



ACG 2020 YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Waiver form must be completed in order to participate in event.

- Teams will play two (2) twenty (20) minute halves (running time), with five (5) minute warm-up before the game and a five (5) minute intermission. Ref can allow two minutes
- Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players to start the game.
- Team must be present thirty (30) minutes prior to game time, to fill out and verify the game sheets.
- Fighting, arguing, or abusive language with the referees, staff/volunteers or players will result in ejection from the game and/or the tournament by security staff. **Referee's decisions are final.**
- Substitutions may only be made during the stoppage of play. To substitute, a player must report to the outside of the center half-line and wait for the referee to call them into play. The starting seven (7) must be checked off on the game sheet at the beginning of each game.
- **There will be a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players per team. Score sheets from the first game played will be the final team list.**
- Only players and coach may sit on the team bench. An area for spectators will be provided.
- Each player will be allowed two (2) fouls per game. On the third (3rd) foul, the player will be subject to a two (2) minute time out at the discretion of the Ref.
- Players will not receive yellow or red cards. The referee will warn them on the field of the misconduct or foul. If the player continues to violate the laws of play, the referee will escort the player to the coach and explain the misconduct or foul to the coach. The coach will substitute the player without argument to the referee and explain to the player the infraction or misconduct
- All players must obey and abide by the retreat-line rule.
- Free kicks are indirect at all cases unless foul was conceded inside the 18th yard box which would be a penalty kick.
- In a situation of a throw-in, players are allowed to put the ball on the touch line and pass with the feet.
- No off-sides at the U9 division level
- Parents should cheer their respective teams but avoid coaching from the sidelines.
- Minor League teams (U5 –U8) players will not be allowed to slide-tackle the ball. The referee will use their judgment to determine if the play was incidental and/or dangerous, for which a free indirect kick will be awarded
- It is not intentional “hand-ball” offense for any player to attempt to protect the vital areas of his or her body (chest, crotch, face) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck at close range by the ball. The match referee shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used to deliberately propel the ball