



## GENERAL

Tournaments hosted by the Harbor Soccer Club (HSC) will be sanctioned by the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) and will have a Tournament Director appointed by the HSC Board of Directors. Games will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except where noted. All Referees in these rules to the Tournament Director appointed by HSC mean either the Tournament Director or an appointed representative(s) of the Tournament Director. Questions and inquiries about the Harbor Cup Tournament Rules should be made to the Tournament Director, Brian Hallberg (206.235.7935)

## TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Each team must provide a roster signed by the club's Registrar. All players are required to have a medical waiver form signed by the player's parent or legal guardian. These should be available at every game.

## TEAM CHECK-IN

All teams will check in online before Friday. You are not required to come to tournament headquarters before the first game. Failure to check in online may result in a disqualification from the tournament without a refund. Tournament pins will be available for pick-up at any point throughout the weekend at the tournament headquarters. Tournament Headquarters are at Sehmel Homestead Park, which is located at 10123 78th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tournament Headquarters will be located at Gig Harbor High School on Monday, which is located at 5101 Rosedale St NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Age Group	Birth Year	# of Players on Field	Max Roster Size	Game Length	Game Ball Size	Minimum # of Games
U8	2019	7v7	14	2x25	4	3
U9	2018	7v7	14	2x25	4	3
U10	2017	7v7	14	2x25	4	3
U11	2016	9v9	16	2x30	4	3
U12	2015	9v9	16	2x30	4	3
U13	2014	11v11	21	2x30	5	3
U14	2013	11v11	21	2x30	5	3
U15	2012	11v11	21	2x30	5	3
U16	2011	11v11	21	2x30	5	3
U17	2010	11v11	21	2x30	5	3
U18/19	2008/09	11v11	21	2x30	5	3

## **ROSTER**

No roster changes will be permitted after a team roster has been approved at the tournament registration. Players may only be listed on one roster at the tournament. A goal keeper may be exempt from this rule if the club speaks with the tournament director before the tournament. A maximum of 4 guest players shall be allowed. All guest players must be noted on the roster with an asterisk. Roster size including guest players shall be limited to 21 players for teams playing 11v11, 16 players for teams playing 9v9 and 14 players for those teams playing 7v7, (unless permission is given by the tournament director).

## **FORMAT**

Age groups may be combined depending on the number of teams entered. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games during the tournament, unless partially canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Two or more Divisions may be established within age groups due to the number of teams entered. The Tournament Director will create the divisions based on such criteria as (but not limited to) a team's fall league level and record, the overall balance of skill levels of teams entered in the age group and field availability, Divisions and brackets will be dependent upon entries. Standard tournament brackets will be applied based on the number of entries at each age. Brackets will be shown on the website prior to the tournament. The Tournament Director will try to communicate any changes or alterations prior to the tournament to all teams. The tournament will follow Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) format. U8/U9/U10 (7v7); U11/U12 (9v9) and U13 and above (11v11).

## **GAMES**

All match scores will be reported to the tournament officials by the winning coach or home coach in the event of a tie. The Home team will choose a side, the away team will kick-off - no captains/coin-lip will occur.

- All prelim games will consist of:
  - 2x25 minute halves (U8, U9 and U10) with a five minute half time
  - 2x30 minute halves (U11, U12, U13, U14) with a five minute halftime
  - 2x35 minute halves (U15 and above) with a five minute half time.
- Scoring - There is a maximum of 3 points awarded per game.
  - 3 points for a win
  - 1 points for a tie.
  - 0 points for a loss
  - 3 points awarded to a team when the opponent forfeits a game. Teams forfeiting a match may be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.
- Tiebreakers: The following rules are used to determine advancement from the preliminary round to the next round when teams' point totals are equal:
  - Head-to-head competition (Where Applicable)
  - Highest goal differential (limit to 4 goal differential per game)
  - Most number of wins
  - Most goals for (limit to 4 goal per game)
  - Least goals against
  - The team which posted the most opponent shut-outs
  - Penalty kicks from the mark
  - If there is a three-way tie, the tiebreakers will start at Most number of wins

- Semi-Final/Final Games
  - Tiebreakers: Semi-Final/Final games that are tied at the end of regulation will go directly to penalty kicks from the mark. No overtime periods will be held.
- All games are Final. NO protests will be accepted. Decisions on the field are Final.

## Playing Rules

- The referee shall have total control of their fields during their assigned matches.
- Each coach will be personally responsible for the proper conduct of players, parents, guests and staff, as well as himself or herself. Abusive behavior toward referees, opponents or tournament staff will not be tolerated. Such misconduct and breaches of sportsmanship shall be turned over to the Tournament Disciplinary Committee for immediate action. Abusive behavior is grounds for immediate removal from the tournament facilities.
- Every team must have two sets of uniforms: dark and light jerseys. When the color of shirts is the same or very similar, the home team must change to an alternate color.
- Home teams are asked to wear light jerseys. Away teams are asked to wear dark jerseys.
- Each player will have an identifiable, unique number on his/her jersey.
- Game balls will be provided by the Harbor Cup Tournament.
- Substitution Rules per WYS rules.
- Any player wearing an orthopedic device must have it checked and approved by the tournament officials prior to their first game. Consent of the referee is required for participation in any tournament game. No protests of the referee's decision will be allowed. WYA allows soft casts at the discretion of the center referee.
- Small sided games (U8-U12) will have a build out line. The build out line is half-way between the top of the goal box and mid-way line. Once the ball has been touched from a goal kick as well as once the GK has dropped the ball from their hands in live play, the ball is live. The half line will serve as the offside line.
- No heading will be allowed for U12 and younger.

## DISCIPLINARY

The Tournament Director and his/her designee shall adjudicate all disputes or abandoned games. The Tournament Director is empowered to issue appropriate penalties necessary to obtain compliance with the spirit and purpose of the tournament, including the disqualification of any offending player, coach or team from further participation. The Tournament Director may designate a Disciplinary Committee for this purpose. Any player receiving two yellow cards or one red card in a game will be sent off from that game. A red carded player or ejected coach must appear before the Disciplinary Chairman for a hearing within 2 hours after the end of the game that he/she received the card or ejection to determine the number of game suspension to serve. Unless determined otherwise by the Disciplinary Chairman, at a minimum, said player(s) or coach(es) will not take part in his/her next tournament game. The Disciplinary Chairman will base any decision on input from the game's center referee as well as the tournament Referee Assignor. Failure of a player or coach to report will mean the automatic suspension for any further tournament play or forfeiture of games participated in after the red card. All matters involving referee assault shall be referred immediately to WSYSA. Disciplinary measures imposed by the tournament director or disciplinary committee will be limited to placing restrictions on an individual's participation in the Harbor Cup. All disciplinary matters will be reported to the offending teams home state association and home club/league who will have responsibility for imposing any additional penalties within their jurisdictions as warranted.

## **FIELD RULES**

No pets are allowed at any of the tournament fields. No alcoholic beverages of any kind or weapons are allowed on any of the fields involved in the Harbor Cup Tournament. Each team is responsible for clearing its sidelines of debris after each game. Please, no food, drinks, or gum on the turf fields

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:**

If the tournament is canceled in its entirety, registered teams will receive a full refund. The Tournament Committee has the right to shorten and/or cancel matches due to climatic conditions or other acts of nature, which are beyond the control of the tournament, most notably in the case of lightning or loss of light. By default, if a game is shortened or canceled after match play has started the score will be considered final if the second half of play has started. Match delays due to unforeseen circumstances or occurring prior to the start of the second half will be addressed by the tournament committee. The Tournament Committee's decision will be final. If the tournament is partially canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstance, refunds, if any, to affected teams will be determined by Harbor Soccer Club, based on the circumstances and portion of the tournament canceled. Tournament entrance fee will not be refundable after July 18th, 2025

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AUTHORITY**

The tournament director is the final authority on the interpretation application and when necessary to ensure the best tournament experience for participants, the modification to these rules.