

MASSAPEQUA WINTER COLLEGE SHOWCASE

RULES

1. GENERAL RULES

-Each team prior to the tournament must submit a roster. These rosters will then be used at registration as part of the player checklist. It is expected that each team will participate in the customary handshake following the game. First and second place awards or trophies will be awarded to winners and runners-up in each division.

- Teams must register at **REGISTRATION**. Teams will be notified of the time and location of Registration. Failure to register will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament without a refund of the fee.

2. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA laws, as modified by USSF and USYSA, and as specifically modified by the rules of this tournament. Please note that the wearing of shin guards by players is mandatory. No player will be allowed to play without shin guards.

3. ELIGIBILITY

All participating teams must provide the required credentials at Registration. All teams must provide Player I.D. Cards with Photographs and signed Medical Release Forms. If traveling from outside the New York area you must also provide approved Travel Authorization (when required) or Permission to Travel. Each team must also provide a Roster. If your team is using any guest players, Guest Player Forms will be asked for as required by the team's State Association. Teams registered through US Club Soccer, USYS, Super Y League, SAY or AYSO must provide the appropriate documentation as required. International Teams must provide a certified Team Roster, League identification Cards (or photo of each player), Medical Release Forms, Travel Papers, and Passports.

4. ROSTERS:

All teams shall be allowed to have up to five (5) Guest Players with a maximum roster of (18), except that U-17 – U-18 age groups may register a maximum of twenty-two (22) players. Players not eligible for play, as designated by their coach, may not dress in uniform and may not sit on the team bench. Any team using guest players is still limited to the stated maximum roster size.- Players may not play for more than one team in the tournament.

- Each teams roster must include their players jersey numbers. Any jersey changes must be reported to the referee prior to the start of any match so as to be the same on the daily match report.

5. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of extraordinary weather conditions (i.e. heavy rain, poor playing conditions, etc.), the Tournament Committee shall have the authority to change the above format as follows:

RULES OF PLAY

FIFA Laws of the game will apply as modified by USYSA and USSF and as specifically modified by the rules of this tournament as described herein.

Duration of games by Halves and ball size, by age group are as follows (all half times are five (5) minutes):

Division	Half Length	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final	Overtime	Ball
U18	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U17	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U16	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U15	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U14	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	10 Minutes	5

Quarter-Final games tied after regulation play will go right to FIFA penalty kicks. Semi-Final and Final games tied after regulation will play two (2) equal halves as stated above, with no break in between halves. **Golden Goal applies, meaning that during the overtime periods, the team that scores the first goal is declared the winner. If a tie still exists after the overtime halves, the FIFA penalty kick format will be used to determine the winner. Penalty kicks will immediately follow the 2nd Overtime half.

HOME TEAM

The Home team appears first on the game schedule. The Visitor Team (the team listed second on the game schedule) will kick off at the end beginning of the first half and the home team will have choice of field. The Home team will be required to switch to alternate jerseys to accommodate color conflicts as declared by the referee. If the Home team cannot supply alternate jerseys, the Visitor Team will change.

HALF TIME

Half Time will be exactly five (5) minutes in duration.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In the preliminary rounds (games within your bracket), teams will play in a round robin format. Ties will stand during preliminary rounds. At the end of preliminary rounds, division winners will be those teams with the most win/tie points in their division. For Divisions consisting of 8 teams, 1st and 2nd place teams will advance to the semifinals. For Divisions with 12 teams, there will also be one Wildcard team that will advance to a semi-final game. Divisions consisting of 16 teams will have the 1st place team advance to the **semi-finals** or the 1st and 2nd place teams advancing to the **quarterfinals** at the Tournament Directors discretion. Other size brackets and playoffs will be up to the discretion of the Tournament Director. The Wild Card team will be the team with the next highest point total, after the three division winners are determined. The following point system will be used to determine who advances. Forfeiture of a game makes a team ineligible to be a division winner or wild card.

REFUNDS

In the event that the tournament is cancelled, a refund of the entry fee (if any) or a portion of the entry fee (if any) will be determined by the Board of Directors after all expenses have been calculated.