



Sport Rounds Tournament Rules

Please read through these rules thoroughly to be properly prepared for your tournament.

1. Matches shall be played in conformity with the rules of Sport Rounds FZCO, unless otherwise stated herein. The Tournament Committee shall be the final authority in all tournament matters. The Tournament Committee shall consist of at least one member of tournament management and referee coordinators.
2. Matches shall be played in conformity with any relevant local, state, or national guidelines or restrictions as it pertains to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. **Teams must provide the following documents to participate:**
 1. All teams should have an official club or team roster form, including player names, birthdates, and jersey numbers.
 2. All teams traveling from outside of Dubai must provide the signed documents by all tournament participants and a parent/guardian.
4. **Teams must check-in** at tournament stand no less than 30 minutes prior to their first match. If a team fails to check in prior to their first game and plays, they will forfeit that game.
5. Following the completion of check-in, no roster amendments of any kind will be accepted for the duration of the tournament and all jersey numbers on the roster must match the corresponding players on the field.
6. Maximum roster sizes for each team are as follows:
 1. U-7 & U-8 & U-9 & U-10 & U-11 & U-12 (7v7)
 2. Teams must have a minimum of the number of players on the field for that age group (ex: minimum of 7 players for an 7v7 team).
7. **Guest players** are permitted if they are on the official club roster as detailed in Section 3. All guest players should be at the ability level for the tournament. Any teams with players exceeding age group restrictions will forfeit each game that player participates in.
8. No player may participate on more than one team playing in the tournament.
9. All teams will play a minimum of three matches., unless otherwise limited by government regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. For all matches, the referee will have a coin flip with the team captains for choice of kick off or choice the side.
11. When possible, divisions shall be separated into equally sized groups with teams playing matches against every other team in their group. Groups shall be seeded and, when possible, drawn to avoid placement of teams from the same area in the same group.
12. All forfeits are recorded as 3 – 0, with maximum points being awarded to the team receiving the forfeit victory.



13. A point system shall be employed to determine the order of finish in group play, as follows:

1. Three (3) points for a win
2. One (1) point for a draw
3. Zero (0) points for a loss
4. The team with the most points in group play will be the winner of the group; the rest of the teams shall finish in the order of most points
5. *If there are an uneven number of teams in one bracket and a team must play four games, their score will be multiplied by .75

14. In the event of a tie in points after group play, the following tiebreakers shall be used:

1. Goal Differential
2. Penalty Kicks

15. For all ages groups, the following rules apply:

1. No slide tackling or drop-kicking by the goalkeeper
2. For goal kicks, the opposition can enter the build out area as soon as the ball leaves the penalty box
3. When the goalkeeper gains possession of the ball, the opposition must retreat to the build out line. At any time, the goalkeeper may pass, roll or throw the ball into play, but the goalkeeper does so accept the positioning of the opponents at that time (i.e. the opposition may not be behind the build out line yet)
4. Offsides rules are NOT enforced throughout the game

16. The duration of matches shall be as follows:

1. Group play, consolation, and semi-final, and Championship matches:
 - U-6/7, U-8, U-9, U-10, U-11, U-12: (one 15-minute game, with no half time break)

In group play and consolation matches, a draw shall stand as played. In the semi-finals and finals, matches that end in a draw shall be decided by penalty kicks.

Substitutions are unlimited and are allowed during any dead ball.

If a player is **sent off (red card or two yellow cards)** during a match, that player will be suspended for the remainder of that match, at a minimum. If the offense is of a serious nature, the Judicial Committee reserves the right to impose a longer suspension. All cards and their accompanying referee misconduct reports will be reported to Sport Rounds FZCO management for possible further adjudication.

17. **All games are FINAL.** No protests are accepted and the decision on the field is final. We will not review or contest any on-field decision.

18. Coaches are held strictly accountable for the conduct of their teams, parents, and supporters. Abusive behavior toward the referee, opponents or tournament staff will not be tolerated. Such misconduct and breaches of sportsmanship shall be turned over to the Tournament Judicial Committee and may result in immediate dismissal of the parties in question.



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19. In the event of **inclement weather**, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend, shorten, and/or cancel scheduled games due to unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances. If inclement weather causes a lengthy delay, any games that have begun their second half will be considered final. Neither the Tournament Committee, nor the facility management are responsible for games cancelled because of inclement weather or adverse field conditions. Such cancellations are for the safety of the players and referees and Sport Rounds FZCO are not responsible for any expenses incurred by participants.

20. All team registration fees are due 7 days before the tournament date and are to be paid to Sport Rounds FZCO management.

REFUND POLICY: Tournament registration fees will not be refunded if a team withdraws from the tournament after the registration deadline, which is 72 hours before the tournament date. If a team withdraws prior to the deadline, a team will be issued a refund minus AED 200 as an administrative penalty. Payment to Sport Rounds FZCO for participation is non-refundable, however if for any reason the field becomes unavailable, a player is unable to play, a player or a full team gets suspended, Sport Rounds will accommodate the teams with another event date.

Players for each age group must have been born in the calendar year listed below (or after, if playing up).

U-7	2014
U-8	2013
U-9	2012
U-10	2011
U-11	2010
U-12	2009

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21. Sport Rounds FZCO reserves all rights to capture, post, promote, or publish players, teams or facility pictures and videos of its events leading up to and after all tournaments on any of its social media platforms for promotional purposes.

22. All tournament participants, parents, and supporters must always adhere to all facility rules and regulations.