

2008 CLINTON COUNTY 7-8th (U13-14) GRADE TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Field Locations

Breese

2. Team Brackets

This year will be pool play COED , Boy, and Girls Divisions

3. General Rules

Games will be played in accordance with the laws of FIFA & IHSA. The following paragraphs clarify the rules of play and the requirements for tournament play.

- a. Prior to the start of the game referees will inspect all players for proper/illegal equipment. Players are required to wear shin guards. Only soft casts are permitted.
- b. A coin toss will occur at the start of the game. The team who wins the coin will automatically choose the goal to attack. The loser of the toss will kick-off.
- c. A minimum of 10 players is needed to start a game. A Team shall forfeit the game if the minimum number of players cannot be fielded within 10 minutes of scheduled starting time or within 10 minutes of the coin toss.
- d. The half time period shall be 5 minutes.
- e. Teams and spectators will be on opposite sides of the field. Spectators will be prohibited from watching behind the goal line. Coaches must stay on the same side of the field as their team and in the team area.
- f. Either team may substitute: 1) after a goal has been scored; 2) at the beginning of the second half of play or second half of overtime; 3) at the time of any injury or yellow card; and 4) prior to a goal kick. A team that has possession on a throw-in may also substitute. An unlimited number of players may be substituted. At the time of a penalty kick, only a player presently on the field may replace a goalkeeper. Players substituting into the game must be standing at the

midfield line and be ready to enter when substitution is called.

- g. When play is stopped for an injured player, that player must be substituted. If the player has received a blow to the head or neck, has been knocked out or otherwise appears dazed, that player may not return to the game of any following game without a medical physician's or parents written permission. There will be no exceptions.
- i. Goalkeeper will be allowed six seconds to punt or throw out the ball. Additionally, Goalkeepers may not handle the ball on a throw-in from their own team, or a ball intentionally kicked by a player of the same team. An indirect kick shall be awarded to the offensive team at the point where a goalkeeper handles (picks up or stops with a hand) an intentional pass or throw-in from a player of the same team. A substitute goalkeeper entering the game must report to the referee.
- j. A player ejected (receiving a red card) from a game for serious foul play cannot be replaced. Vulgar language, spitting, violent conduct, intentional striking or kicking a player in an attempt to injure, a "take-down" from behind on a break away toward the goal, or inappropriate behavior directed at another player may result in a red card. An ejected player or coach shall not participate in the rest of the tournament. Note that a player receiving a second yellow card (soft red) may be replaced and play in the next game.
- k. Girls are permitted to place their arms across their chest for protection. However, any outward movement of the arms to play the ball is an infraction, and the opposing team shall be awarded a direct kick or penalty kick.
- l. Game length per Tri-County Rules, Referee Supervisor, or field Referees due to dangerous weather conditions or other extenuating circumstances. 35 minute 5 minute Half

- m.** Game balls will be provided by teams (IHSA Ball)
- n.** Foul language, harassment or acts of aggression toward or by coaches, players, or spectators are prohibited and will not be tolerated. Games may be terminated. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the Soccer Park Fields.
- o.** The Tournament Committee is not responsible for expenses incurred by a registered team if the tournament is canceled in whole or part. Once a team is accepted and later withdraws, their entry fee is forfeited. **Protests will ONLY be allowed to question player eligibility, NOT for referee complaints.** Protests on player eligibility will require a \$ 25.00 fee be submitted in advance. This fee will be refunded if the protest is found in favor of the complainant, but NOT refunded if the player(s) in question are found eligible. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final. The Tournament Director and/or Committee will make final decisions on all appeals and other matters regarding conduct of a successful tournament.

- iii.** Team winning coin toss shall have option of ball or end of field and if to kick first or second with penalty kicks.
- iv.** If still tied-alternate penalty kicks by the balance of each team until a decision is reached.

ONLY PLAYERS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AT THE END OF OVERTIME WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PENALTY KICKS

4. Scoring and Tie Breakers

- a.** Tie Breakers:
 - i.** Head to Head play;
 - ii.** Games won (if teams play equal number of games);
 - iii.** Least goals allowed;
 - iv.** Goal differential, to a maximum of four goals per game (pos or neg);
 - v.** Shut-outs;
 - vi.** Goals scored (maximum of four per game)
 - vii.** Penalty kicks (see below)
- b.** Tie Breakers in Final and Semi-Final Games:
 - i.** Two five minute periods of sudden death overtime (golden goal);
 - ii.** If still tied-best of five penalty kicks by five players from each team;