

Rules and regulations for the tournament.

1. All FIFA Rules are to apply unless specified below.
2. The referee's decision is final and any disputes will be handled at the completion of each game. Team coaches will report to the tournament organizers who will give a final ruling.
3. Note all players must be born in 2007 for 11th Grade or later. **If dispensation is to be considered, please discuss this with the tournament organisers prior to the day to confirm if dispensation is appropriate or available. All players must be registered and play for the club that is entering.**
4. A maximum of 10 teams will play with each team being guaranteed at least 5 games.
 - a. If for any reason a team(s) do not turn up then a bye will be awarded.
 - b. All three points and a score of 3 – 0 will be also awarded to the opposing team.
 - c. We will play 2 pools in a round robin competition Pool A & B Starting on the hour
 - d. Winner of each Pool will be decided by points
 - e. At the end of pool play the teams will play off against each other from group A and B.
1st plays 1st. 2nd plays 2nd etc down to 5th plays 5th.
 - f. 1st playing 1st are playing for 1st and 2nd, 2nd playing 2nd are playing for 3rd and 4th.
(these 4 teams will attend prize giving) And so on.
5. Each team will consist of a maximum of 12 Players. A maximum of 9 players including the goal keeper can play at any one time, with rolling substitutions.
 - a. The coach/manager must ensure that player(s) leave the field of play before the substitute(s) come on.
 - b. Substitutions must be made from the halfway line only.
 - c. Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play.
6. Fencibles United AFC will try and provide referees and balls for all games. The referee's decision will be final on the field of play. The coaches / managers from each team will referee 1 half of the game if the organisers cannot provide a referee. The referee cannot coach during the game.
7. Time keeping will be the responsibility of Fencibles United AFC and will be controlled by a hooter.
8. The hooter will signal the start, half time; second half start, and finish of all games. No other time keeping will be recognised.
 - a. All games will be 12 minutes each way with a 2 minute break for half time.
 - b. If the ball is in the air on its way in goal when the hooter sounds, the goal will count if the ball does not touch the ground before entering the goal.
 - c. If a penalty is awarded before the hooter sounds, the penalty is to be taken by any of the players who are on the field and if a goal is scored then the goal will count.
9. Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win & 1 point for a draw. In the event of points being equal at the end of the Round-Robin stage positions will determined by:

- a. The goal difference, if equal
- b. The winner between the tied teams, if still equal
- c. The team scoring the most goals, if still equal
- d. A Penalty shootout will occur to determine final position

10. Sudden Death Penalty Shoot-Out Rules:

- a. A player from each team will try to score against a nominated goalkeeper.
- b. All players of the team including the goal keeper must have a try before any player can retake the spot kick.
- c. Best of 5

11. Each team should bring an alternative strip (or training bibs) in case of a clash of colours. The team named second will change into the alternative strip or wear their bibs. If the team is playing against a Fencibles team as Fencibles is the home team the away team will change into the alternative strip or wear their bibs.

12. No coaching on the field of play and no spectators behind the goals.

13. Throw-ins if done incorrectly a second time will be conceded to the opposition.

14. Offside rule is played.

15. Goal kicks, A restart after the ball has crossed the goal line for a goal kick shall be from a place kick on the ground. Where the ball has been received by a goalkeeper in the normal course of play the keeper shall kick from the hands. Opposition team must retreat to a fair distance. Fair distance is judged by the referee.

16. Corner kicks must be taken from the corner flag only.

17. Boots and shin-guards must be worn by all players.

18. Players are not allowed to wear watches and jewelry including but not limited to ear studs and eye rings.

Thank you for
your support.

Good Luck.