



***Hub City Soccer Club – Dacotah Cup Invitational Tournament***  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**TOURNAMENT RULES**

**Registration and Team Eligibility:**

- The Hub City Soccer Club Dacotah Cup Invitational Tournament is open to all teams that participate in U8 through U19 boys and girls age divisions and that are registered and in good standing with their state and/or national associations.
- Teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The tournament reserves the right to combine two age groups or competitive levels.

**Player Age and Eligibility:**

- A player may only be listed on one roster and may only play for one team.
- Players must play in appropriate age brackets as defined by USYSA.
- Please note that younger players may “play-up”, but older players may **NOT** “play down” in any age division.

**Home Team:**

- The home team is responsible for changing to an alternate color jersey if there is a conflict.
- The team listed on the schedule first during qualifying rounds is the home team. For semi-finals and finals, the team with the highest point total will be listed as the home team.

**Player Credentials:**

- All players and coaches must have current approved player passes that must be checked by the referee prior to each match.

**Laws of the Game:**

- **This event will be governed by the playing rules of FIFA laws of the game, except where amended by USYSA, and/or these Dacotah Cup Invitational Tournament rules. The Dacotah Cup Tournament committee reserves the right to modify these rules as needed.**

### Length of Matches:

Age Division	Game length	Overtime Periods
U8	Two 20 minute halves	No overtime
U9 - U10	Two 25 minute halves	Two 5 minute halves
U11 - U12	Two 30 minute halves	Two 5 minute halves
U13 - U14	Two 35 minute halves	Two 5 minute halves
U15 - U19	Two 40 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves

\*\*\*The tournament director reserves the right to shorten game times to keep the tournament on schedule, or in the case of inclement weather.

### Overtime:

- In play-off competition, including finals, two five (5) minutes for U9-U14 and two ten (10) minutes for U15-U19 overtime periods will be played.
  - **NO** Golden Goal.
  - If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime period, kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winner.

### Substitutions:

- With the consent of the referee, unlimited substitutions may be made at the following times:
  - Prior to a throw in. The team in possession of the ball may substitute. If the team in possession of the ball chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute at that time, provided their players are ready and waiting at the halfway line.
  - Before a goal kick by either team.
  - After a goal by either team.
  - During stoppage of play for injury, either team may substitute.
  - Prior to restart of play, a cautioned player may be substituted.
  - At halftime by either team.

### Tournament Format:

- **U8 Games**
  - The 5 v 5 (4 field players plus 1 goalkeeper) "festival" format will be used.
  - The Offside rule is **NOT** in effect.
  - Intentional heading of the ball is **NOT** allowed.
- **U9 - U10 Games:**
  - The 7 v 7 (6 field players plus 1 goalkeeper) competitive format will be used.
  - The Offside rule **is** in effect.
  - Intentional heading of the ball is **NOT** allowed.
  - A "build out" line will be used. The halfway line will be considered the build out line. When the goalkeeper has possession of the ball, either from a save or a goal kick, all opposing players must retreat to behind this build out line. Once the ball is **put back into play**, the opposing players may cross the build out line.
  - The goalkeeper is not allowed to "punt" the ball.
  - All other playing rules will be enforced as per FIFA Laws of the Game.

➤ **U11 - U12 Games:**

- The 9 v 9 (8 field players plus 1 goalkeeper) competitive format will be used.
- Offside rule is in effect
- Intentional heading of the ball is **NOT** allowed in a U11 Age Division/Bracket.
- Intentional heading of the ball **IS** allowed in a U12 Age Division/Bracket.

➤ **U13 – U-19 Games:**

- The 11 v 11 (10 field players plus 1 goalkeeper) competitive format will be used.

**Scoring and Tie Breakers:**

- After all teams in a division have played all preliminary/pool games, advancement will be determined by the following point system:

- **WIN** – 3 Points.
- **LOSS** – 0 Points.
- **TIE** – 1 Point.
- **RED CARDS** – 1 Point deducted for each red card.

➤ Maximum points per game are 3. A team that receives a forfeit or bye will receive 3 points for that scheduled game. A team that forfeits a game by not showing up will not be allowed to advance to the championship rounds.

- No overtime will be played during group competition.

- The following criteria will determine which teams advance after pool play:

- **TBD**

**Tie Breaker Procedures:**

- Within a division, if after the completion of the preliminary rounds, two or more teams are tied, the following will be used sequentially to determine which team advances to the semi-final and championship round.

- 1) Winner of head to head competition unless 3 or more teams are tied.
- 2) Fewest goals allowed
- 3) Best goal differential (goals for minus goals against; max of 4 goals per game).
- 4) Kicks from the mark.

- In the case of a 3 team tie within a bracket the following tie-breaker will be used until a team is eliminated then the process starts again with the remaining teams:

- 1) Fewest goals allowed
- 2) Best goal differential (goals for minus goals against; max of 4 goals per game).

**Referees:**

- United States Soccer Federation (USSF) certified referees will be used for all matches.

**Placement of Teams and Spectators:**

- Teams will position themselves on the same side of the field. Coaching may only occur on the team's half of the touchline within the ten (10) yards of the halfway line.
- Spectators for both teams will be positioned on the opposite side of the field from the teams.
- No persons (spectators, team officials, players) are permitted behind the goals.

**Match Delays, Suspensions, and Cancellations:**

➤ **PLAYING CONDITIONS** – Every Effort will be made to complete all games regardless of weather. Teams/players should be prepared for all weather conditions. Any decisions regarding the suspension, termination, or rescheduling of games due to weather, etc will be made by the tournament committee.

**Protests & Disputes:**

**PROTESTS** – Protests must be in writing and must be filed with the tournament director within one hour of the completion of the game in question. Protests shall state all pertinent information and be signed by the coach. A **\$50** fee shall accompany the protest and will be returned if the protest is sustained. Any/all protests will be reviewed and decided upon by the tournament committee or the designated protest panel. This shall be the FINAL decision.

**Conduct and Discipline:**

- Verbal or physical abuse of opponents or referees by players, coaches, or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Violations may result in forfeiture of the game(s) and / or expulsion from the tournament.
- A Coach/Team Official who is removed from a game must leave that area of the field. The area of the field includes but is not limited to the bench and spectator areas.

**Red Cards:**

A player who receives a red card or a coach/other bench staff who is sent off during a match will be suspended for a minimum of one game following the infraction. The player pass for the player receiving the red card will be held in tournament headquarters until the teams next scheduled game has been played. Additional suspensions may result if deemed necessary by the tournament committee.

**Game Ball:**

- Each team will provide two (2) game balls prior to each match.
- U8 games will use a size three (3) ball.
- U9 - U12 games will use a size four (4) ball.
- U13 - U19 games will use a size five (5) ball.
- The tournament is not responsible for lost game balls.

**Team Awards:**

- Team awards for U9 – U19 divisions will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2nd place teams with individual medals for players. U8 Players will be presented participation awards.
- Awards presentations will take place immediately following the championship games, at each appropriate site and/or near tournament headquarters.

*The Tournament Committee's or their official representative's interpretation of the rules shall be final pertaining to this Tournament.*