

U8 Rec Plus Tournament

Dates:

April 24 & May 1.

Makeup: May 8

Location:

Covenant Park Field 9. There will be five fields labeled A, B, C, D, E.

Games

- All teams competing in the U8 Rec Plus Tournament will be guaranteed 3 games. No team will play more than 2 games in one day.
- Games will consist of two twenty minute halves with a five minute break at halftime.
- Games will start as early as required and run all day. Games will begin at the start of every hour or half hour.
- There will be one referee per game.
- Coaches should refer to their Recreational Coaches Manual for rules of the game.
- Coaches are expected to abide by the 50% playing time rule during the tournament.

Brackets

The style of tournament that each bracket will play will be dependent on the number of teams in the bracket. Each bracket will have a Champion and a Finalist who will receive awards.

- **6 Team Brackets** – Brackets with 6 teams will be divided into two groups of 3 teams (A & B). Each group will play a round-robin style tournament. At the conclusion of round-robin play, the top two teams in each bracket will play a semi-final game in the following format: 1st A vs 2nd B; 1st B vs 2nd A. The winner of the semi-final games will advance to the final. The third place team in each bracket will play each other in a consolation game.
- **5 Team Brackets** – Brackets with 5 teams will play a round-robin style tournament with no playoffs or seeded placement games (finals, semifinals, consolation). All teams within a bracket will play each other once (4 games per team), with the winner being the top seeded team of the group.

Point System

- Win – 3pts
- Tie – 1pts
- Loss – 0pts

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Tie breakers

Should there be a point-based tie in any bracket, the winning team will be determined as follows (in order):

1. Head-to-head (if there is a three team tie proceed to the next tie breaker)
2. Most Wins
3. Most Shutouts
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Coin flip with coaches

Please Note

When the tie breaker system is used, the criteria are followed in order until one or more teams are eliminated at any given step and then the criteria starts over again at the top of the tie breaker system with the remaining teams.

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Playoff Tie Breakers/Overtime

No playoff games, semi-final or final, can end in a tie (consolation games will be allowed to end in a tie, they will not play overtime periods). If, after regulation time, a semi-final or final game is tied, the game will continue with 5 minute golden-goal overtime periods with the following format adjustments:

This does not apply to any 5 team divisions. 5 team divisions do not have playoff games, only round-robin games.

Game Duration

- A two minute rest period will be given between the end of the second half of regulation time and the start of the first overtime period to allow for a coin-toss between team captains and for lineups to be set.
- 5 minute overtime periods.
- No rest periods will be given between any following overtime periods. The players who are on the field at the end of any overtime period, unless substituted, will simply switch sides to start the next overtime period.

Kickoff/Defending Halves

- Teams will take the field defending the same goal that they defended in the first half of regulation time for the first overtime period.
- A second coin-toss will be used to determine which team has kickoff for the first overtime period.
 - Kickoff and defending halves will alternate between teams for all following periods.

Players/Team Formation

- The First and Second 5 minute periods: 4 v 4 with no goalkeepers (no players may use their hands in the field of play).
- The Third and all following 5 minute periods: 3 v 3 with no goalkeepers (no players may use their hands in the field of play).
 - Overtime periods will continue in this format until a team has scored.

Substitutions

- Substitutions during overtime periods will be allowed following normal procedures.
- Substitutions will be allowed between overtime periods.

Scoring

- Golden-Goal: The first goal scored wins the game.
- Kickoff's will be considered indirect kicks. No goals can be scored directly off a kickoff. Any goal scored directly off a kickoff will result in a goal kick for the opposing team.