



MIDWEST CONFERENCE CUP TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read carefully and make copies to provide to your players. **It is the team manager's responsibility to pass on these tournament rules and regulations to team members.**

The Midwest Conference Cup Tournament will accept registrations requests for U12, U14, U16 select boys teams, U12 and U14 rec girls teams, U12 rec boys teams, and Adult teams.

This is an open tournament. Please note that there are no restrictions on country, origin, or race. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PLAY!**

GAME LENGTH AND SUBSTITUTION

1. All adult and youth matches will be 60 minutes long including the semifinal game (two 30 min halves). If tied in at full time semi-final, then straight penalty shootouts. The final game will also be 60 minutes but if tied at full time, then 20-minute extra time (two 10 min halves). If tied after extra time, then penalty shootouts.
2. Teams will have unlimited substitutions.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

3. All players are required to wear shin-guards and proper footgear.
4. Teams are to bring two sets of jerseys (Home and Away). In case teams facing each other are wearing similar color jerseys, the "Home Team" will maintain the color of their choice and the visiting team will change to their alternative jersey. Goalkeeper must wear a different jersey color. If there is still a clash, the tournament organizers will supply pennies.
5. All jerseys should be properly numbered.

POINT SYSTEM, BRACKET WINNERS AND DIVISION STRUCTURE

6. The tournament will be Round Robin format. The winner will be decided by points; win is 3 points, a tie is 1 point, and a loss is 0 points.

In the event of a tie in points after all games have been played, the winning team will be determined by goal difference (Goals scored minus goals conceded). If tied on goal difference, then head-to-head record will be used to decided. If still tied, then winner is determined by number of goals scored in the tournament. If tied by goals for, then goals against will be the tie breaker. If all tied, there will be penalties.

7. The schedule is part of the rules and it will be signed by the team representative and respected.
8. Division structure will be as follow:
 - o 3-teams – Each team will play the other two teams in the group. #2 will play #3 in the Semi-Finals. The winner of the Semi-Final will play #1 in the Final.
 - o 4-teams – Each team will play the other three teams in the group. #1 will play #2 in the Final.



- 5-teams – Each team will play two group games (opponents determined at random). On Sunday, #4 will play #5 in the Consolation. #2 will play #3 in the Semi-Finals. The winner of the Semi-Final will play #1 in the Final.
- 6-teams – Two groups of three. Each team will play the other two teams in their group and one team from the other group (opponent in other group determined at random). Bracket A #1 will play Bracket B#1 in the Final
- 7-teams – Division of 7: 1 group of 3 and 1 group of 4. Group with 4 plays round robin. Group of 3 will play two group games. 1st place teams in each group play for the final. 2nd place teams in each group will play in a consolation game. 3rd place teams in each group will play in a consolation game.
- 8-teams – Two groups of four. Each team will play the other three teams in their group. Bracket A#1 will play Bracket B#1 in the Final.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT GUIDELINES

9. All Team **Registration Fees MUST be paid in FULL** before the due date on **Friday, July 8, 2022**. Teams who have not paid the registration fee in full will not be placed in the pool for the Tournament Draw scheduled for **5pm Central Time Saturday, July 9th, 2022 on Facebook Live. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. **All Teams and Player registrations MUST be completed ONLINE**. No paper registrations will be allowed. A roster of players must be submitted **ONLINE before 11:59pm on Thursday, July 21, 2022**. Full names, address and date of birth required to qualify for insurance coverage. No name changes are allowed once the tournament has begun unless there is a prior approval from the disciplinary committee.
11. If a player is caught registered for/or playing on 2 teams, the player will be disqualified for the rest of the tournament and the disciplinary committee will review the team's position. Therefore, it is highly recommended that team managers relate this issue to players they approach for participation before they are signed onto the team roster. Again, players who are registered and/or playing on two teams will be disqualified and the team will be subject to consequences decided upon by the Disciplinary Committee.

PREGAME CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

12. Teams **MUST** show up on time to play all their scheduled games regardless of the results for or against. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a **ban in tournament participation for future tournaments organized by GYF.**
13. Teams that are 10 minutes late will forfeit the game with an automatic 3-0 loss. The **tournament disciplinary committee and the tournament chair** are responsible for assessing all late and no-show situations to determine if the game should be called off. If this decision is made, 3 points will be awarded to the team present and award the absent team will receive an automatic loss for a “no show” violation.
14. If both teams are late and show after 10 minutes, teams will engage in a reduced game with half-length to decide by Tournament Disciplinary Committee.
15. All adult players must present ID that matches the names on the roster. This will be checked pre-game.
16. Minimum number to start a game will be 7 players.



REFEREES AND TEAM DISCIPLINE

17. GYF will provide FIFA registered referees for group stage games and referee and linesmen for knockout games ONLY (Semis and Final).
18. Three yellow cards in the tournament will result in an automatic suspension for the following game. Yellow cards received in the Group Stage will not carry over into the next round.
19. Two yellow cards or 1 RED card in one game will result in a minimum next game suspension. Rule 13 does not apply in this circumstance.
20. Foul language in any dialect or obscene gestures will result in an automatic caution and possible ejection.
21. NO players, coaches or spectators are allowed to touch or threaten any official under any circumstances. Violation of this rule will result in an automatic caution and possible ejection of a player or the team from the tournament. (Following Disciplinary Committee review) Proven violent conduct by any player or coach will be reported to GYF for future tournament sanctions
22. All cautions and ejections will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee in case further action is required. All cautions and ejections will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee to determine if further action is required by GYF.
23. Any misconduct that results in a physical fight, by any PLAYER OR TEAM in a game will result in disqualification and suspension of the player or team from future participation in tournaments organized by GYF. **Police will be notified immediately.**
24. Any comments, complaints or unfair treatment by match officials should be reported to the tournament chair and disciplinary committee. All complaints will be taken seriously.
25. FIFA Rules apply: The referee's decision is final.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY AND GUIDELINES

26. Alcohol is strictly forbidden on the grounds and its violation will result in disciplinary action. **ONLY authorized food/drinks vendors are to sell at the tournament site. It's against the law to bring alcohol and consume it on site! Any alcohol brought in will be confiscated immediately without notice. THIS WILL BE STRONGLY ENFORCED.** No player shall play under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
27. Teams and their fans camping in an area on or around the fields MUST clean the grounds during and at the end of their game(s) each day. Full cooperation of team representatives is required at all times during the tournament
28. Any comments, complaints or unfair treatment by match officials should be reported to the tournament chair and disciplinary committee. All complaints will be taken seriously.
29. FIFA Rules apply: The referee's decision is final.

The organizers are not responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur, before during or after the tournament.