

Summer 6'S Rules

1. Tournament Structure

- **Format:** The tournament features a round-robin phase followed by playoff matches. Each team will play four preliminary matches against every other team in their division.
- **Advancement:** The top two teams from each division will compete for the championship, while the third and fourth-placed teams will play for third place.

2. Eligibility and Team Composition

- **Age Groups:** Teams must register players only within the specified age bracket for their division.
- **Team Roster:** Each team can register up to 10 players. A match squad may consist of 6 players on the field at any time, including a goalkeeper.
- **Documentation:** Proof of age is required for each player.

3. Equipment

- **Uniforms:** All teams must wear matching uniforms. Each player must wear shin guards and appropriate soccer footwear.
- **Soccer Balls:** Size 4 balls will be used for the 12 and under and 13-14 divisions; futsal balls will be used for the 15-16 and 17-18 divisions.

4. Match Rules

- **Duration:** Each match is divided into two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
- **Start/Restart of Play:** Games begin with a kick-off from the midfield line. After a goal, the game restarts from the midfield line.
- **Ball Out of Play:** The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air.
- **Method of Scoring:** A goal is scored when the entire ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar.
- **Offside:** There is no offside rule in 6vs6 soccer.
- **Throw-Ins:** For divisions using futsal balls (15-16 and 17-18), throw-ins are taken with the feet, similar to futsal. The ball must be placed on the ground before being kicked back into play.
- **Fouls and Misconducts:** All standard FIFA rules apply to fouls and misconducts. The referees' decisions are final.

5. Point System and Tie-Breaking

- **Points:** Teams earn three points for a win, one point for a draw, and no points for a loss.

- **Tie-Breakers:** If teams are tied on points at the end of the round-robin stage, the following criteria will be used, in order:
 - Goal difference
 - Goals scored
 - Head-to-head results

6. Playoffs

- **Semi-Finals and Finals:** The format for the playoffs will be a single elimination. If a playoff game ends in a draw, penalty kicks will immediately determine the winner.

7. Safety and Conduct

- **Sportsmanship:** Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves according to the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- **Safety:** Any player bleeding or with an open wound must leave the field of play and may return only after the bleeding has stopped and the wound is completely covered.

8. Referees

- **Authority:** Referees have full authority to enforce the rules of the game and their decisions regarding facts connected with play are final.
- **Duties:** Referees will also keep a record of the match and provide the match report to the tournament organizers at the end of each game.

9. Additional Regulations

- **Weather Policy:** In case of inclement weather, games may be delayed, rescheduled, or canceled based on field conditions and safety considerations.
- **Alterations to Rules:** Tournament organizers reserve the right to make changes to the tournament format or rules as necessary to ensure fair play and safety.