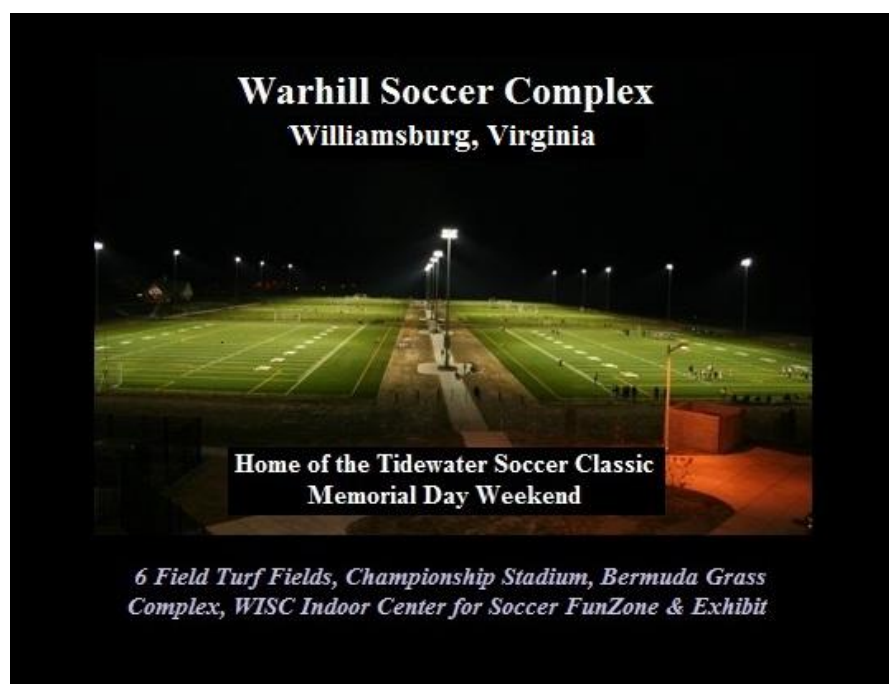


Tidewater Soccer Classic



2013 RULES

GENERAL

All matches will be played in accordance with "The Laws of the Game" as issued by FIFA/USYSA except as modified in these "Event Rules."

Region 1 Policy Regarding Application To Host A Tournament

Region I has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournaments in Region I. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region I teams to travel to tournaments within Region I. The new policy states that any US Youth Soccer State Association teams within Region I that is accepted into a tournament in Region I do not need permission to travel papers. Permission to Travel is not required in friendly games within Region 1.

National State Associations in Region I:

Connecticut Jr Soccer Assn -
Delaware Youth Soccer Assn
Eastern New York Youth Soccer Assn
Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Assn
Soccer Maine
Maryland Youth Soccer Assn
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Assn
New Hampshire Soccer Ass
New Jersey Youth Soccer Assn –
New York State West Youth Soccer Assn
Pennsylvania West State Soccer Assn
Soccer Rhode Island
Vermont Soccer Assn
Virginia Youth Soccer Assn
West Virginia Soccer Assn

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

This is a USYSA/US Club Soccer sanctioned tournament for U8-U19 Boys and Girls teams. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 (U8-U10), 13 (U11 & U12 8 a-side), or 18 players (U11-U19 11 a-side) on their game day roster. Teams must be USYSA or US Club sanctioned, in good standing with their state association, and players possess 2012-2013 player passes. US Club Soccer teams DO NOT have to have a Permission To Travel Form. However, USYSA Sanctioned tournaments may request a letter from the teams "other" affiliated member that the team and its players and team officials are in good standing.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All teams must be carded and rostered to the member club, through USYSA/State Association or US Club Soccer. The tournament director reserves that right to grant permission and approve or deny teams/clubs and may do so on a case by case basis.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

A player participating in an this event may only play on one roster unless playing in a separate age division within the event. It is suggested that clubs limit their players to a maximum of ninety (90) minutes per day on average. If a Championship final requires overtime to decide a match then a player may naturally play more than the recommended amount.

GUEST PLAYERS

Each team is allowed to utilize a maximum of 5 guest players. "Guest Players" are defined as players that are not primarily registered to your club team. The guest players must be listed on your game day roster. Players are not considered "Guest Players" if they are not written in on the participating member clubs roster and can provide a current player pass from USYSA or US Club Soccer that matches the sanctioning group on the team roster.

PLAYING UP

Officially rostered players and guest players are permitted to play up in an age group within this event but are not permitted to play down under any circumstance.

REGISTRATION

Mandatory team registration and check in will take place at a time and location set by the event director or at the registration tent at the field complex a minimum of one (1) hour before your first game. Teams must present valid USYSA or US Club Soccer Player Passes, Certified Rosters, Medical Release Forms and Permission to Travel Forms (if required per above). Teams may not play without having registered under penalty of forfeiture of games.

REFEREES

A three-person referee system will be employed for 11 a-side matches with a 2 man system for 8 a-side and a 1 man (single for 5 & 7 a-side matches. Officials will be USSF certified and in good standing. If there is only one referee present for a preliminary match at the scheduled start time, the referee present shall commence the match using volunteer linesmen. Should the missing referee(s) arrive at the field, he/she shall enter the match at an appropriate time and the volunteers shall be relieved of their duties.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Shoes must meet FIFA specifications and shin guards must be worn during play. In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team shall change. For the purposes of matches the team listed first on the schedule will be considered the home team. No jewelry may be worn by any player during a match (earrings, watches, necklaces)

DURATION OF MATCHES & POINT SYSTEM

The duration of halves is twenty five (25) minutes for U8's & U9's, thirty (30) minutes for U10's-U12's, thirty five (35) minutes for U13's-U16's and forty (40) minutes for U17's & U19's. The interval between halves shall be five to ten (5-10) minutes. The referee is the official timekeeper of the match. No overtime for bracket games ending in ties. The ties will stand. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) point will be awarded for a draw during the bracket matches.

OVERTIME

All non-final matches tied will remain a tie. Championship placement bracket matches will play a maximum of two (2) overtime periods set at a duration approved by the tournament director. If a match remains tied after two (2) overtime periods then the match will be decided by a five (5) man penalty kick shootout if necessary.

BALL SIZE: Size 4 for U8-U12, Size 5 for U13-U19

TEAM/SPECTATOR FIELD POSITIONS

Coaches and players shall stand on opposite sides of the field from parents and spectators. No coaching shall be permitted within 18 yards of the goal line, from behind the goal line or from the parent/spectator sideline. Parents and spectators from both teams shall stand on the same side of the field. The behavior of the parents and fans remains the responsibility of the coach. The referee and the Field Marshall are authorized to remove any spectator whose behavior, in their opinion, interferes with the play of the game. All spectators will remain behind spectator lines, as designated.

WARNINGS & EJECTIONS

If a player is ejected from a match (red card by the referee) that player must sit out the remainder of that match plus his/her team's next league or tournament match. Two yellow cards constitute a red card and ejection, and result in a man down situation for the offending team. Coaches that receive a red card or two yellow cards in the same match are subject to the same penalties outlined above for players. Any coach ejected from a match will not be allowed in the general vicinity of the field (as defined by the referee) for the remainder of that match and the team's next match. No team or club official may enter the field of play, regardless of the circumstances, unless that person has been given permission by the referee.

Red cards issued after the end of regulation play or as a result of physical assault are subject to review by the tournament director and the Disciplinary committee and a more strenuous penalty, that is not subject to appeal, may be issued. Should the infraction be sufficiently serious, law enforcement authorities may be summoned. All infractions shall be reported to the tournament director for relay to the team's state association following the tournament. In accordance with USSF Policy 531-9, red cards for assault, abuse, or like offenses shall be reported immediately as decided by the event host.

PROTESTS

No protests shall be allowed.

FORFEITS

Teams that have not registered at the designated check in time or prior to their 1st match may be subject to forfeiting the match. A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within five (5) minutes of the scheduled commencement time – unless a previous agreement has been approved by the tournament director. A ten (10) minute allowance shall be made for Semi-final and Final matches during the Championship finals. A team that cannot field 3 players for U8, 5 players for U10, 6 players for U11 & U12 8 a-side

matches and 7 players for all 11 a-side divisions at the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit the match.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Players that are substituted for may re-enter a match within that same half of play. During the Championship an overtime period is considered a new period and will follow the same substitution rule as a new half of play. Substitutions will be subject to the following conditions and upon approval of the referee:

Prior to throw-in by the team in possession.

Prior to a goal kick by either team.

After a goal.

Halftime or the beginning of an overtime period.

After a yellow card for the carded player.

Any time approval is granted by the referee (as in the case of injury for the injured player only). Note: When this occurs, the opponent may substitute a like number (1 for 1).

For a player that has been cautioned. Note: The opponent may substitute a like number.

STANDINGS/TIE BREAKERS

Results and standings will be recorded and published on the tournament website at the conclusion of each match day over the course of the weekend event. For the standings table and the event the following tie breaker will determine seeding:

1. Points
2. Head to Head
3. Least Goals Allowed
4. Goal Differential

INCLEMENT WEATHER

For Weather Updates and Tournament Hotline Call 757-253-1947

Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective field site, prepared to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the referee or host event Director may cancel or postpone a match.

In the case of severe weather, in their discretion, the referees or Tournament Director may either cancel or discontinue a match, relocate and/or reschedule a match or reduce the scheduled duration of a match, with approval by the tournament director.

DISCLAIMER

Neither the event Director, the event Sponsors or coaches of host teams are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the event is canceled in whole or in part due to inclement weather, adverse field conditions or circumstances beyond the events control, nor will any refunds be made. The event Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to each event and their decisions are final. All decisions of the referee are final and binding.

DISCLAIMER/Withdrawal Policy

Neither the Tournament Director, the WISC/Tidewater Sharks Club, Tournament Sponsors or coaches of host teams are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part due to inclement weather, adverse field conditions or circumstances beyond the Tournament's control, nor will any refunds be made. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the Tournament and his decisions are final. All decisions of the referee are final and binding.

All Teams that withdrawal after the acceptances have been sent out for whatever the circumstances will forfeit their entry fee. If a team withdrawals before the registration deadline they incur no penalty. If a team withdrawals after the registration deadline but before acceptances are sent they will receive a 50% refund on their entry fee.

TEAM CONTACTS

Each team, upon arrival at the event, are encouraged to provide the name of the hotel/motel, room and telephone number of the coach, assistant coach or team representative at the check in registration so contact may be made by event Officials in the event conditions require it. Teams shall ensure that the point-of-contact information provided is for a team official that is reasonably accessible during non-game hours.

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS

In the event of a problem, or if a team has a question about an event, they should first check with the Field Marshall at the field headquarters at the respective field. The Field Marshall will check periodically with event director and can resolve most problems. The event director will ultimately decide all issues not resolved at the field location. Decisions of the event director are final.

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