

Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club Tournament June 26, 27 and 28, 2009

Tournament Rules

1. ELIGIBILITY

All participating teams **MUST** be currently registered with their provincial Association. All teams outside the jurisdiction of Soccer Nova Scotia must present an authorized travel permit from their governing body. Participating teams are required to complete and submit by the stated deadline, the team roster as provided.

Approved player cards, complete with photograph, are to be presented to the Tournament Committee upon request. Player cards must be available at each game.

The Tournament Committee and the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club will not be liable for any injuries to any participant in the tournament on or off the fields. All teams outside the jurisdiction of Soccer Nova Scotia must carry and supply proof of injury and liability insurance while participating in the Tournament.

2. ROSTER

Team rosters will be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) players per team and all players may dress for any one game. All players must be registered with Soccer Nova Scotia or a comparable governing body to be eligible. Proof of age must be available upon request. Players may play on only one team during the Tournament.

Teams must complete game sheets for every game. Game sheets may be obtained from the Field Marshall and must be returned to the Field Marshall prior to the start of each game.

3. WEATHER

a). During the round-robin series, as a result of deteriorating weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game in an effort to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary, the committee may cancel any game which does not have a bearing on the final standings of any group, as a result of these adverse weather conditions.

b). Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play has been completed, the game shall be considered complete and the score at termination shall stand. If a game is suspended prior to the completion of one half, the Tournament Committee may reschedule the game or may cancel the game and use shoot-out procedures to determine a

winner. Teams are responsible for checking with the Tournament Committee for rescheduling information.

c). Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club cannot be held responsible for inability to complete games due to weather. We reserve the right to adjust the schedule as required.

4. FORFEITS

If a team is unable to field seven (7) players at start time, the game may be forfeited. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, a shortened game or shoot-out may be substituted for the match. Teams must remain at the site until a decision is reached. If a forfeit is declared, the team ready to play shall be declared the winner and a score of 5-0 will be recorded. No team will be allowed to gain an advantage through defaulting a game nor shall the team that does appear be disadvantaged. **Teams are expected to check in with the Field Marshall at least 15 minutes prior to game time.**

5. TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

a). Teams will be randomly assigned to sections for round-robin play. The round-robin standings shall be determined by utilizing the following criteria:

- Points will be awarded:

Win: 6 points

Tie: 3 point

Loss: 0 points

Shutout: 1 point

Goals: 1 point for each goal scored up to 5 per game

- Points will be deducted:

Yellow cards: -1 each

Red cards: -2 each

Coach ejection: -3 each

Example: A 5-0 win with no misconducts would be awarded 12 points (maximum possible per game).

Points awarded according to the above scheme will establish standings of teams.

b). If, at the end of the round-robin series, there is a tie, the higher placed team will be identified according to the following criteria in order:

1. Winner of head to head competition (not to be used for more than a 2-way tie).
2. Fewest goals allowed.

3. Goal differential that is determined by subtracting the total goals allowed (not to exceed 5 in any given match) from the total goals scored (not to exceed 5 in any given match).
4. FIFA penalty kicks (field and time to be determined by the Tournament Committee).

c). Playoff games will be played as follows:

In divisions of four or five teams (1 section), the top four teams will advance to the Finals.

- Bronze Medal - Third Place team vs. Fourth Place team
- Championship - First Place team vs. Second Place team

In divisions of six or eight teams (2 sections), the top two teams from each section will advance to the Finals.

- Bronze Medal - Second Group "A" vs. Second Group "B"
- Championship - First Group "A" vs. First Group "B"

In divisions of ten or twelve teams (3 sections), the three section winners and one wildcard (highest point total of remaining teams) will advance to finals. These four teams will be ranked based on their round-robin point standings.

- Bronze Medal - Third Highest Ranked team vs. Fourth Highest Ranked team
- Championship - First Highest Ranked team vs. Second Highest Ranked team

In divisions of fourteen or sixteen teams (4 sections), the four section winners will advance to the Finals. These four teams will be ranked according to their round-robin point standings.

- Bronze Medal - Third Highest Ranked team vs. Fourth Highest Ranked team
- Championship - First Highest Ranked team vs. Second Highest Ranked team

d). It is the responsibility of the coach/manager of each team to check their team's standings with the Field Marshall/Tournament Chairperson to determine their placement in cross-over and/or medal rounds.

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed according to current Soccer Nova Soccer regulations. All substitutions are permitted at the discretion of the referee.

7. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

It is the responsibility of all teams to bring their primary uniforms and alternate strip or pinnies. In the event of a conflict of Jersey colours, the **AWAY TEAM** listed on the schedule shall be required to change. The Keeper's Jersey shall be distinct from those of his/her teammates, the opposing team and the referee. All players must wear shoes which conform to the requirements of FIFA Law IV. Shinguards are mandatory.

8. OFFICIALS

A referee and two (2) linesmen will be assigned for all games in the tournament. A tournament official (Field Marshall) will be assigned to each field.

9. DURATION OF GAMES

All round-robin and crossover games will consist of two (2) halves of twenty-five (25) minutes duration. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games.

All medal games will be as follows:

- U-12 Two (2) halves of thirty (30) minutes duration
- U-14 Two (2) halves of thirty-five (35) minutes duration
- U-16 Two (2) halves of forty (40) minutes duration
- U-18 Two (2) halves of forty (40) minutes duration

In all games, each team shall be entitled to a five (5) minute rest period at half time. Should any of the medal games end in a tie, the teams shall change ends and play two (2) halves of five (5) minutes duration, with the Golden Goal rule in effect. At the end of the first five (5) minute period, the teams shall change ends and proceed with the second half without a break. If, at the end of the two (2) overtime periods, the game is still tied, the game shall be decided by penalty kicks taken in accordance with the regulations laid out by the FIFA Laws of the Game. Should field time, weather or field conditions warrant, the referee and Tournament Committee may eliminate overtime and go directly to penalty kicks.

10. GAME BALLS

The game ball will be provided by the **HOME TEAM** unless provided by the Tournament Field Marshall. Size 4 balls are used at the U-12 level and size 5 balls are used at all other levels.

11. CAUTIONS/EJECTIONS

- a) Cautions - If a player or a team official receives two (2) cautions during a game there will be a one (1) game suspension. If a player receives three (3) yellow cards within the Tournament, the player is disqualified from the next game.
- b) Ejections - If a player or a team official is ejected from a game, an automatic one (1) game suspension shall be invoked against the offending individual. The suspension will be in effect during that team's next scheduled game. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to impose a longer suspension if deemed necessary. A player who receives two (2) red cards will be disqualified from the Tournament.

ALL EJECTIONS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN REPORT SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE CLUB, DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION. IN THE EVENT SOCCER NOVA SCOTIA ENACTS REGULATIONS CONTRARY TO

THESE PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT, SOCCER NOVA SCOTIA RULES WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

Teams are responsible to ensure players sit out any games they are suspended for.

12. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT

The referee's decision in matters concerning the application of the rules of the game and the decision of the Tournament Committee regarding conduct of the tournament shall be final.

The HDSC Tournament Committee relies heavily upon coaches to set a positive example of conduct and sportsmanship and to exercise the necessary control over their players and associated parents and spectators.

13. PROTESTS

No protests shall be entertained. There will be no appeals on tournament decisions.