

2010 LAKE COUNTRY SOCCER SPLASH TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

I. COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

A. The competition is open to all accepted teams (U8 through U16 Coed), based on rosters for the soccer year 2009-2010 with these age divisions:

- U8 – born 8/1/2001 or younger
- U9 – born 8/1/00 or younger & U10 - born 8/1/99 or younger
- U11 – born 8/1/98 or younger & U12 – born 8/1/97 or younger
- U13 – born 8/1/96 or younger & U14 – born 8/1/95 or younger
- U15 – born 8/1/94 or younger & U16 – born 8/1/93 or younger

B. Each team must be in good standing with their league or sponsoring organization. An approved team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials along with each player's birth certificate. Listed below are the types of teams that will be accepted to the Lake County Soccer Splash:

1. Recreational Team with Guest Players – a team that participates in a recreational, house or intramural program for a club, league or association plus no more than 5 guest players (U12-U16) or no more than 3 guest players (U8-U10) can be added to your regular seasonal roster. (No travel players are allowed as guest players.)

2. Recreational Team – a team that participates in a recreational, house or intramural program for a club, league or association with no guest players.

◆ **Teams formed through a tryout process are NOT eligible.**

◆ **All Star Teams are NOT eligible to participate. All Star teams are identified as those teams that would combine players from more than 1 teams and have more than 5 guest players rostered on their team.**

C. Each team is allowed a maximum of 18 players (maximum of 14 for U8 & U10), including up to 5 guest players for U12-U16 or including up to 3 guest players for U8-U10. Guest players must also have appropriate age documentation. NO TRAVEL teams/players are allowed and no All Star Teams are allowed to participate!!!

D. Two (2) copies of the approved team roster with team name, player name and birthdate; birth certificates for each player; and medical liability forms must be presented at registration. Birth certificates and medical releases must be available at the field of play at all times.

E. Irregularities in player eligibility or misinformation in tournament documents may cause dismissal of players or entire teams from the tournament.

F. No player may play for more than one team during the tournament.

II. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA laws of the game, except as specifically superseded by these rules.

B. U8,U9, and U10 teams will play 7 v 7; U11 and above teams will play 11 v 11.

C. Length of game and ball size:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Length of Game</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U8	50 minutes	4
U9 - U10	50 minutes	4
U11 - U12	60 minutes	4
U13 – U14	70 minutes	5
U15 – U16	70 minutes	5

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the length of games if necessary due to weather conditions, or time constraints.

D. Interval between halves shall be 5 minutes. The referee is the official timekeeper of the match.

E. There will be no time allowance for substitutions and injuries or other compensating time. The referee will start the clock at the beginning of each half and run it continuously until the conclusion of that half. The only time the referee will stop his clock for an injury is if the game has to be stopped because a player on the field may not be moved while the rescue squad is summoned.

III. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

A. Shoes must meet FIFA specifications.

B. NO necklaces, bracelets, earrings, or rings of any kind will be allowed.

C. For players wearing glasses, safety straps are required. Wire rim glasses are prohibited, no exceptions!

D. Hard casts are not permitted. Semi-hard casts are permitted, provided such casts are covered with foam or other padding material, are approved by the Referee of the match, and a Doctor's note allowing the player to play is at the tournament site and available for Referee and/or Site Coordinator review at all times.

E. All players on a team must wear similar uniforms with each jersey being numbered distinctly with no number being repeated. Numbers should be large enough and visible by all players from a distance. (Temporary numbering-duct tape-will be allowed in the event of duplicates and must be easily recognizable to the referee.) Goalkeepers' shirts shall be easily distinguishable from all other players and from the referee.

F. Regulation shin guards must be worn at all times.

G. Socks must cover the shin guard completely and jerseys must be tucked into shorts.

H. If a uniform conflict occurs, the home team (listed first on the schedule) must change jerseys, unless visiting team offers to do so.

I. The tournament committee strongly recommends that coaches maintain a first aid kit on the sidelines at all times.

IV. SUBSTITUTIONS

A. Unlimited substitutions by either team may be made, with the permission of the referee, at the following times: after a goal has been scored, at the beginning of the second half, prior to the start of an overtime period, or goal kick.

B. Limited substitutions may be made, with the permission of the referee, prior to a throw-in by the team in possession, following a stoppage of play for an injury (for the injured players (s) only with the opponent allowed to substitute an equal number of players), and to replace a cautioned player.

C. In the event of a penalty shootout, there shall be no substitutions after overtime has expired.

V. CONDUCT

A. Any player dismissed/sent off (red carded by the referee) must sit out the remainder of that match plus his team's next tournament match. Player must leave the vicinity of the field. No substitution may be made for the player sent off during the match in which the red card was issued.

B. A coach who should receive an ejection or the equivalent to a red card will be asked to leave the field and will not be allowed in the vicinity of

the field for his team's remaining matches. No communications shall be allowed between coach and team, such as by cell phone or radio.

C. Two yellow cards issued to the same player or two warnings (equivalent to 2 yellow cards) issued to a coach in the same match equals a red card and is subject to the same penalties as outlined in items A & B above.

D. Coaches are responsible for their players, parents and guests on the sideline. All players, coaches, parents, and guests are expected to exhibit responsible behavior at all times. Those that do not may be required to leave the tournament premises.

E. All players and coaches (no more than 3 coaches) are required to remain on the "player's side" of the field at all times during the game, including halftime and breaks. All parents are required to stay on the opposite side of the field from the players – no parent is allowed to sit on the "player's side" unless they are a registered coach or registered assistant coach. No team or official may enter the field of play regardless of the circumstances unless the person has been given permission to enter the field of play by the referee.

F. After each game has finished, all players and coaches must leave the field immediately due to close scheduling times. Another team will be waiting to take the field for the next scheduled game.

G. A report will be sent to the state association and league/club of teams whose players or coaches receive yellow/red cards or where other serious matters involving the conduct of a team are concerned.

H. Any case of referee assault will be reported immediately to the Virginia Youth Soccer Association in accordance with USSF Rule 1108 and will be immediately handled by local law enforcement.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

(See attached "2010 Tournament Rules and Procedures" Addendum.)

VII. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

A. A team which cannot field seven (7) players for U11 through U16 teams and five (5) players for U8 through U10 teams at the game start time shall forfeit the match. The team forfeiting the match shall be declared the loser by a score of 3-0.

B. If there is no referee present within ten minutes of the scheduled start time, the match shall be rescheduled unless both teams agree to proceed. If the match proceeds, the score shall stand as played.

C. 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 second referee arrive at the field, he shall enter the match at an appropriate break in play and volunteer linesmen shall be relieved of their duties.

D. A game scorecard will be used to record the results of each match. Both teams must turn the completed score card in to the site coordinator within 30 minutes of game completion.

VIII. INCLEMENT WEATHER

A. The Lake Country Soccer Splash Tournament Director or designee reserves the right not to allow a game to be played in inclement weather if there is a possibility of injury to players or damage to the playing surface. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to:

1. Relocate or reschedule any game.
2. Change the duration of any game. Preliminary games terminated for weather after a half of play shall be considered official.
3. Cancel a match.
4. Change division structure.

B. In the event of inclement weather forcing play to be halted and preventing the match from being completed during the scheduled time, the score shall stand if at least one-half of the match has been completed.

C. Regardless of weather conditions, teams and coaches must be at the game site and ready to play on time as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of game. Only the tournament director or his staff may suspend, postpone, or cancel a game.

IX. GENERAL

A. All decisions of the referee and the Tournament Committee are final. There are no protests or appeals allowed.

B. Each team must certify, by signature of the coach, assistant coach, or team manager, the results of each concluded game immediately following the game. The site coordinator will ensure signatures are obtained.

C. When a team has finished their final game of the tournament, the whole team and all coaches must go to the Awards Tent to receive their Trophy/Medal. Trophies or medals will not be issued to a team representative, but must be given to all of the team players as a group.

D. Neither the Tournament Committee, Mecklenburg County Community Services Corp.(MCCSC), nor any of the tournament sponsors will be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team (including entry fees) or tournament participants if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part for any reason.

E. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its decision shall be final.

F. During games, coaches and players shall remain on one side of the field (between the halfway line and the penalty area) and the spectators shall remain on the other side. Spectators shall not sit behind the goalline. Coaches, players, and spectators will remain at least 2 yards from the touchline.

G. Neither the Tournament Committee nor MCCSC are responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, and spectators off the field or damages resulting from such behavior, nor are they responsible for any injuries which may occur to players, coaches, and spectators as a result of their participation in the tournament. Coaches and players committing breaches of the law may be ejected from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

H. Any player, coach, or spectator found in possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons shall be banned from the tournament and appropriate notifications made to the local law enforcement authorities.

I. No grills, charcoal, gas or other, will be allowed at the tournament site at any time.

J. Public restroom areas are available at each site and all tournament participants as well as spectators are asked to take advantage of those facilities so as not to offend any local residents. Wooded areas are not to be used as restroom facilities.

K. There will be individual trophies for first and second place division champions. All other players will receive participation medals.

L. Any coach that head coaches more than 1 team must insure that an Assistant Coach be available at all times to coach the 2nd team as conflicts due to the size and location sites of this tournament cannot be avoided in game scheduling.