

## HOLY SPIRIT'S 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER SOCCER FEST RULES

1. **LAWS OF THE GAME.** All games shall be played in accordance with the laws observed by the St. Charles County CYC District, with the exceptions noted below.
2. **ELIGIBILITY.**
  - Players cannot play down an age level; however, players are allowed to play up one grade level.
  - No roster changes will be approved during the course of the tournament. Final roster must be submitted prior to the first game.
  - Each team is allowed up to 4 guest players but they must be on the roster prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> game and no more than 22 players on the roster unless approved by the Tournament Director.
3. **GAME INFORMATION.**
  - The home team is listed first and will be required to supply and wear pennies if necessary.
  - The home team will be required to supply a game ball.
  - A size 4 game ball will be used for Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. A size 5 game ball will be used for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
4. **DURATION OF THE GAME.**
  - All kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3rd (8v8 only) grade games will play two 20 minute halves with a 5 minute break for half-time. Third (11v11), 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade games will play two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute break for half-time. Sixth, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games will play two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
  - The tournament committee reserves the right to:
    - o Reschedule/relocate games due to weather conditions.
    - o Reduce by up to half the duration of the game.
    - o Cancel a preliminary game that has no bearing in deciding a bracket winner (every attempt will be made to play all 3 guaranteed games; however, should numerous rainouts prevent a game from being played that would have no bearing on the standings and would delay championship games, we reserve the right to cancel that game.)
5. **POINTS SYSTEM.**
  - 6 points for a win.
  - 3 points for a tie.
  - 0 points for a loss.
  - 1 point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three additional points per match, per team.
  - 1 bonus point for a winning shutout (no bonus points for a 0-0 tie).

**6. TIEBREAKERS.**

- Head to head competition.
- Most games won.
- Fewest goals against.
- Most goals for (max count of 3 per game).
- Penalty kicks.

**7.** Divisions with multiple brackets will play a seeded championship round after pool play. The number one seed from Bracket A and B will play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, second seed from A and B brackets will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the third seeds will play each other.

**8. FORFEITS.**

- A game will be canceled if a team is more than fifteen minutes late to a scheduled match.
- A minimum of 8 players is required to start a game (3<sup>rd</sup> (11v11) – 8<sup>th</sup> divisions).
- A forfeited game will be scored 3-0, for a total of 9 points and a bonus point will not be awarded.

**9. RED CARDS.**

- Any player or coach who is awarded a red card will be disqualified for the next scheduled game.
- Any player or coach who is awarded two red cards will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.
- Yellow cards are cumulative for the entire tournament. Two yellow cards will result in the player or coach being disqualified for the next game.

**10. PROTESTS.**

- A referee will have control of the field until he or she leaves.
- Protests will only be allowed for the misapplication of the playing rules and will be decided by a protest committee of a minimum of three members designated by the soccer tournament director. The decision of the committee will be final.
- Each protest filed will be charged a \$20.00 fee payable at the time of the protest and subsequent submission. The \$20.00 protest fee is refundable only if the ruling is in favor of the protest.

**11. RAIN DATES.** Will be dealt with on an AS NEEDED basis!

**12.** The tournament committee and Holy Spirit Athletic Association shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or individual if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.