

## Cowlitz Kickoff Classic Tournament Rules 2018

All games will be played under “WYSA Rules of Competition” and the “IFAB Laws of the Game”, except as otherwise modified by these “Tournament Rules” as stated within.

**IGNORANCE OF THESE RULES WILL NOT BE AN EXCUSE OR CONSIDERED TO BE PROPER GROUNDS FOR ANY PROTEST.**

### **Player Registration – Team Eligibility:**

All players must be registered in a FIFA, USYSA or USSF affiliated organization within their state, province or nation. The Cowlitz Kickoff Classic Tournament shall be open to youth teams in the U-10 through U-19 age groups as classified by WYSA for 2017-2018 – with the following exception: U10 to U15 players and teams participating in the top two tiers for their age group in the Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club League (Division 1 or Division 2) or equivalent classification in other state associations are not allowed to participate in the Cowlitz Kickoff Classic Tournament.

**Team rosters for U12 to U19** are limited to eighteen (18) players. **Team rosters for U11 and U10 Development** are limited to fourteen (14) players.

**Guest players** from any USYSA, USSF, FIFA affiliated team will be allowed, and there is no limit on the number of guest players on a team. U16-U19 teams may roster guest players from any USYSA, USSF, FIFA affiliated team including players from the top two tiers for their age group in the Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club League (Division 1 or Division 2) or equivalent classification in other state associations.

Teams are required to register for tournament competition at the level at which they anticipate playing during the **2017-2018** seasonal year.

Each coach must submit one valid team roster and have 5 copies available for the officials during check-in at Tournament Headquarters (7th Avenue Park) at least 1 hour prior to the team's first scheduled match. Rosters will be accepted on WSYSA, Association, Club or official Cowlitz Kickoff Classic registration forms only. All rosters must contain player first and last names, date of birth, player status, primary and alternate jersey color and number, and must be signed by an Association Registrar. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Rosters submitted without a registrar's signature, or are otherwise incomplete may be rejected. Once check-in has been completed, **NO PLAYERS WILL THEREAFTER BE ADDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

No player may compete for more than one team during the tournament. Players will be allowed to “play up” in age and competition classification level, but not allowed to “play down” in age and competition classification level as defined by the 2017-2018 seasonal year, except players on a recreational team may play down one age against select team players in order to make a fair bracket.

Registered teams will be bracketed for competition as follows:

- Open and Club Select teams
- Club Recreational teams
- Club Recreational Teams may play down one age level against select teams

Teams will be grouped in their age division and competition level as closely as possible depending on teams available to play in each bracket. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to place teams in brackets which best ensure competitive play. Teams unable to be accepted because of a surplus or deficit of teams in an age division or competition level will be refunded their entry fee. Teams dropping out after the July 20th deadline date will receive No refund of entry fee.

### **Tournament Format**

The format of play will be three, four, five or six team brackets depending on the number of teams entered into each age division.

### **Age Brackets and Match Duration (Halves)**

All games other than U10 and below will play 2 30-minute halves. Brackets at U10 and below will play two equal halves of the duration specified for that age by Washington Youth Soccer.

Stoppage time is allowed at the referee’s discretion. Preliminary games will not go into overtime periods. A tie will stand in preliminary games. Two equal five-minute overtime periods will be played if a championship game is tied at full time. Overtime periods shall be played to completion. If the score is still tied after completion of the overtime periods, the game will be decided by Kicks from the Penalty Mark per the IFAB’s Law 10 Procedure for determining the outcome of a match.

### **Game Ball**

Game balls will be provided at the tournament. Size 4 will be used for the U-10, U-11 & U12 age divisions and size 5 will be used for U-13 through U-19 age divisions.

### **Game Start**

A full-sided team (11 v 11) unable to field at least seven (7) eligible players at the scheduled start time shall forfeit the match. **NO GRACE PERIOD APPLIES TO THIS RULE.**

Teams should be at their assigned field no less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

### **Playing Rules**

Each team must provide alternate contrasting jerseys. In case of color conflicts as determined by the referee, the home team as indicated on the tournament schedule shall change to the alternate jerseys. All players on a team will have a unique jersey number. The number should be at least six (6) inches high and a contrasting color.

Coaches and players will be on one side of the field and all spectators will be on the other side

All **half times** shall be five (5) minutes in length.

The **home team** in championship matches will be determined by the highest total preliminary round score.

**Scores will be reported to Tournament Headquarters** by the center official referee on the official's game card signed by both coaches immediately following the match.

Substitutions: unlimited substitution are allowed. A player may be substituted at any stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.

### **Tournament Scoring System**

WIN Six, plus one per goal up to three, plus one for shutout (MAX = 10 PTS FOR A WIN)

TIE Three, plus one per goal up to three (MAX = 6 PTS FOR A TIE) (0-0 TIE GAME = 4 PTS, INCLUDING 1 FOR SHUTOUT)

LOSS One per goal up to three (MAX = 3 PTS FOR A LOSS)

FORFEIT Score recorded as 1-0, score 6 for win, plus 1 for goal, plus 1 for shutout (MAX = 8 PTS)

### **Bracket Ties**

Bracket ties in preliminary round will be broken as follows:

1st Head-to- head competition

2nd Least number of goals allowed

3rd Highest goal differential up to three per match

4th Coin toss

## **Forfeitures**

A match may be declared a forfeit for the following events:

- Using ineligible players; as defined as being overage for the age division, serving yellow or red card suspensions, unregistered or improperly registered players, or a player playing for more than one team during the tournament
- A team cannot start the match without a minimum of seven (7) eligible players.
- The referee abandons a game
- No registered assistant coach is present to assume coaching responsibilities if the head coach is ejected. A team will not be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach or assistant coach.

A team, which forfeits its first scheduled match, may be removed from the tournament. A team, which forfeits any game, shall automatically become ineligible for the age bracket championship. A forfeited match stands as a played match. The score will be recorded as 1-0.

The Cowlitz Kickoff Classic Tournament Disciplinary Committee will take further action as it deems appropriate.

## **Misconduct**

Coaches will be expected to ensure the responsible conduct of their players as well as the parents and spectators of their team. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted.

Any coach or team official expelled by a referee during a match shall immediately leave the field area and must remain out of sight of the game until the match is completed.

Any player who has been sent off must leave the team bench and the team/players side of the field.

- (i) The player should be directed to sit with his/her parents, a team official, or another responsible parent from the player team on the spectator side of the field.
- (ii) If no responsible adult is available to take charge of the sent off player, the player may remain on the team sidelines under the supervision of the team coach. Any irresponsible behavior by a sent off player may result in additional penalties.

A player receiving two (2) yellow cards or one (1) red card during the tournament will automatically be disallowed from participation in their next scheduled match. A coach or team official expelled by a referee will automatically be disallowed from participation in their next scheduled match. Further penalties including a ban on further participation in the tournament may be levied at the discretion of the Tournament Disciplinary Committee during a hearing held at Tournament Headquarters (7 th

Avenue Park) within one (1) hour of completion of the match in which the offense occurred. A full disciplinary report regarding each card issued during the tournament will be filed with WSYSA.

### **Appeals**

Any coach wishing to appeal a red card or expulsion must do so in writing to the Tournament Disciplinary Committee at Tournament Headquarters (7 th Avenue Park) within sixty (60) minutes of the conclusion of the match. The Tournament Disciplinary Committee will make a ruling in writing on the appeal within two (2) hours of acceptance and prior to the team's next scheduled match. Appeals on yellow cards will not be heard. The Tournament Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the penalties for any incident of misconduct.

### **Protests**

#### **NO PROTEST OF REFEREE JUDGMENT OR DISCRETION CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

For protests to be considered, the following steps must be followed:

- **Verbal notification** of intention to protest must be given to the game referee **immediately following the game** and noted in the referee game report.
- Team protests must be submitted by the coach/manager in writing on an official **Tournament Protest Form** to the **Tournament Disciplinary Committee Chairman or Tournament Director** at Tournament Headquarters (7th Avenue Park) within sixty (60) minutes after match completion accompanied by a **cash fee of \$50**. (Refundable if the protest is upheld.)

The Tournament Disciplinary Committee will consider tournament protest promptly and a ruling will be issued within two (2) hours of consideration. **NO FURTHER APPEAL OF THEIR RULING WILL BE ALLOWED.**

### **Penalties**

Any infraction or violation of the Cowlitz Kickoff Classic Tournament rules may result in any of the following penalties by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee:

- Ineligibility of a player, coach or team for additional match play for the remainder of tournament play.
- Forfeiture of game(s).
- Return of tournament awards.
- Revocation of standing, including "champion" title.

### **Awards**

- Medals will be awarded to players from first and second place teams in each competitive bracket. 'The Tom Hutchinson Spirit Award' will be presented to a team selected by the CKC Committee that displays inspirational qualities and best models the spirit of the game.

- 4 Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded to teams judged to have demonstrated the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament as follows:
  - Best team in the younger girls' brackets
  - Best team in the older girls' brackets
  - Best team in the younger boys' brackets
  - Best team in the older boys' brackets

### **Facility Use**

All games scheduled for the Cowlitz Kickoff Classic Tournament will be played at 7th Avenue Park as capacity allows. The use of tobacco, smoking, drugs, alcohol or the possession of firearms or animals by team coaches, managers, players, parents or spectators **IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ALL FACILITIES**. All teams are asked to properly dispose of their litter immediately upon exiting the field. **No pets are allowed in the park during the tournament.**

All visitors and participants are reminded that parking is provided at your own risk.