

East Meadow Soccer Club Tournament Rules

Team schedules and duration of games will be distributed at registration, which shall be 45 minutes before the start of the session. Teams that are not present will forfeit their 1st game. Games will begin immediately following registration. It is imperative that all teams be ready 5 minutes prior to their next game to avoid delaying the tournament. Those teams that are not prepared for play will again forfeit their game. The following are the rules for this tournament. Please instruct all players and parents accordingly.

1. Each team can dress the following players:

U6 12 players
U7 12 players
U8 12 Players
U9 14 Players

Each team may have the following players on the playing surface at any given time during the game:

U6, U7, U8: 6 Players (max)
- Ball Size 3 or 4

U9: 7 Players (max)
- Ball Size 4

NO player may be allowed to play on more than one team in any active session. Coaches MUST have birth certificates and Medical Releases, which need not to be notarized but local hospitals might request it.

2. The tournament committee reserves the right to shorten game times to keep on schedule.
3. Inclement Weather – Coaches and players must appear on the field of play, ready to play, regardless of weather conditions. Failure to appear will result in a forfeit of the game.
4. Inclement Weather During Game – Should a game progress be terminated due to weather conditions after twenty five minutes of play, the game will be considered official and the score at the time the game was terminated shall stand.
5. Inclement Weather Before Game
 - Game Not Canceled – In case of severe weather conditions or impending severe weather conditions, the referee and or the Tournament Director or his designee may reduce the length of the game by fifty percent.
 - Game Canceled – Only the Referee, Tournament Director or his designee can cancel or postpone a game. Every attempt will be made to reschedule the game. Any game, which cannot be rescheduled, will be considered a 1-1 tie
6. Team Field Position – Both team's players and coaches must take a position on the same side of the field. Both sets of parents on the opposite side of the field.
7. Protests – There shall be no protests. The judgment of the referee cannot be contested.
8. Substitutions – Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at any stoppage of play. A substituted player may reenter the game.
9. STANDINGS: Highest number of goals scored by a team will naturally decide the winner of the game. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie, no points for a loss. In the event of a points tie, the following tie breakers will be used in the following order:
 - Head to Head: If more than two teams are tied, this criteria is eliminated
 - Most wins
 - Least goals allowed
 - Bonus Points: 1 bonus point will be awarded for each 2-goal increment above the opposing team.
Example: 2 to 0 = 1 bonus point 4 to 0 = 2 bonus points
No more than 2 bonus points will be awarded for any one game. No bonus points deleted for losses. In the event of a ONE-SIDED GAME, COACHES ARE REQUESTED TO BE CONSIDERATE OF THE SCORE.
 - Most goals scored (maximum of 4 above each opponent counted)
 - If the teams are still tied, a coin toss shall be used to decide the ranking

Each team participating in the tournament will do so at its own risk and agree to accept responsibility for injury. The decision of the referees and the tournament officials will be final and binding and not subject to discussion. Coaches are asked to remind their parents that we are hoping for enjoyable day of soccer. The most important objective should be for the experience and enjoyment of our children. In the unlikely event that a coach or responsible party receives a RED CARD, he or she must remove themselves from the field for the remainder of the game and for one additional game. The team will also play short 1 player for the remainder of the game and for one additional game. As you can see we will not tolerate any unsportsmanlike conduct.

CANCELLATION:

Cancellation prior to tournament weekend - All entry fee money will be refunded less expense incurred to date.

Cancellation during tournament weekend – No entry fee refunds can be made for cancellation of the tournament in whole or part due to conditions outside the control of the hosting club, i.e. Inclement weather.

GENERAL

The tournament committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament, including interpretation of the rules and regulations.

**This is a no patch exchange tournament.