



EASL Open 2009

(EASTERN AREA SOCCER LEAGUE)

Welcome to the 7th Annual EASL Open!

Before we begin our competition, please take a few minutes to look over the information below. Remember times are subject to change, please check your next game time at the concession pavilion before you leave the fields. If you still have any questions after reading the following, contact Randy Sprouse, Larry Gain or Robert Purdie at anytime before your first match.

GAMEPLAY RULES:

All games will be played and officiated in accordance with the current 2009 EASL league rules EXCEPT for the following items:

1. Legal slide tackling for ages U12 and up is permitted for the OPEN.
2. ALL games will consist of 2 – 25 minute halves with a 3-minute half time.
3. NO substitutions (unless major injury) during the last 2 minutes of the match.
4. NO coaches can enter the field of play for an injury until waived on by the official.
5. Point system is:
 - a. 4 points for a win with a shutout
 - b. 3 points for a win without a shutout
 - c. 1 point for a tie
 - d. 0 points for a loss
6. In the event of a playoff tie, players who are on the field must immediately report to the center circle for the shootout. They may not leave the field area for ANY reason.
7. **FORFEIT TIME IS GAME TIME.** Please be punctual arriving at your field.
8. In the event of a tie in a championship game two five minute overtime halves will be played with golden goal. If still no score, the game will be decided in a penalty shootout.
9. Any player, coach or spectator issued a red card must leave the field area immediately for the remainder of the game being played and is suspended for the next scheduled game. In addition to the suspension **one point will be deducted for each red card issued to a coach** in a game.

If you are unclear of any of these rules, please see a tournament official to answer your questions. Game play will not be delayed to review rules or protest any calls.

SIDELINE MANAGEMENT:

1. Profanity will NOT be tolerated in any way shape or form.
(This includes your sideline-i.e. - fans, parents, and siblings of players, coaches or players)
2. All parents and fans must stay clear of the MARKED bench area and chairs must be even with the bleachers. On Chase Field, the parents must be 10 yards from the sideline at all times.
3. Trash Pick-Up is the responsibility of the coaches and players of each team. If you arrive to a messy bench area, notify the field marshal immediately.
4. Alcohol is strictly prohibited on any Baltimore County Recreation and Parks facility.
5. Referee abuse will not be tolerated. You or the guilty party will be ejected immediately with no invitation to return until the completion of the tournament.
6. Banners, signs, instruments, horns, and loud positive cheering are all encouraged. Please abuse this privilege.

CHECKLIST:

Before you play your first match, please be sure to have the official roster / waiver form completed and brought to the designated area for check in. This form acts as a release form allowing the EASL to use photos taken at anytime during the tournament. In signing the roster / waiver form you also understand that the EASL and its volunteers are not liable for any injuries that are sustained on the field during the tournament.

Also each coach should have some way to verify birth dates of all players in case an opposing coach questions the players age prior to the start of the game. **Failure to turn in your signed waiver before your first game will result in 1 point being deducted from your team's final point total.**

NOTE: All players may only be on 1 team roster in the tournament! If a player is caught on more than 1 team roster then both teams will forfeit any game that player plays in **.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Any voluntary withdraw or forfeit by a team will NOT result in a refund of any fees or compensation from the EASL or Baltimore County Parks and Recreation.

Mesh pennies are available inside the building, in the event of a uniform clash. Please notify the field marshal and they will get the pennies for you.

If you encounter any problems during the competition please report them to a staff member, field Marshall or concession stand.

Tournament game balls will be supplied by the EASL.

** Players that have played on any in-house EASL recreation team during the fall 2009 regular season and play for a travel team may play for both their recreation team only in the lower division and with their travel team in a silver or gold division. No player may play for two teams in the same division. No games will be scheduled around players playing in two different divisions. It will be the responsibly of the coach and not the schedule coordinator to decide what team the player plays with. All other players are prohibited from playing on more than one team in the Open.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTINUED:

Tie Breakers:

1. Head to head
2. Highest goal differential (+/- 4 max)
3. Fewest goals against
4. Most goals scored to maximum of 4 goals per game
5. Fewest shutouts
6. Fewest red cards issued
7. Coin toss

Game Balls:

U8 - U12 will use a size 4 ball

U14 – U18 will use a size 5 ball

Inclement Weather Policy or Poor Field Conditions:

- 1 Every attempt will be made to play all games. In the event of inclement weather during a tournament day teams must report to scheduled game site prior to game time and should not leave until the game is cancelled by an EASL Committee member or the team contact has been notified prior to game time in person or through the EASL open website.
- 2 Due to pending inclement weather or darkness game times may be shortened at any time by a tournament official if deemed necessary to get all games in. Coaches will be notified by referees if this is being done.
- 3 If the tournament is postponed due to severe inclement weather, no make-ups will be made. Teams will receive refunds, minus tournament expenses.
- 4 If a game is not able to be continued after one half is played, every attempt will be made to finish the game prior to both teams next scheduled game. If this is not possible then the game will be considered official and the score will stand.
- 5 If the tournament is started and is cancelled because of severe inclement weather and every team has played 2 games and no championship games can be played on Sunday due to field conditions, awards will be given out according to a point system and tie breakers for the first 2 games played.
- 6 During the championship game if inclement weather stops the game from being played but the first half is completed the game will end with the first half score being official. If a tie exists at the stoppage of play a sudden Death playoff (5 minute overtime) will take place with the first team scoring getting the win. If sudden Death Playoff can not be played then a shootout will take place. If neither can be done then a coin toss will determine the winner.

**Good luck to all competitors and please enjoy your time
at the EASL OPEN!**