

North Texas Labor Day Blast

Tournament Rules – September 2023

General Information

1. All teams must be currently USASA Outdoor affiliated and registered. If a team is from a state association other than North Texas Soccer, a valid travel permit is required. All players MUST be USASA Outdoor registered in order to participate in this tournament and MUST have a current USASA/State-issued outdoor ID card.
2. Team rosters will be limited to a maximum of TWENTY-FOUR (24) players. No more than seven (7) guest players will be allowed. All guest players must be USASA registered for the soccer year.
(Coed: Exception: The number of guest players on “traveling or tournament” teams will be unlimited.)
3. No player may play for more than one (1) team unless it is a men’s or women’s team and a coed team. Every effort will be made to avoid schedule conflicts when advance notice is given. However, there will be no guarantee, and schedules will not be rearranged to accommodate those teams.
4. All players, including guest players, in the Over 30 Division MUST BE 30 YEARS OF AGE or OLDER as of the date of play in their respective divisions.
5. Players must provide proper proof of age and identity. League IDs (USASA) and the final roster are required and may be checked at any time. Those players that do not have a league ID will be issued a player pass for this tournament only with a valid picture ID. This is due before the game.
6. A representative from each team MUST complete online check-in 10 days before September 1st. This will include your final roster and verified ID cards. Any exceptions must be approved by the tournament directors.

Equipment

1. Each team will be required to present a copy of their tournament roster and a ID’s for each player to the referee prior to the start of the game.’
2. Each team must present a suitable game ball to the referee for selection prior to the start of the game.
3. All teams must bring **two (2)** sets of jerseys. HOME TEAM will change to alternate jerseys in the event of a color conflict. No pennies are allowed. Failure not to supply alternate jerseys could result in team forfeiture. Each player must have his/her own jersey with a permanently affixed, unique (i.e., no duplicate) number (six inch number or larger), in accordance with North Texas Rules. Taped or handwritten numbers will not be allowed. These rules apply to alternate as well as regular jerseys. Any player that enters the field of play violating 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.
4. Shin guards are mandatory. Shin guards must be commercially manufactured specifically for the protection of the shins and will be made of suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane, or a similar substance). Shin guards must be covered entirely by socks.
5. Nets and flags will be supplied by the Tournament Committee.

Duration of the Games

Men’s and CoEd 11v11

1. The duration of the preliminary games will be two (2) equal periods of thirty (30) minutes each. Semi-final games will be two (2) equal periods of thirty (40) minutes each. If a Semi-Final game is tied at the end of regulation, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA rules. The final games will be two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves. If two teams are tied at the end of the Final match, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA rules.
2. A game shall be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play at the published time within five (5) minutes of the mini-games and ten (10) minutes of the full-length games. At half-time, the teams must be ready to resume play within five (5) minutes of the referee's designation. All games are considered complete when the second half begins.

Women’s 9v9

3. The duration of the preliminary games will be two (2) equal periods of thirty (25) minutes each. Semi-final and Final games will be two (2) equal periods of thirty (30) minutes each. If a Semi-Final and Final game is tied at the end of regulation, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA rules
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Scoring

5. 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 player;
 - e. One (1) bonus point for each shut-out win.

A forfeit win will count as ten (10) points.

In the event two teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary rounds, the following will determine who proceeds further in the tournament, in the order shown:

- a. Head-to-head competition;
- b. Least number of goals allowed, up to three (3) per game;
- c. Most goals scored, up to three (3) per game;
- d. A coin toss.

6. All referee decisions are final. No protest except for illegal players will be considered. In the event of a claim of an illegal player, the Tournament Committee will be notified immediately.
7. With the referee's permission, teams will be allowed UNLIMITED substitutions at any stoppage of play.
8. A game will be considered complete once the second half has begun.
9. Games are 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.
10. Player's 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 \$20.00. Any players garnering two (2) yellow cards during the tournament will be disqualified from playing in the next game and assessed \$20.00. Any player ejected for fighting, joining a fight, or abusing and/or assault of a referee will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and may be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Any team responsible for abandoning a game due to misconduct will be disqualified from the tournament. All misconduct will be reported to the player's home association.
11. Any team that forfeits the final game of pool play for any reason will be subject to disciplinary action, including North Texas probation or suspension and exclusion from future Adult Summer Showdown tournaments altogether. Each game in pool play is essential and may determine the outcome of the pool for all participating teams.

Inclement Weather

Monday, Sept. 4, is reserved as a rainout day for this tournament. Games will be 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 and has the authority to: Relocate/reschedule games; reduce playing time by up to 50%; or award prizes based on the status of games played. A game will be considered complete once the second half has begun. If the Tournament is canceled due to inclement weather or unplayable fields, 50% of the tournament funds will be returned.

Coed Rules

1. No more than five (5) field players may be male at any given time. The goalkeeper may be either male or female. There may be as many as nine (9) female players on the field at any time.
2. 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 the referee believes it was necessary for play and no contact is made.
3. 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, which 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.
4. A drop ball shall be taken by two opposing female players.

Miscellaneous Information

1. Tournament Committees reserve the right to place teams in groups as it deems fit in order to match the competition levels.
2. Random roster checks may be done at any time during the course of the tournament and for semi-final and final games.
3. All situations not explicitly discussed herein will be governed by USASA Amateur Cup Rules, North Texas Soccer Bylaws and Policies, and the Tournament Committee, whose decisions are final.