their National Youth governing body) provided such team is in good standing with its association. Teams entering this tournament may include up to four (4) guest players on their roster.

It shall be the responsibility of each State Association to certify the eligibility of its competing teams and provide such teams with certified copy of the roster, permission to travel and proof of insurance.

All players must be legally registered to their team in accordance with their National registration requirements with a current and valid player pass that verifies their name and birth date. Guest players must have appropriate guest playing forms. Passes must be verified, laminated, and have a photo attached. Players may play on only one team during the Tournament. Each player must have a medical release (notarized) form

Teams withdrawing from the tournament will **ONLY** receive a refund if they notify the tournament director before the competition schedule has been posted on-line.

### **2. CREDENTIALS**

At the Mandatory registration/team check-in, teams must provide the required credentials:

- 5 copies of the Official Organizational Rosters.
- Medical release forms for each player.
- Player/Coach passes/ID cards with current photographs.

Pre-Game Check-in will be conducted as follows:

- The manager/coach of each team will present a validated copy of the roster and all player and coaches passes.
- The Referee or Field Marshal will verify the identity of each player with each player pass and confirm that all players present are listed on the roster. All coaches will be identified by their pass. Passes and rosters will be held by the Field Marshal or Referee during the game.
- Players' uniforms and equipment will be checked and any conflict resolved.
- Only at this pre-game procedure may a player be challenged by an opposing manager/coach. Challenged players will be noted by the Referee on the tournament game report, but will be allowed to participate in the game so long as they have valid, verified player passes and are listed on the validated roster. A challenged player does not constitute a game protest, but may serve as grounds for protest.
- A late arriving player may be challenged at the time he/she is allowed to participate by the referee.

Each manager/coach or assistant must have a valid coach's pass and be listed on the approved roster. If a manager or coach is ejected, an assistant must manage the team. If the assistant is ejected or there is no assistant, the game will be forfeited and the score recorded as 4-0. In no case will a team be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach or assistant.

### 3. LAWS OF THE GAME

All matches must be in accordance with the FIFA "laws of the game", except as modified below.

#### LAW 3: Number of Players

	On field	max players on roster	minimum to start game
<b>U09-U10</b>	six per side	12	4
<b>U11-U12</b>	eight per side	14	6
<b>U13-U16</b>	eleven per side	18	7
<b>U17-U19</b>	eleven per side	22	7

Substitution shall be unlimited and made be made only with the referee's permission, at the following times:

- Prior to a throw-in by your team. The other team may substitute if your team is substituting;
- Prior to a goal kick by either team;
- After a goal by either team;
- After an injury by either team when the referee stops play;
- At the beginning of the second half or overtime periods;

The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player being replaced has left.

#### LAW 4: Players' Equipment

Player equipment shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Affiliate, FYSA and FIFA rules.

Additionally:

- a.) Screw in cleats is permitted; however, judgment as to their safety is at the discretion of the referee.
- b.) Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with **written** approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee.
- c.) Shin guards must comply with FIFA Law 4:
  1. Shin guards are covered entirely by the stockings.
  2. Shin guards are made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, or similar substances).
  3. Shin guards must PROVIDE A REASONABLE DEGREE OF PROTECTION.
  4. Shin guards are required for any FYSA event for the Safety of the players.

Religious headdresses will be allowed as long as the material is not harmful to any other participant.

**No jewelry** of any kind shall be worn on the field of play. No tape over earrings. No Rings, Earrings, Watches, Bracelets, or Necklaces. No Friendship Bracelets (string, plastic or rope-type bracelets), Body Piercing, or HARD Hair Holders.

Teams will wear uniforms of matching design and color with a minimum of six-inch numbers affixed to the back of the uniform shirt.

- In the event of similar team colors, the home team will be required to change to a color accepted by the referee.
- The uniform of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from the basic colors of both competing teams.

#### LAW 5: The Referee

The center referee for all matches must be certified by the Federation.

Referees are required to submit a completed tournament game report to the site director containing information relating to the game, i.e., score, incidents involving players/coaches/spectators misconduct, and injuries immediately following the game.

No two-referee system will be allowed.

#### LAW 6: The Assistant Referee

Two assistant referees will be used for U11 and older games.

## LAW 7: The Duration of the Match

Games will have the following duration:

AGE GROUP	POOL PLAY (min)	FINALS (min)	OVERTIME/Mini-game (min)
17, 18, 19	2 X 35 = 70	2 X 45 = 90	2 X 5 = 10
15, 16	2 X 35 = 70	2 X 40 = 80	2 X 5 = 10
13, 14	2 X 30 = 60	2 X 35 = 70	2 X 5 = 10
11, 12	2 X 30 = 60	2 X 30 = 60	2 X 5 = 10
9, 10	2 X 25 = 50	2 X 25 = 50	No Overtime

No overtime or penalty kicks in Pool Play.

At any time in the 2nd half, the goal differential reaches six (6), the match shall be declared complete at that point. No match can be concluded under this rule prior to the beginning of the 2nd half.

## LAWS 8 – 17: No Change per FIFA “Laws of the Game”

### 4. CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT

Managers/coaches are responsible for the behavior of their fans. Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of "the laws of the game" and comply with FYSA'S Code of Ethics. The site director has the authority and the responsibility to remove any person from the tournament for abuses of conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. In addition to good manners, the following rules will apply to this tournament.

- The site director will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of the players and coaches/managers listed on the game roster. While the game is in progress, the manager/coach and the reserve players must remain on their respective benches and may not roam the sidelines.
- The site director will designate the opposite sideline for the spectators.
- No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.
- No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators;
- Artificial noise-making devices are prohibited.

**COACHING:** Teams are allowed only three (3) coaches/managers on their sideline; each must be listed on the team roster. A trainer is permitted to be on the sideline as a fourth team official if they are on the team roster and hold a valid pass. Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and positioning) is permitted, provided:

- The tone of voice is instructive, positive, and not derogatory;

### 5. POST-GAME PROCEDURES

As a mutual courtesy, both teams meet at the center circle and congratulate each other for a game well played.

- Referees will return passes to the coach and submit completed game reports and ejected passes with the game report to tournament officials.
- Managers/coaches of each team will have the opportunity to confirm the score with the site director after each game. One hour after the completion of the game any score that has been submitted by officials and is not challenged by team coaches is FINAL.
- Also, as a courtesy to the game that is starting directly after you please vacate the bench area immediately after the game. **All teams should clean up their bench area after their game by picking up all bottles, cups, tape, ice bags, orange peels and trash from the ground and place them in the trash receptacles located at each field. Please help keep the team areas clean.**

### 6. CONDUCT and DISCIPLINE

It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc. is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player's check in.

The Tournament Committee shall have a Discipline Committee of no less than three (3) members. The Discipline Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, coaches, referees, spectators, etc. using the FYSA standards as set by FYSA Rule 502.

A. All players and managers/coaches shall be subject to FYSA Section 502- Discipline and Sanctions.

B. A player or manager/coach ejected will have an automatic one (1) game suspension regardless of the severity of the ejection. The suspension will be served in the next scheduled tournament game of that team.

C. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend a suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate State or National Association. The Discipline Committee's recommendations must be made available to affected parties no later than prior to their next scheduled game.

D. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match that in the opinion of the referee is a supporter of that team.

E. At the conclusion of the tournament, it is the responsibility of the team's coach/manager to pick up the passes from the tournament (even if any suspensions have not been completed). A complete discipline report will be sent to FYSA within seventy two (72) hours after the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline.

## 7. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

GROUP PLAY: There will be no overtime games. Standings in a group will be determined by:

GAME POINTS: (3) Three points for a win (1) One point for a tie (0) Zero points for a loss

The team at the end of the bracket or pool play with the highest total points will be declared the bracket winner.

In the Event of a tie.

TIEBREAKERS:

**FIRST.** Head to head result

**SECOND.** Net goal differential, Maximum four (4) goals per game

Ex: 10 to 5 Final score

Winning Team = 10 goals - 5 goals = +4 Differential

Losing Team = 5 goals - 10 goals = -4 Differential

Ex: 4 to 2 Final Score

Winning Team = 4 goals - 2 goals = +2 Differential

Losing Team = 2 goals - 4 goals = -2 Differential

**THIRD.** Most goals scored up to 4 per game

**FOURTH.** Least goals allowed

**FIFTH.** Mini-game consisting of 2 periods IAM with Law 7 above.

**LAST.** If tie still Exists, Penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark"

DETERMINATION OF SEMI-FINAL & FINAL GAME WINNERS:

A. Game winners not decided during the match, overtime will be played in accordance with LAW 7 above.

B. If a winner is not decided during the overtime period, penalty kicks will be used in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark".

C. U10 will go directly to penalty kicks.

D. All overtime periods will be played to their conclusion - No Golden goal or Sudden Death will be permitted.

## 8. DELAY OF START

Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game by more than 15 minutes without authorization of the Tournament Director shall forfeit the game to the opponent. A game shall begin as soon as the minimum number of players is present. A forfeited game shall be recorded as 4-0 score in favor of the opponent.

**Important: If a team forfeits a game during pool play, they will not be eligible for medal play or Playoff's.**

## 9. TERMINATED/SUSPENDED GAMES

Games terminated for other than inclement weather, i.e. violent or uncontrollable situations will not be replayed. The exception to this rule is as follows: The Tournament committee will decide the outcome of the game based on the circumstances involved in the termination if said circumstances produce an unusual or unfair outcome.

The Tournament Director will make the decision as to the score of such games and whether teams advance, after receiving reports from game officials. The decision of the Director will be final and is binding on all parties. Further disciplinary actions may be taken by state and national organizations.

In order to keep to the scheduled start times, the Director has the ability to end the game at his discretion, as long as the game is in the second half. If in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench coaches, or spectators, the offending team(s) could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. All previous points earned remain as played. Matches that, for one reason or another, do not reach half time will be considered a 0-0 tie.

## 10. EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, INCLEMENT WEATHER, ETC.

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellations of games, the Tournament Director shall have the absolute authority to make these changes:

1. Relocate or reschedule any game
2. Change the duration of any game. Preliminary games terminated for weather after the beginning of the second half of play shall be considered official and score shall stand
3. Cancel any preliminary game which has no bearing on the selection of group winners
4. Cancel consolation games
5. Cancel the entire tournament for the safety of the players and the good of the playing fields

## 11. PROTEST

There will be NO protests. All disputes will be resolved immediately by the Site Director/Tournament Director. These decisions will be final

## 12. AWARDS CEREMONY

Following the completion of final games, both teams will present themselves to the Game Site Coordinator for awards.

## 13. Water Break Policy (FYSA Rule 402.4)

A short break will be given at the midpoint of each half of regulation time and at the end of each overtime period (if played) for player hydration. This break will be given at a normal stoppage of play and it is mandatory for:

- o U12 and below.
- o U13 and above in any match during which the air temperature is or is expected to reach eighty-five (85) degrees, when requested by either coach prior to the match or at the referee's discretion concerning the welfare and safety of the players.

**NOTE:** This break is not a coaching opportunity, but for player hydration.

#### **14. TOURNAMENT REFUND POLICY (FYSA Rule 902.13)**

Tournament entry fee will be returned as follows:

- ❖ Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.
- ❖ Within five (5) days upon cancellation of the tournament.
- ❖ Within ten (10) days of withdrawal request of the application by a team prior to acceptance of that application by the tournament.

#### **15. GENERAL**

A. The Tournament Committee, Director, FYSA and/or the host affiliate will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or whole of this tournament.

B. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.

C. If not enough teams are realized within a specific age bracket, the Tournament Director shall notify the participants as soon as possible, and the participants will be given the option of playing up or receiving a full refund.

D. The Tournament Committee has the responsibility to uphold any previous suspension imposed by the FYSA/USYSA/USSF other affiliated association.

E. Central Brevard Soccer is not responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, and spectators off the field, or damages resulting from such behavior. Coaches and players committing breaches of the law may be ejected from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament committee.

F. The Tournament Committee has the authority to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses to FYSA Code of Ethics, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought on by other authority.