



2021 Levittown Soccer Columbus Classic Tournament Rules and Regulations

Rules of Play:

All tournament games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA unless modified herein.

Eligibility:

All players on a team must be born in the following calendar years. Players are permitted to play up in age (with older teams), however cannot play down in age (with younger teams).

U9	-2013
U10	-2012
U11	-2011
U12	-2010
U13	-2009
U14	-2008
U15	-2007
U16	-2006
U17	-2005
U18	-2004
U19	-2003

Players may only play for one (1) team in a single division. All players must be listed on the submitted tournament roster. Teams are permitted a maximum of 3 guest players. All players must have a valid player pass issued from their league, state or national association. Any recreational (non-travel) player must present a birth certificate in lieu of a player pass.

Any team found to be using an illegal player(s) will forfeit that game and possibly be dismissed from tournament as per the Tournament Director's decision.

Roster Sizes:

The maximum roster sizes (including a maximum of 3 guest players)

U9-U10	maximum 16 (7v7)
U11-U12	maximum 18 (9v9)
U13 and older	maximum 20 (11v11)

Team Check In:

Teams are required to check in with tournament officials at least 1 hour prior to their first scheduled game. The following materials are required at check in:

- Valid player passes for each player (or birth certificate for non-travel players)
- Medical release form for each participating player
- 2 copies of a roster

Equipment:

All players must wear individually numbered jerseys that correspond with the team roster. If both teams are wearing similar colored jerseys the designated HOME team will be responsible for changing to alternate jerseys.

The designated HOME team will also provide the game ball for the tournament game.

U12 and younger Size 4

U13 and older Size 5

NO player will be permitted to participate in the tournament if they are wearing any hard cast, brace with metal edges, jewelry, or any other object/equipment that the tournament director deems potentially dangerous to other players. NO EXCEPTIONS

Shin guards are mandatory.

Duration of Games and Match Formats:

Each team will play a total of 3-4 games (dependent on age group scheduling)

U9-U12 will play 3 games of (2) - 25-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime

U13-U19 will play 4 games of (2) - 30-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime

All games are running time. No additional time will be added, and the clock will not be stopped for injury.

The match format will be as follows:

U9-U10 will play 7v7 (6 field players plus goalkeeper)

U11-U12 will play 9v9 (8 field players plus goalkeeper)

U13-U19 will play 11v11 (10 field players plus goalkeeper)

Unlimited substitutions will be permitted during either team's possession at any stoppage of play with the permission of the referee. Since there is no added time the referee may deny any substitution during the final 2 minutes of the match.

A build-out line will be enforced for the U9-U10 divisions only. Opposing players must retreat behind the build-out line upon the goalkeeper's possession of the ball or during a goal kick. Once the ball is played the ball may then be challenged.

Players in divisions U11 and younger are not permitted to intentionally head the ball. An infraction will result in an indirect free kick. If the offense occurs inside the penalty area the ball will be placed on the 18-yard line closest to the infraction in any direction.

Division Formats:

U9-U11:

4 Team Group - Each team will play each team once in round robin format. The division champion will be determined by overall point total

5 Team Group – Each team will play 3 games and will not play 1 team. The division champion will be determined by overall point total. If there is a tie for first place in point totals, then tie breakers will be implemented starting with the second one (Most Wins).

6 Team Group - As per the Tournament Director schedule may include groupings

U13 and Older:

4 Team Group - Each team will play each other one time for a total of 3 games. Based on point totals the 4th game for each team will be seeded 1st place vs 2nd place in a championship match and 3rd place vs 4th place in a consolation game.

If the championship game is tied, it will continue straight to penalty kicks. Each team will take 5 penalty kicks. If still tied, sudden death penalty kicks. The consolation game may end in a tie.

5 Team Group - Each team will play each team once in round robin format. The division champion will be determined by overall point total.

6+ Team Group – As per the Tournament Director schedule may include groupings and may or may not include playoff matches.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 3 points for each win
- 1 point for each tie
- 0 points for each loss
- No bonus points will be awarded

In the case of tied points totals the winner in each division will be determined using the following:

- Head to Head Result
- Most Wins
- Most Shutouts (not including 0-0 tie)
- Goal differential (max of +/- 5 goals per game)
- Goals Against
- Goals For
- Best of 3 Penalty Kicks (sudden death penalty kicks if necessary after 3)

Cautions and Ejections:

Any player that is cautioned (except for the goalkeeper) must leave the field. The player may return during the next available moment for substitution as per the referee.

Any player that is issued a red card must leave the field of play and may not be replaced for the remainder of that game. The player will also not be permitted to play in the next scheduled game.

Depending upon the offense the Tournament Director may impose additional penalties.

Any player engaging in physical altercations with another player (ex. fighting, spitting) will be ejected from the tournament.

ANY ADULT THAT ENGAGES IN ANY PHYSICAL ALTERCATION WITH ANY OTHER ADULT WILL HAVE THEIR TEAM EJECTED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT WITHOUT REFUND.

Forfeits and Termination of Games:

Teams must have the minimal allowable number of players on the field at kickoff time.

- U9-U10 minimum 5 players
- U11-U12 minimum 6 players
- U13 and up minimum 7 players

There is no grace period for the start of games. The minimum number of players must be on the field at their scheduled game time or the game will result in a forfeit.

A forfeit will be recorded as a 3-0 score in favor of the offended team.

Should the referee terminate a game for reasons of misconduct by players, coaches or spectators, the Tournament Director will decide on the recording of the match.

Should a game that is in progress be terminated (ex. weather, darkness, serious injury) after one half has been played the score at the time of termination will be recorded as the official score. If less than one half has been played, every effort will be made to reschedule the game. Games that cannot be rescheduled will be recorded as a 1-1 tie.

Awards:

1st place and 2nd place teams in all divisions will receive individual awards.

Protests:

If the rules of the competition appear to be violated, the Tournament Director will take appropriate action for resolution.

NO PROTESTS will be entertained about a disagreement with a ruling by the referee during the run of play in a match.

All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.

Weather Conditions and Refunds:

There will be no refunds once your team has been accepted.

There will be no refunds if your team is ejected from the tournament due to behavior (as per the section pertaining to Cautions and Ejections).

In the event of inclement weather or darkness, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to the following:

- Relocate or reschedule a match
- Postpone a match
- Modify the duration of a match
- Cancel a match

If a portion of the tournament is cancelled due to weather the refund policy will be as follows:

If all games are cancelled there will be an 85% refund of your paid entry fee

If 3 games are cancelled there will be 60% refund of your paid entry fee

If 2 games are cancelled there will be a 35% refund of your paid entry fee

If 1 game is cancelled there will be a 20% refund of your paid entry fee