



WELCOME

Thank you for being part of the **Memorial Soccer Cup**.
Our mission is to provide a **competitive, safe, and family-friendly environment** where players can grow, compete, and create unforgettable moments.

COACH CHECKLIST

Before your first match:

- Submit final roster
- Bring player cards or proof of age
- Check in 30 minutes before kickoff
- Maintain sideline discipline and sportsmanship
- Keep team area clean after each match
- Respect referees, opponents, and staff

⚠ Failure to comply may result in a 1-point deduction

1. TOURNAMENT GOVERNANCE

1.1 Rules

This tournament follows:

- US Club Soccer
- FIFA Laws of the Game (youth modifications apply)

- Local Texas association standards

☞ Tournament rules take priority in case of conflict

1.2 Referee Authority

All referee decisions are **final and not subject to appeal**

2. 📄 **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION**

2.1 Roster Requirements

- All players must be registered before the first match
 - Players may NOT appear on multiple teams
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2.2 Proof of Age

Provide ONE of the following:

- Official ID with photo
 - Birth certificate + photo
 - Valid player card (US Club / USYS / USSSA)
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2.3 Deadlines

- Registration deadline: Friday 11:59 PM
 - Full payment required before participation
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2.4 Wristbands

- Issued 1 hour before first game
 - Must be worn at all times
 - Replacement fee: \$5
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3. PROTESTS

A protest is valid ONLY if:

1. Submitted before halftime
2. Filed by the affected team
3. Presented at tournament HQ
4. Includes \$200 deposit

✓ Refunded if approved

✗ Forfeited if denied

4. CONDUCT, SAFETY & ZERO TOLERANCE

4.1 Referee Abuse Policy

Applies to ALL participants:

- First offense → Warning / Yellow to coach
 - Second offense → Red card + possible game suspension
 - Severe misconduct → Removal from facility
 - Physical threats → Immediate expulsion
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4.2 Facility Rules

- No alcohol, smoking, or vaping
- Maintain clean sidelines
- Respect facilities and staff

⚠ Violations = 1-point deduction

4.3 Player Safety

- Hydration breaks at 85°F+
 - Concussions = immediate removal
 - Mercy rule: 8+ goal difference may shorten game
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4.4 Security

Local authorities may be present.

Tournament is not responsible for individual behavior.

5. MATCH RULES

5.1 Equipment

- Matching uniforms required
 - Visible jersey numbers (min. 6 inches)
 - Shin guards mandatory
 - No jewelry or dangerous equipment
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5.2 Scoring System

- Win = 3 points
 - Tie = 1 point
 - Loss = 0 points
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5.3 Tie Breakers

1. Head-to-head
 2. Goal differential (max +5)
 3. Goals scored (max 5)
 4. Goals against
 5. Penalty kicks
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5.4 Referees

- 5v5 / 7v7 / 9v9 → 1 referee
 - 11v11 → 3 referees
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5.5 Discipline

- Two yellow cards = Red card
 - Violent conduct = suspension or expulsion
 - Leaving field early = automatic forfeit
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5.6 Forfeits

- 15-minute delay = forfeit (2–0)
 - Early exit = automatic forfeit
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6. MATCH FORMATS

5v5 (U6–U7)

- Ball size: 3
 - 2 halves of 20 minutes
 - No offsides
 - No headers
 - GK allowed
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7v7 (U8–U10)

- Ball size: 4
 - 2 halves of 25 minutes
 - Build-out line enforced
 - No punting by goalkeeper
 - Limited offsides
 - No headers
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9v9 (U11–U12)

- Ball size: 4
- 2 halves of 25 minutes

- Offsides apply
 - Headers: age-dependent
 - PKs allowed
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11v11 (U13+)

- Ball size: 5
 - 2 halves of 30 minutes
 - Full FIFA rules apply
 - Headers allowed
 - PKs allowed
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SPIRIT OF THE TOURNAMENT

This tournament is about more than competition.

It's about:

- Development
 - Respect
 - Community
 - Passion for the game
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OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT MOTTO

PLAY HARD. PLAY FAIR. RESPECT THE GAME