



2018 City of L.A. Municipal Sports Invitational Tournament

Regulations Governing Play

Rules of Play:

The current FIFA Laws will govern play in the Municipal Sports Soccer Program with the following exceptions:

Eligibility:

1. Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age in all Divisions. Exception: 30+ division where all players must be 30 years of age or older at the time of player(s) registration.
2. Players must have completely registered with the Municipal Soccer Program and also with Cal-South before participating in any tournament play. This includes the manager and coaches. Player's photos that have been uploaded during Cal-South player's registration must be current, clear and large.
3. It is the Team's Managers responsibility to know who **is not** eligible on his/her team.
4. Teams that participated in the 2017 summer/ fall season are eligible for tournament.
5. Teams must have paid any past due red card fines and have a forfeit bond on file.

League Format: **ROUND ROBIN FORMAT**

1. Each team is guaranteed 3 games.
2. Each division will consist of 4-16 teams.
3. Each 4-16 team division will be broken up into pools of 4. Teams will play each team in their pool once. Top two point scoring teams from each pool will advance to the single elimination finals round.
4. Penalty kicks to determine the winner will be used during elimination rounds only. Group play matches CAN end in ties with each team awarded one point.

Team Roster:

1. Roster is limited to (22) players in the 11 v 11 divisions and (14) in the 7 v 7 divisions.
2. All players need to be listed and have a clear and large photo on the team roster.
3. ***Players can be added to your team roster only for the first three (3) games, no new players after the 3rd game has been played.***

Game Roster:

1. Team manager must provide to the head official a game roster that lists the player's names including the player's photos. The players must sign their name in front of the game official.
2. Note: Any player may be required to show the officials a clear copy of a valid picture ID that shows the date of birth before the player(s) can participate in any tournament play.
3. **Reminder: NO Roster Card, NO PLAY.**

4. Misrepresentation by a player or manager shall result in the forfeiture of the game and the team will be disqualified from the tournament. The win will be awarded to the opponent.
5. At the conclusion of each game, the team manager is responsible for signing the roster card.

Game:

1. The 7v7 divisions will be playing 25 minute halves, 5 minutes between halves. \$25.00 dollars ref fees per team.
2. The 11v11 division will be playing 45 minute halves, 10 minutes between halves. \$70.00 dollars ref fees per team.
3. The 30+ division will be playing 11v11 and will also be 45 minute halves, with 10 minutes between halves, when your team plays at John Ferraro you will be playing 9v9, 45 minute halves, with 10 minutes between halves, 11v11 rules.
4. The 11 v 11 divisions, teams must have seven (7) players present to start a match. Failure to field at least 7 will result in forfeiture of the game. **NOTE:** The team that forfeits is responsible for the full officials' fees (\$140.00). 7 v 7 divisions must field at least five (5) players to avoid a forfeit. (Forfeit fee \$50.00).
5. Red Cards are subject to suspensions and fines. Fines are to be paid to the league office in the form of a check, money order or by credit card before the next schedule game. **NOTE:** Please be sure to keep your receipt to show proof of your payment. **Payments are accepted Monday through Thursday only**, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Credit card payments can be made over the phone.
6. The referee can terminate a game due to the actions of a player(s), manager or team spectators. In the event that such a case exists, the team at fault will be issued a forfeit for that game regardless of the score at the time of the incident. Additionally, the team will be put on probation and may be fined.
7. Home team determines which sideline to occupy. **The winner of the coin flip will be the home team**
8. Each team's extra players, manager(s), coach or coaches and spectators must be on the opposite side of the field from their opponents.
9. Slide tackling is **only** allowed in the 11 v 11 divisions.
10. **NOTE: FOR THE 11V11 DIVISIONS. THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTES GRACE PERIOD. FOR THE 7V7 DIVISIONS. THERE WILL BE A 5 MINUTES GRACE PERIOD ONLY FOR THE GAME START AT 7:30PM.** The league administration has the right to delay the start of the game due to prior games being decided by extra time for penalty kicks to determent the winner.

Equipment:

1. In every league game the Home Team and Visiting Team must furnish a ball, with both soccer balls meeting the approval of the assigned official(s). Team will forfeit the game if they fail to provide an approved soccer ball.
2. The ball shall be spherical, with the outer covering being leather or other material approved by F.I.F.A.
3. Metal cleats will **not** be allowed in any of the divisions games.

Substitutions:

When any player (including goalie) is being replaced by a substitute, the following procedures apply:

1. The referee must be informed of the proposed substitution before it is made.
2. No substitute player shall enter the field of play until the player he/she is replacing has left, and only after having received a signal from the referee.
3. The substitute shall enter the field during a stoppage in the game, at the half-way line.
4. Teams can make substitutions any time the game is stopped.
5. Each team may substitute a maximum of five (5) players at any one time.
6. Each substitute player must report to the nearest linesman in order to enter the game.
7. Substitute(s) can re-enter the game after they have been removed from the game (free substitution).
8. The number of player substitutions is unlimited during a game.

Uniforms:

1. All players must be in **complete matching** color uniform (jersey, shorts **and** socks). In addition, teams must carry a 2nd jersey or "like" colored t-shirts. These back-up jerseys should be of different uniform color
2. **HOME TEAM MUST WEAR JERSEY COLOR LISTED ON GAME SCHEDULES! Failure to do so may result in a forfeit.**
3. In the event that both teams have the same color uniforms, and home team is wearing jersey color listed on their schedule, the visiting team shall have to wear their second (2nd) jersey or t-shirt. Your team can also use pennies as the second set as long as the numbers can clearly be seen; if the numbers cannot be seen, the numbers must be permanently marked on the Pennies.
4. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of the game.
5. Officials will enforce numbering on the back of all players' shirts, including the goalie. Team managers are reminded that all participating player's shirts must be numbered with at least eight-inch (8") high numbers. NOTE: Back up t-shirts or pennies must also be numbered. Player tape must also match uniform. Example: red socks, red tape.
6. The goal-keeper's shirt color must be different from both the referee's and the player's shirt colors.
7. NO taped, written or duplicate numbers are allowed on team jerseys or t-shirts.
8. No jewelry of any make material is allowed to be worn during Municipal League games.
9. In the event that player tape is used, it must match the color of the shorts, shirt or socks.

Referees:

1. Three (3) officials will be assigned to each 11v11 game. Fee is \$70 each game, per team.
One (1) official will be assigned to each 7v7 game. Fee is \$25 each game, per team.
2. These fees shall be paid in the form of **cash** prior to the start of the game.
3. In the event that only one (1) official works the 11v11 game, the official fee shall be \$40.00 per team.

Protest:

- Protests may be filed providing that all the following conditions are met:
1. Your complaint **is not** based on a judgment call.
 2. Head Official is notified of your protest **immediately** after the issue being protested surfaces. At the conclusion of the game the manager/coach will need to sign the score sheet stating the protest to be filed.
 3. A written protest statement, including your grounds for protest, must be submitted to the League Office accompanied by a \$25.00 check payable to L.A. CITY RECREATION AND PARKS within 48 hours from the time of the incident.
 4. Once submitted (following the procedure above), the League's Executive Committee shall review the protest and rule accordingly.
 5. Your \$25.00 fee will be returned if the League's Executive Committee decides in your favor.

Other Information:

1. The Municipal Sports Soccer League maintains a **ZERO TOLERANCE RULE** for any acts of physical and malicious aggression. Any player involved in a fight will automatically be suspended from the tournament, the game shall end in forfeiture, and the team will be fined \$100.00. **This applies to ALL persons involved (both instigators AND retaliators).**
2. Legal action will be sought against any individual who physically attacks a game official.
3. **Team Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans.**
4. No dressing, un-dressing or urinating in public. Failure to comply will result in the player being suspended from the tournament and a team fine of \$50.00.
5. Los Angeles City laws prohibit consumption of alcoholic beverages and smoking at the site or on the grounds of the facility where the game is played.
6. **Municipal Sports reserves the right to exclude teams from participating in the Invitational Soccer Tournament if such teams are not in good standing, either within the Municipal Sports Soccer Program or in other independent soccer programs.**
7. Failure to comply with any regulation(s) may result in a variety of consequences, including but not limited to, forfeiture of game(s), loss of Team Bond, suspension from game(s), and legal action.
8. Fees collected as a result of fines, etc., shall be deposited into the Leagues budget account. Such funds shall be utilized for expenses within the league (i.e. awards, nets, field marking paint, etc.).
9. **See the current league application for refund deadlines and procedures.**
10. League Office is located at: Municipal Sports Office, 3900 Chevy Chase Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90039. The league's e-mail address is: soccer.munisports@lacity.org
11. **Payments are not accepted or processed on Fridays. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
12. This is **not** an all inclusive set of rules. League administration reserves the right to amend the rules as needed, for the overall benefit of the league.