



# TOURNAMENT RULES OF COMPETITION

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# Blackhawks Max Shacknai Invitational Tournament 2019

## **Coaches**

Please review all Tournament Rules of Competition, particularly those applying to Tournament procedures and play on the field.

## **Managers**

Please review Tournament procedures. It is important that you are aware of the requirements of Pre-Tournament check-in and pre-match check-in procedures. Additionally, there are important requirements regarding medical releases and team credentials.

## **Point of Contact**

For all tournament matters, contact the Tournament Director at [BHI@ScottsdaleSoccer.com](mailto:BHI@ScottsdaleSoccer.com)

It is the team's responsibility to ensure that the appropriate phone numbers (preferably cell phones) and email addresses are entered into the team's Tournament Application and remain current throughout the event. The Tournament Committee will utilize the Club Website ([www.scottsdalesoccer.com](http://www.scottsdalesoccer.com)) and / or the Tournament Website ([http://www.scottsdalesoccer.com/Tournament/index\\_E.html](http://www.scottsdalesoccer.com/Tournament/index_E.html)), email and sometimes telephone to communicate with teams in the event of changes to the schedule.

## **Registration**

All local teams, inside Maricopa County, Arizona, must register at the Mandatory Registration Meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Out-of-Area teams, outside Maricopa County, Arizona, must register at the Mandatory Registration Meeting on Friday, February 22, 2019, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM (if they were not able to attend on 2/20/2019). The registration location will be published to the Tournament Website as the Tournament date is approached.

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## 1. Player Eligibility:

- a. Only players who are officially registered or loaned to a team may play in the Tournament.
- b. All participating players, regardless of the number of games to be played, must be listed on the Official Team Roster prior to the start of the first game of the Tournament.
- c. Official Team Rosters must be verified and approved by the Tournament Committee at the Pre-Tournament check-in prior to the start of the Tournament.
- d. Without exception, players will not be allowed to play in a younger age bracket or for more than one (1) team in the Tournament.

## 2. Pre-Tournament Check-In:

- a. All teams must provide player / coach credentials at the Pre-Tournament check-in prior to the start of the Tournament.
- b. Roster Sizes:
  - U7/8 - 4v4 - maximum roster of 8 players - maximum players suited for a match = 8
  - U9/10 - 7v7 - maximum roster of 12 players - maximum players suited for a match = 12
  - U11/12 - 9v9 - maximum roster of 16 players - maximum players suited for a match = 16
  - U13 + - 11v11 - maximum roster of 22 players - maximum players suited for a match = 22
- c. Each team must send a representative to the Pre-Tournament check-in. For local teams, this check-in will be held a few days before the Tournament weekend. For out-of-area teams, a check-in will be scheduled for the Friday evening of the Tournament weekend. Please refer to the Tournament Website for details.

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## d. Required Documentation:

- i. Birth Certificates for US Based players are not required. A copy of a Birth Certificate or current Passport is required for all Foreign Based players. Birth Certificates in foreign languages must be accompanied by an English translation.
- ii. A copy of a signed Medical Release Form is required for each player. A Notarized copy of the Medical Release Form is required for out-of-state players as per the rules of the individual Clubs and / or their State Associations.
- iii. All teams must provide **laminated** US Youth Soccer Association (“USYSA”) Player ID Cards with photographs. US Club Soccer teams must provide **laminated** US Club Soccer Player ID Cards with photographs. Teams cannot mix USYSA and US Club Soccer Player ID Cards. Recreational level teams, providing a certified roster signed by their Club Registrar, are exempt from this requirement. Approval by the Tournament Committee must be given, prior to check-in, for this exemption.
- iv. Teams must update their roster in their GotSoccer Account or provide a written copy of the team’s roster. For each player, the roster must include: The first and last legal name as shown on their Birth Certificate, birth date and jersey number.
- v. Player Loan Forms, properly signed by the required parties, must be submitted for each loan or guest player, as required by the team’s sanctioning organization.
- vi. Travel documents for out-of-state teams as required by their governing association. US Club Soccer teams and Arizona Youth Soccer Association Region IV teams are exempt from this requirement. Teams are encouraged to fax or email travel documents prior to arriving to the Tournament.

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vii. During the check-in process, the Tournament Committee will inspect all documentation, specifically comparing birthdates and names between documents. After completion of check-in, player passes will be bound (via zip tie) for the duration of the Tournament. If, during the course of the Tournament, a team's player passes are found to be unbound, the team may be required to repeat the check-in process before the next match.

viii. No players will be allowed to play without the above documentation.

## 3. Guest Players:

Unlimited club players (players within the same club) can guest on to a team within the same age group.

- a. U12 and younger - a maximum of 4 players from outside the club can guest play on a team within the same age group.
- b. U13 and older – a maximum of 5 players from outside the club can guest play on a team within the same age group.

## 4. Pre-Match Check-In:

- c. Teams must present themselves at the field to the Referee or Field Supervisor (if applicable), for purposes of checking-in, a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each scheduled game.
- d. Player passes, properly bound during Pre-Tournament credentials check-in, must be presented.
- e. The Referee or Field Supervisor/Tournament staff will review each pass, comparing the photograph with the player, to ensure that only eligible players are participating.
- f. The Referee or Field Supervisor/Tournament staff will inspect the equipment of each player, including uniform, shin guards (**mandatory**) and cleats, to ensure the safety of all players.

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Cleats are not required. Toe cleats, found on many baseball shoes, are not allowed. Metal cleats of any type are also not allowed.

- g. Players will not be allowed to wear jewelry of any kind, including wrist bands, necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings). Bracelets are defined as any object encircling the wrist or arm. Exception: Medical Alert bracelets or necklace. These must be taped down. Taping of earrings/studs is NOT considered an exception. These must be removed.
- h. Hair control pieces made of metal, plastic or other hard material are not allowed
- i. Players with splints, casts, braces or other such devices may participate, if, in the opinion of the Referee, these devices do not present an inherent danger to any players.

## 5. Match Play:

- a. All games will be played under FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by USYSA or Arizona Soccer Association (“ASA”) unless otherwise stated in these rules of competition. The Tournament Director or Site Representative will settle all disputes regarding the rules of competition. The Tournament Director may modify under extraordinary circumstances or in the best interest of the Tournament the Rules of Competition.
- b. **Game Conclusion:** The Referee will have each team representative sign or initial the game report. The Referee will sign the game report and forward it to the Field Supervisor/Tournament Staff. The game report includes the score and the name / number / issue of any player / coach / individual receiving a red or yellow card. In the case of discrepancies, signed game reports shall prevail.
- c. Decisions made by Referees, once play has commenced, resumed or concluded, are not reversible. All Referee decisions pertaining to action on the field are final. **Tournament Representatives will not overrule, change or modify decisions**

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**made by the Referee. This includes the issuance of Red or Yellow Cards.**

## **NO MATCH PROTESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

- d. **Injuries:** Team Managers and / or coaches should keep copies of player Medical Release Forms on hand at all games. In the event of an emergency, this form should accompany the player to the place of treatment.
- e. **Possible Head Injury /Injury:** A Referee, Coach, Tournament Official or Medical Staff can remove a player from a game if they suspect a possible head injury or for an injury. If a player is removed from a game for a possible head injury, the player's ASA – USYSA pass will be retained and sent to ASA. If a player is playing with a US Club Soccer or alternative pass / identification method, the player's pass will be retained and returned to the team at the conclusion of the Tournament. The Referee is required by ASA to document the possible head injury and fill out an online report through the GotSoccer platform. The absence of this report does not discount the possible head injury or circumvent ASA, Tournament and Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer policies and "Return to Play" guidelines. If a player's pass is retained for a possible head injury, or there is a suspicion of a possible head injury, that player must **immediately** be removed from all soccer activities and **CANNOT** return to play in the Tournament without written medical clearance from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO). This means **ANY AND ALL** soccer participants, including those governed by US Club Soccer or any other entity; league or governing body affiliation does **NOT** matter. This restriction to participation cannot be lifted without a written medical clearance regardless of the player's observed condition, their insistence of "being alright" or even parental permission and regardless of the length of time it takes to receive medical clearance – **No Exceptions!**

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- f. **Heading Education:** If a player is playing up in an older age group (ex: 11-year-old playing with a U12 team), please note that players who are 11 and younger should not be deliberately heading the ball regardless of the age group in which they play. This requires education and support from the coach and parent to instruct the player accordingly.
- g. All Under 7 (U7) through Under 8 (U8) four (4) a-side games (4V4) will be played in accordance with the modified playing rules for four (4) a-side games (4V4) as determined by the ASA Youth Academy Program.
  - i. The maximum number of players, per team, on the field will be four (4); there are no Goalkeepers.
  - ii. The ball used will be size three (3).
  - iii. Teams can play with a minimum of three (3) players
  - iv. Substitutions can be made at any stoppage of play with the permission of the Referee and are unlimited.
  - v. The game shall be divided into four (4) quarters of twelve (12) minutes each.
  - vi. On a goal kick all players for the opposing team need to be beyond the halfway line before the kick is taken. Once the ball is kicked and moves the opposing team may cross the halfway line and play resumes.
  - vii. Slide tackling is not permitted
  - viii. Deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense
  - ix. No offside.
  - x. All free kicks are indirect and the opponent must be at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play. There will be no penalty kicks.
  - xi. Kick-ins will be used instead of throw-ins. The ball will be placed on the touch line with opponents ten (10) feet



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from the ball. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick in

**xii. The Under 7 (U7) through Under 8 (U8) brackets are participation age groups. No points will be awarded, no scores will be kept / posted or standings kept.**

- h. All Under 9 (U9) through Under 10 (U10) seven (7) a-side games (6 field players and 1 goal keeper) (7V7) will be played in accordance with the modified playing rules as determined by the ASA Youth Academy Program.
  - i. The maximum number of players per team on the field will be seven (7), (6 field players and 1 goalkeeper).
  - ii. Teams can play with a minimum of five (5) players
  - iii. The ball used will be size four (4).
  - iv. Substitutions can be made at any stoppage of play with the permission of the Referee and are unlimited.
  - v. Slide tackling is not permitted
  - vi. Deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense
  - vii. **Build out line**
    - 1) Should be equidistant between the penalty area line and halfway line
    - 2) When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punting is not allowed). After the ball is put into play

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by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal

- 3) The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line
- 4) If a goalkeeper punts the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the punt occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred

**viii. The Under 9 (U9) and Under 10 (U10) brackets are participation age groups. No points will be awarded, no scores will be kept / posted or standings kept.**

- i. All Under 11 (U11) and 12 (U12) nine (9) a-side games (8 field players and 1 goalkeeper) (9V9) will be played in accordance with the modified playing rules as determined by the ASA Youth Academy Program
  - i. The maximum number of players per team on the field will be nine (9), (8 field players and 1 goalkeeper).
  - ii. Teams can play with a minimum of six (6) players
  - iii. The ball used will be size four (4)
  - iv. Substitutions can be made at any stoppage of play with the permission of the Referee and are unlimited
  - v. In the U11 age group deliberately heading the ball is not permitted. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a

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game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.

vi. Offside is enforced.

j. **Game Start:** Coaches should be prepared to start the game on time. Five minutes after the official game start time is forfeit time. In case of forfeit, the winning team shall be given a score of 1 - 0. Tournament officials may waive this rule if, in their opinion, it is in the best interests of the youths and / or the Tournament to play the game. In the event of a delay in the start of a game, the game will be shortened to allow the game to finish as scheduled. It is Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer's desire to play games as scheduled and every means will be taken to allow games to be played.

k. The match durations shall be as follows:

<u>Age Bracket</u>	<u>Halves (Each)</u>	<u>Half Time</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>Ball</u>
U15 – U19	40 Minutes	5 Minutes	No	No	5
U13 – U14	35 Minutes	5 Minutes	No	No	5
U11 – U12	30 Minutes	5 Minutes	No	No	4
U9 – U10	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	No	No	4
U7 – U8	4 – 12 Minute Quarters	None	No	No	3

l. **Forfeits:**

- i. Teams failing to check-in ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the match may, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, forfeit the match. To be awarded a forfeit win, the opposing team must be present and ready to play.
- ii. In the event of a forfeit, the match score will be recorded as a 1 - 0 win in favor of the team not forfeiting.

m. **Home Team and Away Team Responsibilities:**

- i. Home Team (Appears First on the Game Schedule)
  - Must change jerseys in the case of a color conflict.

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- Will take the north or east sideline on the same side of the field as the Visiting Team.
  - Will clean up their side of the field.
  - Will furnish a game ball unless provided by the Tournament.
- ii. Visiting Team
- Has the choice of game jersey color.
  - Will take the south or west sideline on the same side of the field as the Home Team.
  - Will clean up their side of the field.
- n. **Player and Spectator Seating:**
- i. No parents, coaches or spectators may be along the goal line or behind the goal.
  - ii. Both teams shall be seated on the same side of the field unless otherwise instructed by Tournament Officials.
  - iii. Spectators shall be seated on the opposite side of the field from the teams and directly across from the team that they are supporting unless otherwise instructed by Tournament Officials. Spectators shall not sit on the same side of the field as the teams and shall be a minimum of five (5) yards back from the touchline.
  - iv. Seating may be adjusted at any time by the Tournament to comply with site requirements or other circumstances. This will usually occur when fields are split for younger age groups or when canopies and benches are provided.
- o. **Scoring:** Final team standings will be determined using the following point criteria:
- i. A WIN is three (3) points.
  - ii. A TIE is one (1) point.
  - iii. A LOSS is zero (0) points.
  - iv. Minus one (1) point for each red card or two yellow cards issued to the same player / coach in the same match.

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- p. **Ties (Bracket Play):** In the event that two (2) or more teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary round (Bracket Games), the following tie-breaker criteria shall apply:
- i. Head-to-Head competition
  - ii. Fewest Goals allowed (maximum of three (3) per game)
  - iii. Goal differential [goals scored - goals allowed] (maximum of five (5) per game)
  - iv. Most Goals scored (maximum of three (3) per game)
  - v. Most shutouts
  - vi. FIFA kicks from the penalty mark

In the event of a 3-way tie at the end of Bracket Play, the winner for advancement to a Final will be determined as above without consideration for comparison of head-to-head competition to eliminate one (1) team. Then advancement for the remaining two (2) teams is determined as above with consideration of head-to-head competition.

If a 3-way tie still exists within a Bracket after the tie breaking steps i – v have been utilized, a drawing from a “hat” will be conducted. Each team will have their name placed in a “hat” for drawing. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) team drawn will be considered the “Bye” team. The remaining two (2) teams will compete against each other in FIFA kicks from the penalty mark to eliminate one (1) team. The winner of the FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will then compete against the “Bye” team in FIFA kicks from the penalty mark to determine Bracket placement. The winner of this round of FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will be considered the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team in their Bracket. The loser of this round of FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will be considered the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team in their Bracket.

- q. **Ties (Playoffs / Finals):** In the event that a match is tied at the end of regulation in either a Semifinal or Championship match, teams will go immediately to kicks from the penalty mark.

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**Substitutions:** Substitutions can be made at any stoppage of play with the permission of the Referee and are unlimited.

- r. **Cards:** The Tournament will conform to the established guidelines as set forth by the State of Arizona sanctioning body: ASA as listed in the table below.

A player receiving a red card or two (2) yellow cards in the same match shall be removed from that game, may not be replaced, and, at a minimum, is automatically disqualified from participating in the next game. In the event a player is dismissed (red carded) from a game for violent conduct, that player will not be permitted to play in any other games in the Tournament.

Any player, substitute, coach, bench personnel or team official that is dismissed from a game and must leave the vicinity of field of play to the satisfaction of the Referee. If the coach, bench personnel or team official is dismissed they will at, at a minimum, be disqualified from their team's next two (2) games. If the coach has multiple teams participating in the Tournament, that coach may not coach any other team until the suspension is served for the team they were coaching when they were dismissed. **Coaches who either refuse to leave, within two (2) minutes, or deliberately stay to coach after being dismissed will forfeit the game.**

Players and / or coaches who are dismissed from their team's last game or are required to fulfill a Tournament suspension, the Tournament is required to send the player and / or coach pass, Referee report and player / coach report to the ASA Disciplinary Committee for disposition. The ASA Disciplinary Committee will determine the penalty, notify the coach of record and be responsible for the player and / or coach pass return. For U.S. Teams, each State Association will be notified of any disciplinary action taken or required to be taken. For Foreign Teams, The Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to be taken to that team's provincial or national association.

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## Procedure for Red Card Service

MINIMUM Red Card Suspensions Standards

Suspension Table

OFFENSE	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
Second Caution	1 game
Foul or Abusive Language directed at someone other than a match official	1 game
Serious Foul Play- Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 game
Serious Foul Play- Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by a committing a foul punishable by a free kick committed in a non-dangerous way (example pulling a jersey)	1 game
Serious Foul Play- other than above	2 games
Violent Conduct	3 games
Foul or abusive language directed at a match official	3 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (other category)	4 games & referred to AYSA Disciplinary Committee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (other category)	5 games & referred to AYSA Disciplinary Committee
Pushing, Striking or Spitting at a Match Official (A Match Official shall be defined as referee, assistant referee, referee assignor, referee administrator, tournament staff including volunteers, tournament director, or an AYSA Board Member.)	3 games referred to AYSA Discipline Committee
Coaches and team administrators who are ejected from a match will be subjected to the minimum suspensions listed above plus ONE game.	Minimum + 1
Coaches and team administrators who are ejected from a match for Irresponsible Team/Bench Behavior will be subjected to the minimum suspensions of ONE plus ONE	2 games

**s. RESPECT THE GAME:** Each coach is responsible for the behavior of his or her players and sideline, including control of parents, fans, and spectators. A fan or parent displaying irresponsible behavior or

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entering the field of play for any reason will be dismissed/sent off following the same procedures as those used for coaches, team official or bench personnel. Unruly or disruptive spectators may be asked to leave the tournament site by the Tournament Director or designee or the Referee. Any player, coach, team official, bench personnel or spectator dismissed/sent off from a game must leave the vicinity of the field of play to the satisfaction of the Referee and / or Tournament Official within two (2) minutes or their team will forfeit the game.

Referees will have complete authority from entering the field of play for the pre-match inspection and until leaving the field of play after the match ends (including kicks from the penalty mark), and will not allow abusive or profane language or threats of any kind. If, in the opinion of the Referee, a game must be terminated due to irresponsible behavior by a coach, team official, bench personnel or spectator the offending team shall be declared to have forfeited the game. The Referee has the option, but not the obligation to display a yellow or red card to a coach, team official or bench personnel for irresponsible behavior or for the irresponsible behavior of its spectators or sideline.

A terminated game will result in the opposing team being awarded a win by a score of 1 - 0, unless the score is greater at the time of the termination. Possible suspension from further disciplinary action could result.

Coaches and Team Managers may be required to sign a Mandatory Behavior Policy and are expected to adhere to the ASA Code of Conduct.

Any player or coach dismissed who plays in or coaches the next Tournament game or during the suspension period, will cause their team to automatically forfeit that game and be removed from the Tournament.

**t. Fighting:** Any player, coach, bench personnel, team official or spectator who is involved in a fight for any reason will be ejected from the Tournament. **Any player, coach, bench personnel, team official or spectator who enters the field during a fight or for any reason without the permission of the Referee will be ejected from the Tournament regardless of the reason for entering the field.** In the event more people are involved than can be clearly identified, the game



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will be terminated and the entire team or teams will be ejected from the Tournament. Any player who removes his or her jersey or does anything else so as not to be identified before, during or after an altercation will be identified by whatever means possible. The player will be ejected from the Tournament and will cause their team to forfeit the game.

**ANY PLAYER, COACH OR SPECTATOR WHO VERBALLY OR NON-VERBALLY ASSAULTS A REFEREE, TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL OR VOLUNTEER WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND MAY FACE POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION AND OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

## 6. Awards

- a. **U7 and above:** All participants will receive a participant pin.
- b. **U11 and above:** Players on teams placing 1st and 2nd in their respective flight will receive individual placement awards.
- c. **Director's Award:** One team or individual may receive the Director's Award to be presented to the team's coach or the individual at the conclusion of the Tournament. The award will be determined, at the Tournament Director's sole discretion, and presented to a team or individual that stands out in some manner in representing the values and competitive spirit of the Blackhawks Max Shacknai Invitational Tournament.

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## 7. Tournament Play Formats

The following formats will be used to implement Tournament play within brackets based on the number of teams in the bracket. Not all formats will be represented. All standings will be determined as described in section 5.0 (Scoring). Championships will be determined by the results of Finals when scheduled.

**Four (4) Team Bracket:** One (1) group of four (4) teams. Each team will play the other teams in their group once. The winner of the group and the second place team of the group shall advance to the Finals.

**Five (5) Team Bracket:** One (1) group of five (5) teams. Each team will play the other teams in their group once for a total of four (4) games. The winner of the group and the second place team are determined by points.

**Six (6) Team Bracket:** Two (2) groups of three (3) teams. Each team will play the other teams in their group once. The top two (2) teams with the most points in each group will advance to the Semi-Finals. The winner of group A will play the runner-up of group B and the winner of group B will play the runner-up of group A in the Semi-Finals. The winners of the Semi-Final games will play in the Final. Third place in group A and B will play each other in a consolation game.

**Seven (7) Team Bracket:** Bracket A (four (4) teams) has each team playing the other three (3) in the Bracket. Bracket B (three (3) teams) has each team playing the other two (2) in the Bracket. In Bracket A, each team will have played three (3) games. In Bracket B, each team will have played two (2) games. Advancement will be as follows: Championship (1<sup>st</sup> in A vs. 1<sup>st</sup> in B); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (2<sup>nd</sup> in A vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> in B); Consolation (3<sup>rd</sup> in A vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> in B).

**Eight (8) Team Bracket:** Two (2) groups of four (4) teams. Each team will play the other teams in their group once. The winner of each group shall advance to the Finals.

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**Nine (9) Team Bracket:** Three (3) groups of three (3) teams will be formed. Each team will play the other two (2) teams in their group. Three (3) group winners and six (6) Wild Cards will be determined by total points. The three (3) group winners and WC#1 will advance to the Semi-Finals. WC#3 will play WC#4 while WC#5 will play WC#6. WC#2 will play the winner of WC#3 and WC#4 in a Consolation match.

**Ten (10) Team Bracket:** Consists of a Bracket A (four (4) teams) and two (2) Brackets (B and C) of three (3) teams each. Round Robin play for all three (3) Brackets. The top team from Bracket B and C play each other in the Semi-Finals. The winner of the Semi-Finals plays the top team in Bracket A in the Final. Consolation games are given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in Bracket B and C (B #2 vs. C #2) (C #3 vs. B #3).

**Eleven (11) Team Bracket:** Consists of a Bracket A (three (3) teams) and two (2) Brackets (B and C) of four (4) teams each. Each team in their group will play each other once. The winner and second place team of each group will advance to the Quarterfinals. From all groups, Wildcard #1 (WC#1) and Wildcard #2 (WC#2) will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place teams to advance to the Quarterfinals based on total points. Group A will play the Wildcards and Group B will play group C. Crossover will occur after the Quarterfinals. The winners of the Semi-Finals will play in the Finals.

**Twelve (12) Team Bracket:** Four (4) groups of three (3) teams. Each team will play the other teams in their group once. The winner of each group shall advance to the Semi-Finals. Group A will play group D and group B will play group C. The winners of the Semi-Finals will play in the Finals. The second and third place teams from each group will play a Consolation game. Group A will play group D and group B will play group C.

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## 8. General Rules - Facility:

- a. No alcoholic beverages or glass containers allowed on the Tournament Fields.
- b. No smoking allowed in the vicinity of the players.
- c. **Heaters:** Heaters (gas or electric) are NOT allowed at the fields.
- d. **Parking:** Park in designated parking areas. Do not park along or on curbs in the sports complexes. Do not park on walkways or spots not designated for parking. Overnight RV parking is prohibited. Parking in desert areas is not allowed. City police do monitor and ticket improperly parked vehicles.
- e. **Canopies / Umbrellas:** No staking of canopies, umbrellas or other items is allowed at any site. If you use a canopy or large umbrella, please use some sort of weight to hold it down.
- f. **Dogs:** Dogs are NOT allowed on the Reach 11 Sports Complex property.
- g. Skateboards or Rollerblades are prohibited.

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## 9. Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather or other events, which affect our ability to play as planned, the Tournament Committee may modify the Rules of Competition in order to safely and fairly complete the Tournament successfully. The Tournament Committee will make their decisions on what is best, considering the health and safety of the players. Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer utilizes city-provided fields for all play. During inclement weather, the cities will take into consideration the need to prevent the destruction of the fields and facilities. Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer does not own the fields, nor does it have any authority over their usage. Coaches and Team Managers are asked to remain flexible to the changes in fields / locations as required and to keep in contact with Tournament Officials for these changes. Typically, the inclement weather plan will consider the following, in order:

- a. Play all games as scheduled.
- b. Eliminate pre-game warm-up on fields.
- c. Shorten matches.
- d. In the event the field conditions are unplayable as determined by the Tournament Committee, the City or Facility Managers, games in question may be decided by kicks from the penalty mark. .
- e. If matches are unable to continue for any reason(s), Tournament placement will be based upon the last fully completed round of play. Bracket tie-breakers will be used to satisfy any ties that remain. If Bracket tie-breakers cannot resolve a tie, the Tournament Committee will utilize a coin toss to resolve the situation. A team representative must be present at the coin toss.
- f. In the event of game cancellation(s) due to inclement weather, entry fees will be forfeited. Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer will make no guarantees of any refunds. However, Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer recognizes the financial commitments of teams entering the tournament. As such, Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer may, at its discretion, refund a portion of the entry fee(s) after all other expenses have been paid.

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- **AT THE END OF EACH GAME, A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MUST SIGN / INITIAL THE GAME REPORT.**
- **RETRIEVE YOUR PLAYER CARDS FROM THE CHECK-IN CENTER OR REFEREE (IF APPLICABLE) AT THE END OF EACH GAME.**
- **PLAYER / COACH PASSES PULLED FOR RED CARDS OR HEAD INJURY / CONCUSSION INCIDENCES MUST BE RETRIEVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS.**
- **ENSURE THAT YOUR TEAM REMOVES ALL TRASH AND BELONGINGS FROM THE SIDELINE AFTER EACH GAME.**
- **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THEIR SPECTATORS. COACHES CAN BE DIMSSED FOR SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR.**
- **POSSIBLE HEAD INJURY AND CONCUSSION PROTOCOL WILL BE IN EFFECT. PLAYERS CAN BE REMOVED FROM TOURNAMENT PLAY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENT.**

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