



**2016 SCD Concordia Cup**  
**August 6-7, 2016**  
**Concordia SC**  
**(Olmsted Twp., Ohio)**  
**Rules & Regulations**



**A. ROSTER SIZE and AGE REQUIREMENTS**

	<u>Maximum Roster Size</u>	<u>Age Requirement</u>
<b>7v7:</b>		
men's 35+	14	35 +
men's open	14	open
coed	14	Men 30+, Women 21+
<b>11v11:</b>	24	Open

A player may play in both the men's and coed divisions but not in both men's divisions.

**B. TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- Each team will turn in an official roster prior to the first game.

**C. REGISTRATION FEES**

<b>7v7:</b>	
men's 35+:	\$350.00
men's open:	\$350.00
coed:	\$350.00
<b>11v11:</b>	\$675.00

- Teams that register after the registration deadline of July 5, 2016 will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.
- Accepted teams that cancel or pullout after July 5, 2016 will not be entitled to a refund.
- Teams not accepted will receive a refund in full.

**D. PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

- Where the color of the jersey is similar or identical, the designated home team will change jerseys.
- No jewelry (including earrings) may be worn by any player.

3. Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee, the ultimate authority is the referee.
4. Shin guards must be worn at all times by all players.

## **E. LAWS OF THE GAME**

All games shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

### **7v7:**

Men's 35+, Men's Open, Coed.

1. There will be no offside penalties.
2. All fouls will be indirect unless a penalty kick is awarded. There will be no direct kicks besides at kickoff and corner kicks.
3. 3 women field players must be on the field at one time
4. Free kicks and throw-ins may be taken by male or female players
5. 3 goal limit per player, per game.
6. Slide tackling is not permitted; however, slide tackling from a goalkeeper is allowed inside the penalty box. Any slide tackling is a yellow card at the discretion of the referee, any slide tackling from behind is an automatic yellow card; intent to injure is an automatic red card.
7. Any player receiving a red card will be suspended for the next tournament game.
8. No punts from the goalkeepers.

### **11v11:**

All games shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

1. Unlimited Substitutions

## **F. SUBSTITUTIONS**

### **7v7 and 11v11:**

1. Substitutions shall be unlimited at any stoppage approved by the referee. Substitutions may be made only upon proper notification of the referee through the linesmen.
2. The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he/she is replacing has left, and then, only after receiving a signal from the referee.
3. When an injured player (inclusive of the goalkeeper) is attended to on the field of play, the player must leave the field of play for treatment and evaluation. A substitution may be made for the injured player.

## **G. LENGTH OF GAMES**

### **7v7:**

Men's 35+: 2x25 minute halves

Men's Open: 2x25 minute halves

Coed: 2x25 minute halves

**11v11:** 2x35 minute halves

1. Playoffs only: if a playoff game is tied after regulation play, the two teams will then go to FIFA penalty kicks.
  - i. Penalty Kicks: Five designated players from each team will attempt penalty kicks, with a winner determined after five players from each team have completed their shots. If the game remains tied, the penalty kick phase will continue with a sixth kicker from each team, sudden death, although each team gets an even number of attempts.

## **H. MERCY RULE**

All games will be subject to a mercy rule of an 8 goal differential at any time after the completion of the first half.

## **I. FORFEITS**

A forfeit will be declared if a team is not present at the field and prepared to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time. A minimum of five (5) players for 7v7, and seven (7) players for 11v11 is necessary to start a game. A team also will forfeit a game if their players are not present. A forfeit shall be recorded as a 4-0 win.

## **J. POINT-SYSTEM and TIE-BREAKERS**

1. In groups where there are no championship games, champions will be determined by the point system: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss. A forfeit shall be recorded as a 4-0 win.
2. For teams in group/bracket play, where the top team advances to a championship game, tie-breakers will be, in order:
  - i. head-to-head (but not in the case of a three-way tie)
  - ii. goal-differential, maximum of 4 per game
  - iii. total goals, maximum of 4 per game
  - iv. fewest goals allowed
  - v. penalty kicks
3. A forfeit shall be recorded as a 4-0 win.

## **K. BRACKET/FLIGHT SUMMARY**

Teams will be placed in flights and depending on the number of the teams. The brackets will consist of one of the following:

Bracket of Four: Played as a single group of four teams in a round robin format, with the two teams accumulating the most points advancing to the final.

Bracket of Five: Played as a single group of five teams with all teams playing each other once. The team accumulating the most points will be announced as the Champion. The team accumulating the second most amounts of points will be the Finalist.

Bracket of Six: Played as two groups of three teams. Each team will crossover and play the three teams in the other group. The two teams accumulating the most points (Wildcard 1 and Wildcard 2) from all six teams will advance to the finals to determine which team is the champion. It is possible that the finalists could have played each other already.

Bracket of Eight: Played as two groups of four. The winner of each round robin group will play a final game to determine the Champion and Finalist.

## **L. CONCUSSION POLICY: REMOVAL FROM PLAY**

Ohio's Return to Play law features three key rules that all tournaments, coaches, referees, officials, and athletes and their families must abide by:

Rule One (1): Coaches, referees, or officials must remove from play an athlete exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion during practice or a game. (See O.R.C. 3707.511 (D)(1).) Once a coach, referee, or other official removes an athlete from a game the decision cannot be overturned.

Rule Two (2): The athlete cannot return to play on the same day that he or she is removed after exhibiting symptoms of a concussion. (See O.R.C. 3707.511 (E)(1).)

Rule Three (3): The athlete is not permitted to return to play until he or she has been assessed by a physician or licensed health care provider approved by the youth sports organization and received written clearance. (See O.R.C. 3707.511 (E)(1).) This written clearance must be submitted to, and approved by, a tournament director before the athlete is permitted to return to play.

## **M. CONDUCT**

There will be a Discipline Committee comprised of three members. The Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, spectators and coaches.

1. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area and/or the Tournament. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the Tournament as decided by the Tournament Director.
2. A player, coach, or team official ejected from a game shall receive an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection. The Discipline Committee shall determine the appropriate sanction for the action resulting in the ejection, said sanction will be determined and communicated to the affected parties as soon as practicable, but no later than prior to the next scheduled game in which the offending party would have an opportunity to participate, which is no sooner than two games after the game

in which the offending party was ejected, since there is at least a one game automatic suspension.

3. Any player, coach, team official or parent exhibiting or threatening violence to anyone (player, coach, referee, spectator, or Tournament official) will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the tournament, such determination to be made by the appropriate referees and tournament officials. When serving a suspension, the suspended party must check in and remain at the site tent through the duration of the game, or alternatively may be asked to leave the park.
4. Mechanical and artificial noise makers are prohibited.

## **N. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority (in its sole discretion) to change games as follows:

- Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- Change the duration of any game(s).
- Cancel the game(s).
- Games that have been started and subsequently suspended due to inclement weather or other external conditions, will be deemed complete if one half of play has been completed or the first half cannot be completed prior to the start time of the next scheduled game on that field. For any such game that is not completed, the score at the time of the suspension will be the final score. Any game that is not started and is canceled (as opposed to postponed) due to weather or other external conditions, will be recorded as a 0-0 tie. Canceled games will not be rescheduled.

## **O. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS**

1. Protests - There are no protests. Cup officials reserve the right to decide all matters pertaining to the Cup and Cup rules and regulations. The judgment of the Cup Director is final.
2. Coach's Responsibility - Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the players, parents, and spectators on his/her team
3. Team Field Positions - The players and coaches of both teams will take a position on the sideline opposite that of the spectators. Only players and coaches will be allowed with teams on the sidelines. A maximum of two coaches per team.
4. Orthopedic Casts are NOT allowed. No exceptions.
5. Artificial noise makers are not allowed.
6. Teams that register after the registration deadline of July 5, 2016 as noted on the SCD Concordia Cup website will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.
7. Accepted teams that cancel or pullout after July 5, 2016 will not be entitled to a refund.
8. Championship/Final. Following the completion of each championship game, the two competing teams will need to proceed to trophy/medal presentation for awards.