

2011 LTSC CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

- 1) The decisions of all referees are final. The Challenge Cup Tournament Director has the final say on all other matters.
- 2) Players are not allowed to play for more than one team in an age bracket.
- 3) Teams are limited to using (1) roster players, (2) players called up from the "B" team of the same organization or, (3) younger players from the same organization. Teams made add up to 3 Guest Players not listed on their official team Roster provided they have some proof of age, i.e. a copy of the player's birth certificate. Since we cannot verify every player on every roster, we rely on the integrity of the players, coaches and parents.
- 4) Rosters and completed Parental Consent Form must be turned in at tournament check-in site at team's home venue prior to first game of the tournament. Player cards or copies of birth certificates must be in the possession of coach in the event of any discrepancy, however, the tournament officials will not be routinely checking the cards or other proof of age.
- 5) Forfeit time is game time. Forfeiting team is responsible for referee fees for both teams. Any team that forfeits a game intentionally or causes a game to be forfeited intentionally will not be eligible for a berth in the semi-finals or finals.
- 6) Shin guards are mandatory for all age groups.
- 7) Coaching is restricted to the center of the field, with teams being on the opposite side of the field. Each team's spectators shall be on the same side of the field as their team.
- 8) Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their teams and fans.
- 9 a) The Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12 divisions will play 8 vs. 8. No off-sides rule will apply for the Under 8 divisions, except that referees will not allow "cherry picking". The Under 10 and 12 divisions will play the off-side rule. The Under 8, 10 and 12 age groups are playing on fields that are proportionally smaller than a regulation field. Therefore, penalty kicks and shootouts will be from the marked penalty kick area, rather than from the regulation distance. There will also be an 11 v 11 division of play for Under 12 teams.
- b) U12 and younger teams will use a size 4 ball. U13 and older teams will use a size 5 ball.
- c) Except as modified herein, the FIFA laws of the game shall apply.
- 10) The home team will be the first team listed on the schedule for each game.
- 11) Home teams will have the right to select their side of the field, but will be required to change colors if opposing team jerseys are the same color.
- 12) Games will consist of 25 minute halves for all age divisions.
- 13) Two yellow cards will equal one red card. Any player or coach receiving a red card or two yellow cards must sit out the next game.
- 14) Divisional champions will be decided based on in-division games as follows:
 - 3 Points for a Win
 - 1 Point for a Tie
 - 0 Points for a Loss

- 15) In case of a tie, the divisional champion will be decided as follows (in order of priority):
- a) Head-to-Head Competition
 - b) Goal Differential; Limit 3 per Game
 - c) Goals Against; Limit of 3 per Game
 - d) Most shut outs
 - e) Penalty Kicks. Teams should be prepared to field 6 players on Sunday morning for tie breaking penalty kicks (5 shooters and a keeper).
- 16) In the event of a three-way tie, the tie breaker criteria will be used to eliminate one team; then the same criteria will be used to eliminate a second team, beginning with head-to-head competition.
- 17) Divisions with wild card semi-final berths will be filled with the team with the highest total points from all divisions. In the event of a tie, Rule 15 will be used.
- 18) If a semi-final or championship game should end in a tie, the winner will be decided as follows:
- a) Two Five Minute Periods (sudden death)
 - b) Penalty Kicks
- 19) In the event of a protest of the outcome of the game, such protest must be registered with the Tournament Director and accompanied by a fee of \$25. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.
- 20) The Tournament Committee shall have the right to designate a substitute referee as may be appropriate.
- 21) SIDELINE RAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Discipline will be administered at the discretion of the referee.
- 22) Substitutions: Teams may substitute only with the referee's permission and only at the following times (including overtime):
1. prior to a throw in by the team in possession (if the team with possession substitutes then other team may as well – "piggybacking" is allowed).
 2. prior to a goal kick by either team;
 3. after a goal by either team;
 4. after an injury to either team where the referee stops play;
 5. at halftime, and
 6. on a caution, only the cautioned player may be substituted
- 23) Individual trophies or T-shirts will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each flight.
- 24) Age cutoff for all players is August 1, 2011. Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit any games in which the player played. Coaches are expected to have ID cards or copies of birth certificates for all players along with a copy of their roster.
- 25) Game balls will be supplied by LTSC.
- 26) Referee fees are included in the tournament entry fee.
27. WEATHER
- A. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament committee will have the authority to change games(s) as follows:
 - 1) Relocate or reschedule any game(s);
 - 2) Change the duration of any game(s);
 - 3) Cancel any preliminary game(s) that have no bearing on the selection of division winners.
 - B. In the event inclement weather forces total cancellation of the tournament, teams may be refunded entry fees after costs are covered.
28. CONDUCT
- A. Smoking is NOT permitted at any game sites;
 - B. Pets are NOT permitted at any tournament fields;
 - C. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at any game site.