

Riverdale Spring Classic Rules and Regulations

1. Check-in of Tournament:

- a. All teams must check-in at least 30 minutes prior to their first game.
- b. The team must provide a roster (stamped by the League Registrar) from the league in which it regularly plays.
- c. The team must provide the waiver of liability signed by all participants parents.

2. Guest Players:

- a. No guest players are allowed.

3. Game Format and Schedules:

- a. All teams will play a minimum of 3 games during the entire tournament. Weather and field conditions permitting.
- b. Game schedules will be provided following the registration deadline.
- c. All games will be 20 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.

4. Game Rules:

- a. Black Swamp Soccer League playing guidelines will apply.

5. Protests:

- a. No protests will be considered by the tournament committee. All decisions by the referee are final.

6. Conduct:

- a. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law.
- b. Any player ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in, at least, the next scheduled game. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to take additional disciplinary actions if necessary.
- c. A Referee, Field Marshall or a Tournament Official can remove any coach or fan that is disturbing a match being played.

If coaches or fans refuse to leave, the game will be forfeited.

- d. If a player receives a red card during the tournament, that player must sit out for their next scheduled game. A player may have to appear before the Tournament Committee to be reinstated. Receipt of a second offense may result in ineligibility to finish the tournament.

7. Forfeits:

- a. Failure to complete a match, or a team leaving the field during play, will result in forfeiture.
- b. Teams not having the minimum required players will result in a team forfeit.
- c. Failure of a team to show up by game time will result in a forfeit.
- d. No team that has forfeited a game will be declared a group winner.
- e. The team winning by forfeit will be awarded the score of four (4) and the forfeiting team's score will be zero (0). This score will be the official score in case goal differential is necessary.

8. Tournament Standings:

- a. Division standings or play-off positions will be determined as follows for U10 divisions only:
 - i. Most points: Three (3) for a win, one (1) for a tie, zero (0) for a loss.
 - ii. For ties, follow the tie breaking rules until one team has been eliminated and then restart tie breaking rules
 - 1. Winner of the match between the tied teams.
 - 2. Greater goal differential (four goals maximum per game, -4 minimum).
 - 3. Fewest goals allowed.
 - 4. Most goals scored (maximum of plus four goals per game).
 - 5. Shootout or Coin toss as determined by tournament committee.

9. Inclement Weather:

- a. In the event that play cannot be started or is stopped for some reason, such as severe weather, teams will take cover, but will remain at the game site and proceed as follows:
 - i. If time allows, resume play and play to completion.
 - ii. If the first half was completed, the match will be called complete and the score at the end of play will be final.
 - iii. If the first half cannot be completed, the match will be a "4-4" tie and each team will be awarded one (1) point.
- b. Tournament Committee will coordinate stoppage of play. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make whatever adjustments may be necessary due to inclement weather, including shortening of game times, the use of shootouts and cancellation of games if necessary.

10. Tournament/Division Cancellation – Refund Policy

- a. If the tournament or a division is cancelled, each team affected may receive a refund of the registration fee.
- b. There will be no refunds for teams that drop out of the tournament after the tournament registration deadline.
- c. No refund will be made in the event of cancellation or shortening of any matches due to inclement weather or other conditions beyond the control of the Tournament Committee.