



Washingtonville Soccer Club Harvest Challenge Cup Tournament Rules

Registration: All teams are requested to register at least one half hour prior to your first scheduled game. Coaches must present player passes, permission to travel if needed, medical release forms and any other information pertaining to registration.

> There will be a registration table at each site. This will also serve as your information area during the tournament. <

Eligibility: Players may play for only one team per age division. All players and coaches must have passes. Coaches must have passes readily available for Field Marshals and/or Referees. Using an ineligible player will result in forfeiting any games they participated in.

> You may borrow players within your club as long as you have a player release form and they are the appropriate age with a registered player pass. <

Uniforms: Shirts must be numbered and coincide with roster. Duplicate numbers are not allowed. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry, casts or sweats. Goalkeepers may wear sweat pants.

> Shin guards are mandatory. Cleats with metal spikes are disallowed. <

Conduct: Players, coaches, and fans are expected to behave in a respectful manner. Abusive language and dissent will not be tolerated. Anyone involved in a fight will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament. A player or coach receiving a red card will be ordered off the field, will sit out the next game and **cost their team a point in the standings.**

Any further carding of a player or coach during the tournament will result in ejection. Those individuals will be asked to leave the complex. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting the game and subject the individual or team to further disciplinary action.

> Alcoholic beverages, including beer, are not permitted at any of the tournament facilities. Smoking is discouraged. Dogs are not allowed at any of the venues either. You will be asked to leave if you bring one with you. <

Game Balls: Will be provided by the tournament and should be returned to the Field Marshal at the conclusion of each game. Ages U-9 thru U-12 will use size 4 balls. All other age groups will be using size 5.

Forfeits: All teams must be ready to play at the scheduled times - there is **no** grace period. Any team not ready to play will forfeit the match and the opponent will be given a 1-0 victory. Any team walking off the field prior to the end of the game will be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament. The balance of said team's remaining games will go as 1-0 forfeits.

> All teams and coaches must appear at the scheduled field and time regardless of conditions unless instructed otherwise by the Tournament Committee. <

Home Team: The home team is the first listed for the game.

They will:

- a. Change shirt in the event of conflict
- b. Have the choice of sideline
- c. Attack on the opening kick-off

Visiting Team: The visiting team is the second team listed for the game.

They will:

- a. Have a choice of the side they will defend in the first half
- b. Have the choice of shirt color

Game Length: Teams will play three (3) to four (4) thirty-minute games (subject to change depending on the number of teams in each bracket).

> There will be a running clock during all games with no stoppage of time. <

Substitution: Unlimited substitution on anyone's possession with the referee's permission is allowed.

> **Ejected players cannot be substituted.** <

Passes and Credentials: *Can and Will* be checked randomly during the tournament.

> Have all Player and Coaches Passes and all release forms with you at all times. <

Standings: Total number of points earned will determine the final rankings. The team with the highest number of points will be ranked first, the next highest second and so on.

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

Shutout = 1 bonus point

> **Reminder:** There will be a one (1) point deduction for any red card earned during the tournament. <

Tiebreakers are as follows:

1. Head to head
2. Goal differential with a maximum of four
3. Least goals allowed
4. Penalty Shootout (3 shots per team) sudden death to follow

Tournament Committee: The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the schedules and rules of play as deemed necessary. The Committee will have final authority regarding rule interpretation and rule changes.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament.

No appeals will be permitted.

The Washingtonville Soccer Club takes no responsibility for injuries resulting from participating in the Harvest Challenge Cup tournament.

Under no circumstances will the Tournament Committee or Washingtonville Soccer Club be responsible for loss of property and/or expenses incurred by any team due to, but not limited to, partial or cancellation of the tournament in its entirety.

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