

PST CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 21, 28, SUNDAY MARCH 15, 24, 29, 2015

COLUMBUS PARK, PORT CHESTER, NEW YORK

SPONSORED by the PORT CHESTER SOCCER CLUB INC

A. General

Liability: Teams participate in the tournament at their own risk. The Port Chester Soccer Club (PCSC), the PCSC tournament committee, Village of Port Chester and the Port Chester Board of Education cannot and does not accept liability for any injuries that may occur as a consequence of playing in the tournament. The act of participation by a team, player, parent and/or spectator is a release by them of any claims against the PCSC; its members, the Village of Port Chester and the Port Chester Board of Education.

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.

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The registration fee for U8-U11 is \$375 per team and U12-U15 is \$400 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.

Registration: Coaches must register their teams at least 30 minutes prior to their first game. Valid passes 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 and Guest Player Forms must also be presented at this time.

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

Forfeits: 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.

Fields: **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.

B. Laws of the Game

- FIFA rules are used with the following exceptions:
 - U9, U10, U11 and U12 team will use a #4 soccer ball.
 - U13, U14 and U15 team will use #5 soccer ball.
- Unlimited substitutions are permitted with the permission of the referee, at goal kicks, kickoffs after goals and by either team at the time of a throw-in. The substitute player must enter the field at the half line after the player she/he replaces has left the field.

- All teams must have alternate jerseys or pinnies. In case of conflicts, the home team (listed first on the game schedule) will change jerseys.
- The tournament timekeeper will be responsible for time and will use an air horn to start and stop all games. There will be no time allowances for injuries.
- Only the certified referee will call offside, out of bounds and fouls.
- The home team (listed first) will kick off to start the match. The visiting team will get choice of goal.
- Games are 30 and 40 minutes long. At approximately 15 and 20 minutes into the match, the tournament timekeeper will use an air horn to indicate half-time; the referee will stop play and have the teams switch sides. There is no rest period or coaching opportunity at this time. Teams remain on the field and play is resumed immediately after the teams have switched sides. Play will be restarted with the visiting team (listed second on the game schedule) kicking off from mid-field.
- A player who receives a red card may be ruled ineligible for the next game or the remainder of the tournament at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- Any coach receiving a red card will be barred from further participation at the tournament.
- Coaches will be responsible not only for their actions on and off the field, but also the actions of their players and supporters. **This is a zero tolerance policy tournament.**
- A maximum of three (3) guest player per team will be allowed.

C. The Games

Standings: All groups will play a round robin format. Standings are determined on a point system. Teams will receive 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.

Awards: Individual trophies will be presented to the 1st and medals for the 2nd place teams in all divisions. All players will receive a tournament patch.

Tiebreakers: If two or more teams have an equal number of points after the round robin games are played; the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Most Wins
3. Fewest Goals Allowed

If a tie still exists after the three tiebreakers have been used, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. A penalty kick shootout. Each team will designate 1 goalkeeper and 5 shooters.

If the tie remains after the penalty kick shootout, the tie will be broken by way of:

2. A sudden death penalty kick shootout. Each team will retain the designated goalkeeper and designate a new shooter. Each player on the team must attempt a penalty kick before a team member kicks twice.

D. Questions:

In case of inclement weather, please call the Port Chester Soccer Club's WeatherPhone for updated information. The WeatherPhone's number is 914-469-4808.

If games are delayed or postponed that information will be noted on the WeatherPhone. No information will be posted on the website.

For all other questions or if you need any further information contact Jose Perdomo 914-469-4808 or at perdomo1374@yahoo.com

During the tournament, officials will be stationed at the registration tent.

E. Zero Tolerance Policy

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**

Every coach is responsible for informing their players, parents and team supporters of this policy as well as enforcing it.

Important notice:

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.

ONLY WATER - is allowed in the turf field, No coffee, no Soda no Gatorade, No food