



3v3 Columbia Cup Spring 2014

General Information

- The Tournament Director / Committee reserves the right to relocate, reschedule, or change the duration of any game or cancel any games
- The Tournament Director / Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament, and his/her decision is final.
- Every player will receive a medal
- Minimum of 3 games (most teams will play 4 to 7 games)

Entry Fees:

- \$80.00 per team
- Deadline: May 2nd
- \$110.00 After May 2nd
- No Refunds after May 10th

Equipment

- All players on a team shall wear identical jerseys/t-shirts, and shorts, excluding the goalkeeper.
- Shirts shall be tucked in according to FIFA Rules.
- When colors of competing teams are similar, the designated home team must change to colors distinct from the opponent.
- Player numbers must be affixed to the back of the jersey and no two players on the same team may wear the same number.
- Shin guards must be worn during all matches.
- Ball Size:
 - U06 – U08 Size 3
 - U09 – U12 Size 4
 - U13 and up Size 5

Game Rules

- Except as otherwise stated herein, FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply.
- All players must be registered on their teams' registration form before the tournament begins. Any team or player determined by the event director to have falsified age or skill level will be dismissed from the tournament.
- ROSTERS: All rosters are final upon completion before the first game.

Start of Play

- Number of Players: SIX is the maximum number of players on a team; three field players at one time. Players may only play on one team per division. There are no goalkeepers in 3-v-3 soccer. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, but players must get referees attention and enter and exit at the half-field mark only.
- Gender: No males will be allowed to participate in any female divisions, except co-ed division. Females CAN play in male divisions. Co-ed division must have at least one female on the field at all times.
- Games must begin at the scheduled time. If your team is unable to field the minimum 3 players at the scheduled start time, your game will be declared a forfeit.
- Please have your team at the game site 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.

Delay of Game:

- Any player may be cautioned with a yellow card if it is deemed by the referee that the player is intentionally time wasting. eg: if a player intentionally kicks the ball long distances away from the playing field in order to waste time.

Field Dimensions

- Length - 40 yards, Width - 30 yards. U6, U7 & U8 age groups play on a 20 by 30 yard field.
- The goal box, ten feet wide by eight feet long, is directly in front of the goal. No player may touch the ball within the goal box, however any player may move through the goal box. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box; the player is an extension of the box.
- An INFRACTION occurs if a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a penalty kick is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. Habitual touches in the goal box MAY result with a Yellow Card given to offending party. If the ball comes to a complete stop in the goal box, regardless of which team touched it last, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. The goals are approximately 4 feet high by 8 feet wide.

Forfeit

- Failure to complete a match or a team leaving the field during play shall result in a forfeit to the opposing team with a score of 5-0.
- Any team that forfeits a match may not become a Champion in their division.
- If a coach is ejected from the game and there is no suitable replacement, the game will be booked as a forfeit.

Duration

- The game shall consist of two 10 minute halves separated by a two minute halftime period, OR the game shall end when a team reaches a 10 goal lead. Games tied after regulation play shall end in a tie. Except Playoffs, this will be a 3 minute golden goal period followed by a shootout.
- A goal may be scored from a touch on the offensive half on the playing field.
- No offsides in 3-V-3 soccer.
- No slide tackling in 3-V-3 soccer.
- In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than five yards, the ball shall be placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the penalty.
- Kick-Ins: The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of throw in.
- Indirect Kicks: All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with exception to corner and penalty kicks.
- Goal Kicks: May be taken from any point on the end line, and not in the goal box area.
- Kick Off: May be taken in any direction.
- Penalty Kicks: Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. It is a direct kick taken from the top of the center circle (15ft. line) on the offensive side of the midfield line with all other players behind the midfield line. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are not live balls.

Ejections—Players or Coaches

- A player who receives a red card or coach who is ejected from a match shall not participate in the rest of that match and is automatically prohibited from participating in the next match played by his or her team. Any team violating this provision shall forfeit its match for using an illegal player or coach.
- A second yellow card in a single match evokes a red card for the offending player or coach.

- Yellow cards are not cumulative from game to game.
- Tournament Director may eject player for rest of tournament.

Game Reports

- Game reports shall be signed by the referees and coaches. The cards shall be returned to the Field Marshal by the referee, and the game reports (along with the player passes of any ejected players) shall be turned in to the scorer's table by the Field Marshal as soon as possible.

Scoring and Tie-Breaking

- Games will be scored as follows:
 - 3 points for a win.
 - 1 points for a tie.
 - 0 points for a loss.
 - 5 points for a forfeit
- In the event of a tie within a bracket after preliminary games are complete, the following will be used to determine the winner of the bracket, in order:
 - Winner of head-to-head competition.
 - Fewest goals allowed.
 - Net Goals (Goals scored minus goals allowed, maximum of 3 per game).
 - Most goals scored, with no maximum.
 - Fewest Red Cards.
 - Kicks from penalty mark using FIFA rules.
- In the event of a three-way tie, the first tie-breaker will be eliminated (head-to-head competition) and the tie-breakers will start with "fewest goals allowed."

Overtime Rules

- Teams will have a 3 Minute "GOLDEN GOAL" overtime period. If the score is still tied, the winner shall be decided by shootout with the 3 players on the field at end of golden goal period.

Protests

- A protest, which may only be filed by the coach or team manager, must be submitted in writing within one hour after the completion of the match in question. It should be accompanied by a non-refundable protest fee of \$300.00 in cash.
- The protest must be filed with a tournament official at the site headquarters.
- No protest involving the judgment of the referee will be considered.
- The tournament director/committee will determine the method of play (mini-game, shoot-out, etc.) that will be used to resolve the protest.

Inclement Weather

- Only the referee or tournament director/committee may cancel a match due to weather conditions.
- In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director/committee has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament.
- There can be no refunds in the case of restructure or cancellation.

- If inclement weather causes the referee to stop the match after half-time, and conditions do not permit restart of the match within the allowed time, the score will stand as it is when the match is stopped.
- If a match is delayed from starting due to weather conditions, it will be started as soon as weather permits and will end at the scheduled time.
- If no portion of the match is played or if the game is called prior to half-time and cannot be restarted, the best efforts will be made to reschedule the match, but no such guarantee is made.
- **The Columbia cup Committee, Tournament Directors, Cook Park Complex and Staff are not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.**

Sideline Behavior

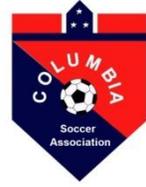
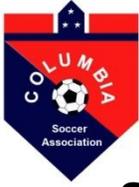
- The coach is ultimately responsible for the behavior of all participants, including the spectators.
- Persistent infractions on the part of spectators or coaches will result in the referee issuing a warning to the offending coach and appropriate action will follow.
- Harassment of players, referees, or anyone else will not be tolerated from either sideline. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event.

Injuries and First Aid

- All coaches/managers shall bring first aid kits, water, and ice to all games.
- In the case of serious injury, Field Marshal must be notified. They will contact the tournament officials who will notify local EMS personnel.

Disclaimer

The tournament director/committee will administer the tournament rules as stated, but reserve the right to adjust and/or amend any of these rules as necessary to resolve unforeseen problems or circumstances before or during the tournament.



3v3 Columbia Cup Registration Form **Spring 2014**

May 24th, 2014

Cook Soccer Park - 710 Experiment Station Lane – Columbia, TN 38401
columbiasoccer@hotmail.com

Entry Fees: \$80.00 per team - Deadline: May 2nd - \$110.00 After May 2nd (Must email to confirm entry) - No Refunds after May 10th

Please fill in the relevant details carefully in block letters:

Name of Club: _____ Age Group and gender: _____

Name of team: _____

Location: _____

Address of team headquarters: _____

Name of coach: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Contact number: _____

Number of players including the guest players: _____

Names and details of support staff:

Mode of payment: _____

Please send check and official roster with registration by May 2nd, 2014

Signature of coach or General Manager

Date: _____