



Houston Memorial Day Cup 2024

Rules of Competition

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: A Tournament Headquarters tent will be located at all Play Sites

TOURNAMENT WEBSITE: <https://www.albionhurricanes.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1023080>

HOTELS: THIS IS A STAY TO PLAY EVENT - <https://gycplanners.com/event/ahfc-mdc-2024/>

TEAM CHECK IN

All teams need to check in through our online check in system. Please visit our website for check in details.

TEAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Birth date of oldest player on team determines age bracket your team will play in. Teams can “play up” an age if desired. **Unless enough U8 teams register, they will be bracketed with u9 teams so please register accordingly.**

- Players should be registered with their local organization or an organization that is affiliated with STYSA, US Club Soccer or USSF.
- Player registration cards duly authorized by State/Provincial or National Association will be required as proof of age. All rosters should be generated through Gotsoccer and sent into ahfccheckin@albionhurricanes.org for team check in. No write ins allowed. Each player must have an association medical release form at each game.

FORMAT

U8-10 – 7v7

U11 – 9v9

U12-u19 – 11v11



1. All u8-10 games are 50-minute games (2 x 25 Minute halves) All other games are 60 minutes (2 x 30 Minute halves).
2. Home team (listed first on game card) must wear their dark jerseys to avoid color conflicts.
3. Visiting team (listed must wear their white/light opposing color of Home Team to avoid color conflicts.
4. The game ball will be provided by the home team
5. Only rostered players, coaches and team managers are allowed on the sideline bench area.
6. Home team get KO, Away team chooses half.
7. Offsides are in effect in all games.
8. Size 4 ball will be used for all u11 games and below. All u12 (11v11) games will use a size 5.
9. A minimum of 4 (7v7), 5 (9v9) & 7 (11v11) is required to start a game. Failure to do so will result in a 3-0 forfeit for the opposing team.

There is no use of guest players from other teams once the event is under way, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Any team seen or reported playing an ineligible player within any game that does not meet the tournament requirements or rules will be removed forthwith from the event with no refund. A Forfeit will be scored as a 3-0 win to the opposing team.

SCORING FORMAT

This event operates with a 10-point system:

- 6 Points for a win
- 1 point for each goal (up to 3 goals)
- 1 point for a shutout

In the event of a tiebreak situation, the following tiebreakers will be implemented:

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goal Difference
3. Most Goals for
4. Least Goals against
5. Most Wins
6. Most shutouts



FINALS & ADVANCEMENTS

Teams will play a minimum of 3 games (weather permitting) and teams in brackets of 4, 6 or 8 will have advancements and finals. Teams in a bracket of 5 will play in a round robin format of 4 games and done. Winners and Finalists will get trophies/medals after the completion of the final game. In the event of a draw after the final game, teams will have the option to play an additional 10 minutes (2 x 5-minute halves) or go straight to PK's. If they do play the 10 minutes of extra time and still tied, the game will then advance to PK's. All finals will be played at Meyer park.

PLAYERS

1. Must wear shin guards and completely covered by socks.
2. Each team must wear matching uniforms with clearly visible numbers on the back of the jersey.
3. The goalkeeper jersey will be distinct from both teams and the referee.
4. No glasses or jewelry of any kind is allowed.
5. Any player wearing a hard cast **MUST** have it wrapped in protective material. It will then be at the discretion of the referee if they allow the player to play.

GAME CARDS

Referees will have a game card for each game. After the completion of each game, the winning team, or home team in the event of a draw, will turn the score cards into the HQ tent **ONCE the score has been reported to the Gotsport system**. HQ will verify score accordingly. Please update scores within 1 HOUR of the completion of the game so that standings and scores populate accordingly.

ROSTER SIZE – 7v7 = 14 max, 9v9 = 16 max & 11v11 = 18 max

SUBSTITUTIONS

The number of substitutions is unlimited with permission of the referee at the following stoppages of play:

1. Prior to a throw-in in
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team
3. After a goal by either team



4. Injury (any number of players from both teams may be substituted whenever an injury has occurred).
5. At halftime

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will determine if games are to be suspended. If games are suspended teams and spectators should go to the parking lot and stay in their cars. Do not leave the complex until a final decision is made. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the game length and schedules due to weather or field conditions.

LOCATIONS

Games will be played at the following sites:

Meyer Park - **Address:** 7700 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

Dyess Park - **Address:** 16822 Kitzman Rd, Cypress, TX 77429

CRSP - **Address:** 3601 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77080

REFUNDS

Once play has begun, no refunds will be given. Any team withdrawing from the tournament after the game schedule is posted then no refund will be given. A refund, less administrative expenses will be issued in the event the tournament is cancelled before the start of the first games.

LAWS OF THE GAME & DISCIPLINE: All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

RED CARDS: A player or coach receiving a red card/ejection is suspended from that match and the next match (one match suspension). If the same player or coach receives a second red card/ejection, he is suspended from that match and suspended from further tournament participation. When a player or coach receives a red card/ejection he must immediately report to the tournament HQ with their manager or parent representative. At this time the player / coach will surrender his US Club/USYSA or equivalent card. After the player or coach has served his one match suspension the coach may pick up the card from the HQ. Red/Yellow cards are reported to the Host State Association for any further action deemed feasible by the association.



Any player, coach, or spectator guilty of Referee Assault will be suspended immediately from that match and suspended from further tournament participation, along with the team. A report will be made to the Host State Association and the team's State/National Association.

YELLOW CARDS: A player or coach receiving two yellow cards during a match is suspended from that match and suspended from the next match (one match suspension). Two yellow cards in the same match is a red card and are counted as a red card. A player or coach accumulating three yellow cards, which did not culminate in a red card, is suspended from the next match (one match suspension).

MISCONDUCT:

Misconduct of teams, players, coaches, spectators, supporters, or officials will not be tolerated on or off the field. A team, player, coach, spectator, or supporter may be withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of the Tournament committee and reported to the Host State Association and the team's State/National Association. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters both on and off the fields. The tournament committee will notify the US Soccer Federation of disciplinary action taken against any International Team, and the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

REFEREE REPORTS: Disciplinary actions taken during match will be marked on match card with name and jersey number of player or coaches' name. Serious misconduct will be reported on a Misconduct Report with card(s) and turned in to the Scorekeeper immediately following the match.

The referee's decision is final. No game protests will be accepted for this event.

MISCELLANEOUS

- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.
- NO PETS ALLOWED AT CRSP
- EVERYONE MUST PICK-UP THEIR OWN TRASH AND USE TRASH CANS PROVIDED.

The approving association (US CLUB) has the right to impose penalties, fines and bans if deemed necessary to any team, player or person should circumstances warrant it regarding any matters arising from the above-mentioned tournament.