

## Columbia Soccer Club Recreational Tournament Rules and Regulations

**Rules and Tournament Format:** All FIFA laws and interpretations will be in effect for all age divisions. Shin guards are mandatory. All interpretations in Law XII are in effect.

**Player Limits:** Maximum of 18 players per roster for U-13 (11v11) *through U-19*; Maximum of 14 players per roster for U-9, U-10, U-11 and U12 (6v6 & 8v8). Minimum of 7 on the field at all times for 11v11 teams; minimum of 5 on the field for 8v8 teams; minimum of 4 on the field for 6v6. A maximum of three (3) guest players will be permitted for U-9 through U-16 and a maximum of five (5) guest players will be permitted for U-17 through U-18. No roster changes will be permitted after initial registration.

**Home Team:** First team listed is home team and must change in case of color conflict.

**Playing Times:** U-9 Mixed, U-10 Mixed, U12 Mixed and U12 Girls will play 25-minute halves. U-14 Mixed and U16 Girls will play 30-minute halves. U-19 Mixed will play 35-minute halves. During finals, semi-finals and quarter-finals (or any elimination round game), teams will play 2 x 5 minute halves of overtime if necessary, followed by FIFA Penalty Kicks. All games will have a 5-minute halftime interval. We reserve the right to alter game times, shorten games, and eliminate non-essential games in case of inclement weather. It is strongly recommended that your team warm-up in adjacent areas prior to your match. Limited time will be available between games. **Team Disqualification:** Less than 7 players on the field for 11v11 teams, less than 5 players on the field for 8v8 teams, less than 4 on the field for 6v6 teams, persistent and calculated team-wide misconduct (including misconduct of a team's supporters) or conduct that brings the game to disrepute as judged solely by the Tournament Committee.

**Player Disqualification:** Ejected players, coaches and managers will be disqualified from the next match. This rule applies to all ejections including being guilty of a second cautionable offense (two yellow cards). The Tournament Committee reserves the right to extend or nullify a disqualification pending the match report. A player receiving a caution (yellow card) must be substituted on that play. A yellow-carded player may reenter on the next free substitution as permitted by USYSA rules.

**Forfeits:** Teams that forfeit because they cannot advance will not be accepted in future tournaments. Teams that forfeit a non-essential game (i.e. so as to rest their players) will be disqualified from the tournament. Forfeit time will be 10 minutes after the official scheduled start of the game (the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the game schedule at any time. Official game schedule will be available at the tournament headquarters).

Unlimited Substitutions are Permitted: 1) On any goal kick. 2) Possession throw-in (opposing team will be allowed to substitute at this time also). 3) After a goal. 4) At half time. 5) 1 for 1 on an injury, if injured player is substituted. 6) 1 for 1 on a caution when cautioned player is substituted.

**Point System:** Three points awarded for a win, one point for a tie, none for a loss. In addition, one point will be deducted for each ejection of a player, coach or manager.

**Tie Breaking Policy:** 1) Head to head result. 2) Goal differential in-group play, maximum 3 per game. 3) Fewest goals scored against in-group play. 4) Most goals scored in-group play, no limit. 5) Goal differential in-group play, no limit. 6) Least number of ejections. 7) Least number of yellow cards. 8) FIFA Penalty Kicks for quarterfinals, semifinals or any situation where one team or the other faces elimination. Coin toss will be used if situation is simply for seeding purposes, as determined by Tournament Committee.