

2023 SOAC Ice Breaker Tournament Rules

Teams must register 30 minutes prior to scheduled kickoff of their first match.

Teams absent at the start of a scheduled match will forfeit, and be charged with a loss with zero goals scored.

Teams winning by forfeit will be awarded three (3) goals and three (3) points for a win.

Only registered players with valid player passes will be allowed to participate. A team roster, needs to be uploaded and approved on gotsoccer, or presented at Registration before starting play.

Players may not play for more than one team per session (AM or PM) at the same time.

A maximum of three (3) Guest players are allowed per team. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Requests for exceptions must be made by 12:00pm Eastern Time one week prior to the tournament

Rosters are frozen after the first match played.

Casts of any type and ALL jewelry are strictly prohibited. Long pants are allowed.

The tournament will be held snow, rain or shine. There will be no refunds for nonappearance due to weather.

All rules are F.I.F.A. rules except where stated otherwise.

Each team will play a minimum of three (3) matches. All matches U12 and under are thirty (30) minutes in length, U13 and older 40 minutes, with continuous clock (no stoppage time for any reason) and there are no halftime breaks. There will be 10 minutes between U12 and Under, and five (5) minutes for 11v11 groups in between matches.

A 3-referee system will be used for all U13 and older matches.

All matches will start and end with a horn by the Location's timekeeper.

Coaches are responsible to have their team ready to play within one minute of the finish of the previous match.

The home team is the team listed on the left side of the schedule. In the event of a conflict of colors, the home team must change jerseys.

The visiting team will kick off.

Substitutions shall be unlimited and upon officials approval.

Substitutes may not enter the field of play until the exiting player is off the field.

Heading by any U9, U10 and/or U11 player will be considered Dangerous Play, and result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.

Scoring - For round robin and preliminary rounds the ranking will be determined by the total number of points earned. The team with the highest number of points will be ranked first, the second highest second, and so forth. Points will be earned as follows:

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

If teams are tied, ties will be broken in the order listed below:

1. Winner of the head-to-head game. (If more than two teams are tied, this Tie Breaker is eliminated.)
2. Fewest goals against
3. Most Wins
4. Most Goal Differential (Max 3 Per Match)
5. Penalty Kicks (5) then sudden death

Decisions of the referee are not subject to appeal.

A player or coach who receives a RED CARD is Automatically Ejected from the game, must sit the following game, and the team must play short for the remainder of that match.

Two (2) YELLOW CARDS to any player or coach during a match will result in a RED CARD.

The Tournament Director shall have final say over anything not covered in these written rules.

All spectators will be expected to observe the game in progress from behind the fence lines and not block entrances, exits, etc.

Each team and player participating in the tournament does so as his/her own risk and agrees to accept all responsibility for any injuries. The Shrub Oak Athletic Club, its directors and officers and any tournament official, or venue owner/operator accept no responsibility for any injuries.

Additional information, material and/or corrections may be issued on tournament day.

Coaches are responsible for team/spectator behavior.

First place awards based on accumulated points.

Health Rules and Protocols

If a player is on quarantine from school for any reason, that player CAN NOT play soccer in the tournament during the quarantine time frame. If anyone in the players immediate household is on quarantine the player CAN NOT play soccer in the tournament until the quarantine time is over.

These rules are regardless of vaccinated status.