

Ramapo Valley Soccer Club

16th Annual Indoor Tournament February 20th – 21st, 2010

Tournament Rules

1. **FIFA** F.I.F.A rules apply, except where specifically noted in these rules.
2. **# of Players**
 - U8-U10 divisions shall play 8v8 (7 field players plus a goalkeeper).
 - U11-U16 divisions shall play 7v7 (6 field players plus a goalkeeper).
3. **Field Size**
 - All fields are approximately 90' by 180'.
4. **Ball Size**
 - U8 shall use a size #3 standard soccer ball.
 - U9-U12 divisions shall use a size #4 standard soccer ball.
 - U13-U16 divisions shall use a size #5 standard soccer ball.
5. **Game Time** All games will be **27-29 minutes** (based on numbers of teams registered) and begin at the sound of the starters' horn. The clock will not stop for injuries or other stoppages. A deliberate delay or foul which prevents a direct kick from being taken before the horn sounds at the end of a match will be treated as "misconduct" and result in a (1) point deduction to the offending teams standings.
6. **Rosters**
 - The maximum roster size for U8 thru U10 is 14 players, all remaining age groups is 18 players.
 - 3 guests outside the soccer club are allowed.
 - Unlimited guest players within the same soccer club are allowed.
 - A player may play for only one team in a division.
 - Teams must check-in 45 minutes before their first game.
 - All players must have a player pass and a signed medical release from their soccer club/league.
 - USYSA or US Club Soccer passes are accepted.
 - Select, ODP, Super-Y teams must play up at least one age bracket.
7. **Home Team** The team listed 1st on the schedule is the "home" team. The home team will kick off.
8. **Visitor Team** The team listed 2nd on the schedule is the "visiting" team and will defend the eastern goal (see field map). They must resolve jersey conflicts prior to the start of the game, else, a forfeit may be given to the visiting team.
9. **Substitutions** Substitutions may be made by either team with the consent of the referee on all kick-offs, throw-ins, goal-kicks, goals scored, injury stoppages, and to replace a cautioned player.
10. **Throw-ins** Balls crossing the touchline or coming in contact with a field dividing curtain will result in a throw-in.
11. **Free-kicks** Violations will result in either a direct or indirect free-kick consistent with FIFA Law 12. The opposing team must be at least 8 yards away from the ball. All penalty kicks will be from 10 yards. All kick-offs are indirect. Sliding and slide-tackling are not permitted and will result in an indirect kick.
12. **Half-line** The ball must either make contact with a player or the floor before crossing the half line on goal-kicks and and all other goalkeeper releases. Violations will result in an indirect free-kick for the opposing team from any where along the center line of the field.
13. **Overhead** If the ball comes in contact with any overhead structure the opposing team will be awarded an indirect free-kick any where along the center line of the field.
14. **Off-sides** The offside rule is not in effect.
15. **Keeper** Goalkeepers may not handle a ball passed by a teammate, except as provided for by FIFA rules.

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17. **Facilities** The following rules apply to usage of the facilities:
- Restrooms are accessible in the lobby/entrance area adjoining the dome.
 - A first-aid provider will be available throughout the tournament.
 - Spectors must be located in the bleachers along each field.
 - The game fields shall not be used for warm-ups prior to the game except for the first game of each day.
 - Players and coaches shall avoid any behavior, which interferes with games in progress.
 - No portable seating is allowed.
 - Gum chewing and spitting are not permitted on the turf fields.
 - The dome is a non-smoking facility.
 - Please place all litter in receptacles located throughout the facility.
18. **Scoring** 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss. Teams failing to be on the field at the designated time of their game may be awarded a forfeit with a 1-0 win given to the opposing team.
Ties will be decided by the following sequential criteria:
- a) Head-to-head (This is dropped in the case of more than 2 teams tied)
 - b) Most wins
 - c) Goal differential (a maximum differential of 5 goals per game will be used)
 - d) Least goals allowed
 - e) Coin toss
19. **Awards** All competing age groups will receive 1st and 2nd place trophies. In addition, all u8 and u9 team players will receive participation medals.
20. **Patch Trading** All teams are invited to join in the trading of their clubs' patch at the conclusion of each game. Teams must exit the playing field where the coaches will provide each other with patches to distribute to their players.
21. **Cards** Sliding and slide-tackling is not permitted and will result in a yellow card. Players receiving 2 yellow cards or a red card during a game will be ejected from the game without replacement and may not play in their team's next game. Players receiving 2 red cards during the tournament will be suspended from further tournament play.
22. **Misconduct** Players guilty of blatant un-sportsmanlike conduct, a serious foul or violent behavior will be ejected from the game without replacement and suspended from further tournament play. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and other spectators, and may be penalized for any issues. The tournament committee may choose to deduct points from a team's standing for any of these situations.
23. **Protests** No protests will be entertained. The decision of the referees and tournament officials are final.
24. **Liability** Each team (defined as players, coaches, staff, parents, guardians and related spectators) participating in the tournament do so at their own risk and agree to accept responsibility for all injuries. The Ramapo Valley Soccer Club, Rockland Community College, and all sanctioned vendors, cannot be held responsible for any form of injury.
25. **Rule Changes** Final rules will be available when checking in your team.

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