

North Texas Soccer
Coors Light Cup
August 8-10, 2008

General Information

1. Unless otherwise provided all teams and their players must be a currently registered USASA Outdoor Player in good standing. If a team is from a state association other than North Texas Soccer, a valid travel permit is required. All players should be 21 years of age and MUST have a current USASA/State issued outdoor ID card.
2. Team rosters will be limited to a maximum of TWENTY-FIVE (25) players with no more than five (5) guest players allowed. All guest players must be USASA registered for the current soccer year.
(Exception: The number of guest players on "Open" and Over 40 teams will be unlimited.)
3. No player may play for more than one (1) "gender" team in this event, playing on a men's or women's team and a coed team is permissible. Every effort will be made to avoid schedule conflicts if advance notice is given however, there will be no guarantee and once set schedules will not be rearranged to accommodate those teams.
4. All players, including guest players, **MUST BE REGISTERED TO USASA AS ADULT PLAYERS**, in the Over 30 and over 40 Divisions all players **MUST BE 30 or 40 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER** as defined by NTSSA / USASA.
5. Players playing in First Division (or Premier) of their Home Association may not play as guest players in any division other than Open or Competitive.
6. Players whose home association team is entered in the tournament are not allowed to play as guest players for any other team.
7. **Players will be prepared to provide proper proof of age and identity.** League ID's (USASA), a driver's license or other acceptable government issued identification clearly listing date of birth, in addition to the final roster, is required and may be checked at any time. Those players that do not have a league I.D. will be issued a player pass for this tournament only and a valid picture I.D. will be required at each game.
8. A representative from each team **MUST** be at the tournament registration on Friday, August 8, between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., in order to present their final roster (present 6 copies) and have the players ID cards approved. *No exceptions will be allowed unless approved in advance by the tournament chairman.* **ROSTERS WILL BE FROZEN AS OF 9:00 P.M., FRIDAY, August 8, 2008.**

Equipment

9. Each team will be required to present a copy of their approved tournament roster and valid identification for each player to the referee prior to the start of the game.
10. Each team must present a suitable game ball to the referee for selection prior to the start of the game.
11. All teams must bring two (2) sets of jerseys. **HOME TEAM** will change to alternate jerseys in the event of a color conflict. Each player must have his/her own jerseys with a permanently affixed, unique (i.e., no duplicate) numbers, in accordance with North Texas Soccer Rules. Taped or hand written numbers will not be allowed. These rules apply to alternate as well as regular jerseys. "Pennies" of a clearly contrasting color may be used as alternate jerseys. Any player that enters the field of play in violation of these rules will be dismissed from the field until properly attired. All uniforms must be in good taste and the Tournament Committee reserves the right to enforce such regulations.
12. Shinguards are mandatory. Shinguards must be commercially manufactured specifically for protection of the shins and will be made of suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance). Shinguards must be covered entirely by socks.
13. Nets and flags will be supplied by the Tournament Committee. In the event a net or flag is missing from the field, the game may be played at the referee's discretion.

Duration of the Games

14. The duration of the preliminary games will be two (2) equal periods of 30 minutes each. Semi-Final games will be (2) equal periods of 45 minutes each. In the event a Semi-Final game is tied at the end of regulation, the game will go to two (2) ten minute (10) overtime periods. Should the game still be tied, the winner will be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA rules. Final games will be forty-five (45) minute halves. In the event two teams are tied at the end of the Final match, the game will go to two (2) ten minute (10) overtime periods. Should the teams still be tied, the winner will be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA rules.
15. A game will be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play at the scheduled game time. In the event of an unforeseen condition in which a team is unduly delayed beyond their control, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to make exception to this rule.

Scoring

16. The following will be used to determine a team's tournament standings:

- a. Six (6) points for a win;
- b. Three (3) points for a tie;
- c. Zero (0) points for a loss;
- d. One (1) point for each goal scored, up to three (3) per game;
- e. One (1) point for shutout (not allowing opponent to score)
- f. A forfeit game will be scored as a 3 – 0 win in calculating points for preliminary games with the winning team being awarded nine (9) points (shut out point not awarded).
- h. A zero – zero tie will award each team 4 points (shut out point is awarded)

In the event two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary rounds, the following tiebreaker procedures will be used to determine the team advancing:

- a. Head to Head game results – winner will advance.
- b. Most number of “shutouts” – team with most “shutouts” will advance.
- c. Goal differential – team with highest goal differential against opponents will advance (**maximum of five (5) goal differential**).

17. All referee decisions are final. No protests except for illegal players will be considered. In the event a claim of an illegal player, the Tournament Committee will be notified immediately.

18. Teams will be allowed UNLIMITED substitutions, at **any stoppage of play**, with the referee's permission.

19. A game will be considered complete once the second half has begun.

20. Games suspended in cases of lightning or severe weather. Teams should expect to resume those games after the danger has passed. In the event of extended thunderstorms or dangerous weather or should weather make field conditions dangerous for play or subject to serious damage to the playing fields, the Tournament Committee will determine whether or not play will resume.

21. Player misconduct (cautions and ejections) will be reported to the Tournament Committee after each game. In the event of an ejection, the player is automatically disqualified from playing in the next game and assessed \$10.00. All players receiving two (2) yellow cards during the tournament will be disqualified from playing in the next game and assessed \$10.00. Any player ejected for fighting, joining a fight or abuse and/or assault of a referee will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Any team responsible for the abandonment of a game due to misconduct will be disqualified from the tournament. All misconduct will be reported to the player's home association. Any player that is ejected must **immediately report to the tournament headquarters** before play will resume, failure to do so may be cause for a match to be abandoned. Note: Teams involved in a match that is abandoned will be accepted into future North Texas Soccer Coors Light Cup tournaments at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.

Coed Rules

22. Number Of Players

- a. A team shall consist of male and female field players. The goalkeeper may be either male or female. There shall never be more than five male field players. There may be up to ten (10) female field players provided the goalie is a male (one male and one female player is required at all times).
- b. In the event a male field player is sent off (red carded), the offending team will be limited to a maximum of four (4) male field players (a total of nine field players). Should a second male field player be sent off (red carded), the offending team shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) male field players, and so on.

23. **Slide tackles are prohibited.** If a slide tackle is made and there is no contact, a warning will be given; if contact is made, a caution will be issued. A goalkeeper may be allowed to slide if, in the opinion of the referee, it was necessary for play and no contact is made.

24. Goals scored by a male player will count as one (1) point. Goals scored by a female player will count as two (2) points, except for penalty kicks that will count as one (1) point. In the case of a goal scored from a deflection off a defensive player, the gender of the offensive player last touching the ball will determine the goal point value. Any goal scored directly from a defensive player will be one (1) point.

25. A drop ball will be taken by two opposing female players.

Miscellaneous Information

26. The North Texas Soccer Tournament Committee reserves the right to place teams in groups as it deems fit in order to match the competition levels.

27. Random roster checks may be done at any time during the course of the tournament and for semi-final and final games.

28. All situations not explicitly discussed herein will be governed by the Tournament Committee, whose decisions are final.