

**X INDEPENDENCE CUP
INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT
RULES**

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COLUMBUS PARK, PORT CHESTER, NEW YORK
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I. TOURNAMENT NAME: VIII INDEPENDENCE CUP -INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

II. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: 222 GRACE CHURCH ST PORT CHESTER, NY 10573, **Field** is located at Ryan Ave, Port Chester, NY 10573

III. REGISTRATION AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Registration:** Team registration is online at <http://www.sportssignup.com/Port-Chester-Soccer-Club-Team-Registration-Online-Registration.start>. Coaches must add their team players on line and present their printed roster at least 30 minutes prior to their first game at the REGISTRATION DESK.
- B. Requirements:** Team Roster with **passports** and valid ID's must be presented at this time for every player and coach at the tournament. Teams are allowed up to three guest players. Permission to Travel, Guest Player Forms and Medical releases must also be presented at this time. **No exceptions**
 - 1. For teams from the United States
 - a. The players must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member(USYS, AYSO, Other
 - b. Teams must provide proof of approval from the team's Federation Organization Member.
 - c. Teams from outside the State Association where the Tournament is located must provide Permission to Travel.
 - 2. For a team coming from a CONCACAF Nation:
 - a. Players must present passport at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.
 - b. Players are required to have and present player picture identification cards.
 - c. Tournament rules must require that team have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

IV. PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY: Boys born in 2002 and boys born in 2004

- A. Only for Boys born in the year 2002 and in the year 2004
- B. Guest players are permitted. Teams are allowed to have up to three guest players.

V. TEAMS

- A. The Home and away teams will be determined by the final printed schedule. Teams on the Left will be the Home teams and teams on the right will be the away teams.
- B. Both teams are required to bring two sets of uniform to each game. However if the referee determines there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change.

VI. PLAYER CREDENTIALS AND UNIFORMS.

- A. Player Picture identification cards are to be present and available at all matches.
- B. Identification cards are required to be checked by the referee prior to each match.
- C. The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the daily match report or **roster**. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same.

VII. LAWS OF THE GAME – All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA laws of the game, except as specifically modified as follows in the Tournament Rules:

A. Modifications – Notes on the Laws of the game

1. Match length

- i. Category 2002 two 20 minutes halves, ball #5, 11v11
- ii. Category 2004 two 20 minutes halves, ball #4, 9v9

2. Number of players and ball size

- i. Category 2002, maximum roster size of 18 players, ball #5, play 11v11
- ii. Category 2004, maximum roster size of 14 players, ball #4, play 9v9

3. Substitutions

i. Substitution time – a player may be substituted on at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.

- 1) Note: Tournament allows substitution to be made at specific times: goal kicks, corner kicks and on your team's throw-ins, when a player is cautioned.

ii. Substitution age limits

- 1) For age groups 12 years old (born 2002) unlimited
- 2) For age groups 10 years old (born 2004) unlimited

VIII. PLAYER EQUIPEMENT

- A. Shin guards required for all players (no exceptions)
- B. Casts: No hard casts are permitted. Soft cast are permitted with the permission of the referee

IX. TOURNAMENT AND MATCH SCHEDULES

- A. Tournament format – by age group, Both 2002 and 2004 are round robin qualifying only the first team in each bracket for the final game
- B. Match schedules: Each team will play a minimum of three matches; one or two matches per day.
- C. Procedures for determining a winner:
 - i. The winner in each bracket will be the one that accumulated more points - see tie breakers rules.
 - ii. There will be NO OVERTIME during regular games. This also includes during playoffs and finals.
 - iii. In case of ties during playoffs and finals, winner will be determined by penalty shootouts.
- D. Referee – all matches must use referees certified by the Federation

- E. **Match delays, suspensions, cancellations for weather:** Games will be played rain or shine. Games are considered complete after 20 minutes. If a game is halted before 20 minutes, the tournament committee will decide the course of action. The tournament timekeeper is the sole authority of time played. If a game is halted prior to that time, the tournament committee will decide the course of action.
- F. **Refund policy:** The registration fee for Category 2002 is \$700 per team and 2004 is \$650 per team; in case of severe weather conditions where a day's session must be cancelled a \$150 refund will be given to all teams. No refunds will be given if a team drops out of the tournament.

X. FORFEITS:

- A. If a team is not on the field ready to start a match at the sound of the air horn, 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 will be no refund and all its matches will be forfeited.
- B. The minimum # of players allowed to start play is 7 for the 2002 and 5 for the 2004
- C. If a team forfeits a match, this team will not be permitted to proceed in the tournament to the playoff rounds.
- D. Result for a forfeit match is 2-0 win

XI. STANDINGS AND TIE BREAKERS

- A. **List the tie breaker**
1. Points earned from matches won or tie
 2. Goal difference
 3. Head to Head

XII. MATCH AND SCORE REPORTING

- A. The PCSC is responsible for publishing the scores on the field and on the Club's website
- B. The PCSC will also publish the cautions and ejections.

XIII. PROTEST AND DISPUTES: There are no protests or appeals. The decision of the referee and the tournament committee will be final and binding.

- A. Protests - No protest are allowed
- B. Disputes – No disputed are allowed
- C. The committee's decisions are final and binding
- D. The Procedures for any decision will be made by the committee on the field
- E. The Rules:
1. **The referee's decisions are not appealable.**
 2. **The decisions made by the committee on a protest or dispute are final and may not be appealed.**

XIV. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- A. This is a Zero Tolerance Policy Tournament. This policy will be fully and evenly applied to all persons at the tournament venue. The officials will immediately stop the game when any player, parent or spectator displays inappropriate or disruptive behavior. Violators will be identified to the coach for the purpose of removing said violator from the games area. Once removed, play will be resumed. Lost time will not be made up. Failure to remove the violator will result in the forfeiture of the game with maximum amount of points awarded to the opposing team.

Unacceptable behavior includes:

- Aggressive, derogatory or vulgar language
- Taunting, baiting or ridiculing players or refs
- Threatened or actual physical violence

B. General Rules: On the fields:

1. **NO dogs, NO Food, NO Beverages other than water** are allowed on the playing fields by order of the Village of Port Chester & Rye Brook. Violators of this rule will be asked by tournament officials to remove their dogs from the premises.
2. It is a Village of Port Chester policy for Columbus Park that only players, coaches (2) and manager (1) be allowed inside the playing field. No exceptions.

- C. **Ejections** – that a player or coach sent off during a match is not allowed to play or coach in the next match. The Committee will may take additional disciplinary actions against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the tournament and non-eligibility for future tournaments. Ejected player and coaches may be removed from the field to the stands.
- D. **Suspensions on accumulation of yellow cards may be decided by the committee**
- E. **Report of Disciplinary Action**
 - 1. The United States Teams, a notification may be sent to you Federation Organization Member of that team of disciplinary action taken or required.

XV.

GAME BALLS:

- 1. **The committee will provide with match balls during the whole tournament**