



## Soccer de Mayo Adult Soccer Tournament

### Tournament Rules

#### **Divisions and Entry Fees:**

Each team will play a minimum of 3 games. 11 players a side. The tournament will have 4 divisions consisting of:

- U21 Men's - \$850 per team
- Men's Open - \$850 per team
- Men's 30 and over - \$850 per team
- Women's Open - \$850 per team

Number of brackets for each division will depend on the numbers of teams that register for the tournament.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Players must be 18 years of age or older at the time of player(s) registration.
- Players must have completely registered to their teams in the Cal South registration system.
- Players must have valid Cal South players ID cards and will need to present them along with the team roster to the referees prior to the match.
- It is the responsibility of each team manager to know who is not eligible to participate on his/her team.
- Teams wishing to withdraw from the competition after applying to the Tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the tournament director at [tournaments@calsouth.com](mailto:tournaments@calsouth.com) in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw.

- Withdrawal and refund requests must be made before the tournament entry deadline to receive a full refund. A full refund minus a \$50.00 administrative fee will be processed if request is made prior to entry deadline. A refund will not be issued if team withdraws at any other time.

### **Team Check-In:**

A team representative is required to check team in and provide a printed tournament roster to the tournament headquarters tent. Please have team checked-in 60 minutes before the team's first game.

### **Team Rosters:**

Each division is allowed a maximum roster size of 22 players. Team rosters cannot be changed after the team has checked-in at tournament headquarters. Rosters must be signed by coach/manager before turning in to game official. No unregistered or guest players will be allowed to participate in the tournament.

### **Referee Fees:**

Referee fees are to be paid directly to the referees before the start of the game. Below is the referee fee breakdown:

All divisions, 3 referees, **\$60 per team** (\$120 total)

### **Game Length:**

Two 30-minute halves and a 5-minute halftime. There will be a 5-minute grace period after the scheduled match time. A forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team if team is not ready to play within the 5-minute grace period.

### **Point System:**

Win – 3 Points

Tie – 1 Point

Loss – 0 Points

Forfeits – Winning team is awarded a 1-0 win.

Game results will be updated in the tournament registration page.

### **Tiebreaker for Pool Play:**

Ties in points in the preliminary rounds shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed)
3. Least goals allowed
4. Most goals scored
5. Coin toss
6. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie breaker criteria listed shall be used in the order shown until one team is advanced or one team is eliminated, or both. If remaining teams are still tied at this point in the tie-breaking process, they will then be compared beginning again with step 1 until another team is either advanced or eliminated.

### **Match Rules:**

- Game will be played with 3 referees per match.
- Minimum of 7 players including the goalkeeper is required to start the match.
- Size 5 soccer ball.
- Unlimited substitutions will be allowed for each team at any point during the game. Players coming into the game will need to enter field from the half line.
- A player receiving a red card will be suspended for the remainder of the and for the following team's game. The tournament directors have the right to extend the player's suspension depending on the reason for the red card. Red card for fighting will result in the player/manager being banned for the remainder of the tournament.
- Home team will need to have alternate uniforms if both teams are same color
  - a. Pinnies will be available if needed.
- There will be no overtime periods. Pool play games will end in ties and finals will go directly to penalty kicks.
- The referee can terminate a match due to the action(s) of players, coaches, managers, or team spectators.

### **Protests:**

Protests can be submitted and will incur a fee of \$50 with no refunds. Any situation that arises and is not covered in the rules will be resolved by the tournament directors. The tournament

director(s) decision will be final and there will not be an appeal process. Protests regarding referee calls and decisions will not be accepted.

### **Equipment:**

Cal South supports FIFA/IFAB Law 4 – The Players Equipment. FIFA/IFAB Law IV states, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player (including any kind of jewelry)." The determination of whether a player may play or not will be made by the Referee.

- All players must wear shin-guards (no exceptions).
- No metal cleats or screw-in studs will be allowed.
- Same jersey and short colors must be worn.
  - Home team is responsible for changing colors
  - All jerseys must have numbers
- Goalies must wear different color jerseys from both teams.
- Each team will need to provide 2 game balls, with both balls meeting the approval of the assigned referees.
- Regulation size goals will be used
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### **Code of Conduct:**

- It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. The coach, manager, and team shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators from their respective teams. At no time shall offensive, insulting, or abusive language be permitted.
- Harassment towards assigned referees will not be tolerated and coaches, managers, players, are subject to ejections/suspensions. Spectators are subject to being removed from the field for inappropriate conduct.
- Red cards given to players, coaches, or managers will result in the individual being suspended for the remainder of the game and the next game.

Cal South reserves the right to amend the tournament rules as conditions may warrant.