



Dublin Charity Cup Soccer Tournament 2012 TOURNAMENT RULES

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The Dublin Charity Cup Soccer Tournament welcomes teams in good standing, currently registered with a USYSA state, USSF affiliate or CONCACAF nation. Tournament dates are September 1st & 2nd, 2012. The tournament headquarters during the event is 7501 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio, 43017, USA. The mailing address is 37 W. Bridge Street, Dublin, OH, 43017, USA. Contact John Muir, tournament co-director, at 614-793-8320 for information.

Registration and Eligibility: Teams must check in Friday, August 31st, from 5pm to 9pm, at the Columbus Marriott Northwest, 5605 Blazer Pkwy, Dublin, OH, 43017, phone 614-791-1000. When checking in, a team coach or representative must provide a copy of an official roster, player passes with photo (preferably laminated), Liability/Medical Release form and travel permit (if required). Teams from outside Ohio South must have proof of permission to travel. Teams from outside the US (but from a CONCACAF nation) must have proof of entry into the US and a completed form from their Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

Team Gender and Ages:

| 11v11 Full Sided Games | | 8v8 Small Sided Games | | 6v6 Small Sided Games | |
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| Boys U-14/15 8/1/97 – 7/31/99 | Boys U-13 8/1/99 – 7/31/00 | Boys U-12 8/1/00 – 7/31/01 | Boys U-11 8/1/01 – 7/31/02 | Boys U-10 8/1/02 – 7/31/03 | Boys U-09 8/1/03 – 7/31/04 |
| Girls U-14/15 8/1/97 – 7/31/99 | Girls U-13 8/1/99 – 7/31/00 | Girls U-12 8/1/00 – 7/31/01 | Girls U-11 8/1/01 – 7/31/02 | Girls U-10 8/1/02 – 7/31/03 | Girls U-09 8/1/03 – 7/31/04 |

Maximum number of players, including guest players, on any one team's roster:

- U-09 and U-10 age groups playing six-a-side, maximum of twelve (12) including up to 3 guest players
- U-11 and U-12 age group playing eight-a-side, maximum of fourteen (14) including up to 4 guest players
- U-13 and U-14/15 ages playing eleven-a-side, a maximum of eighteen (18) including up to 4 guest players

Roster changes must be made before the start of the team's first game. Up to three coaches may be listed on a team's roster; officially credentialed "Director of Coaching" pass holders may also be with the team during a game. Players must be registered to the team making application.

The tournament is open to teams from U-09 to U-14/15. U-14 teams are officially entered in a U-14/15 division to accommodate teams with "trapped" or "orphaned" eighth graders. All of a team's players must be within the age group guidelines established for their respective age group using August 1st as a cutoff date.

The first team listed for a match will be considered the home team and will be expected to change jerseys if the referee determines there is a color conflict. All teams should bring two colors of jerseys. Shin guards are required for all players. No hard casts are permitted; soft and wrapped casts are permitted with the permission of the referee and/or a Tournament Director. Player passes must be available at all matches and will be checked by the referee or field marshal prior to the beginning of each match. The shirt number of each player should be the same as the player's number on the player roster, but in any case must be unique.

Tournament Format: Each participating team will play a minimum of three games. No team will play more than two matches per day. All finalists will receive awards for both individuals and coach. In general, the first place team for a group, based on points or tie breakers, as described below, will play the first place team from the other group for the division championship. All matches: those within a group, crossover games with another group, and those forfeited, will be counted towards a team's total points. Ties will stand in all games except semi-final or championship matches. In those matches, overtime will consist of two five-minute halves. If the game remains tied after overtime periods, penalty kick elimination will be held per FIFA rules to determine the champion. All matches use certified referees.

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All games will be played under international rules (FIFA) with the following exceptions regarding player substitutions, which may only be made with the permission of the referee:

1. Before a throw-in in your team's favor. If a player for the opposing team is at the mid-field flag waiting to be a substitute when the team that is awarded a throw-in has a substitute to enter the game, the substitute for the opposing team may also enter the game. If the team that has been awarded a throw-in does not have a substitute, then neither team may substitute a player.
2. Before a goal kick for either team
3. After a score by either team
4. At half-time
5. After an injury, 1 for 1, if the injured player is substituted
6. After a caution, 1 for 1, if the cautioned player is substituted

The length of each game and ball sizes will be as follows:

| Division | Preliminary | Championship | Ball Size |
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| U-09, 10 Boys & Girls | 25 Minute Halves | 25 Minute Halves | # 4 |
| U-11, 12 Boys & Girls | 25 Minute Halves | 30 Minute Halves | # 4 |
| U-13, 15 Boys & Girls | 30 Minute Halves | 35 Minute Halves | # 5 |

Group standings will be determined as follows:

1. Point total: **WIN = 3 points;** **TIE = 1 point;** **LOSS = 0 points.**
2. Tie breakers, used in order to determine a divisional winner:
 - a. Result of the match between the tied teams. This does not apply if three teams are tied.
 - b. Goal differential as defined by total goals scored minus goals allowed with a maximum difference of three goals per game. A forfeit is treated as a 3 - 0 verdict.
 - c. Lower number of goals allowed, with no limit on goals allowed.
 - d. Penalty kick elimination, as per FIFA rules of the game.

The tournament committee is responsible for interpreting the rules and scheduling tie breaker activities.

Game balls will be provided by the tournament. Otherwise, a FIFA approved ball acceptable to the referee will be selected from the home team.

At the end of each match, both participating coaches must sign the scorecard verifying the game score. Once signed, the score is considered official. The failure of a coach to sign a scorecard constitutes a waiver of any error therein. Scores will be posted regularly. Any discrepancies must be reported to the site headquarter by a team official prior to the next preliminary game being played. Both coaches signing the scorecard must agree regarding score changes. Any appeal regarding the last preliminary game must be made within 15 minutes of the game's completion. The referee will give the scorecard to the referee coordinator's assistant who will collect the cards after each game. If the coordinator does not collect the card, the referee is responsible for bringing the card to the referee coordinator promptly after the game's completion. Cautions and ejections will be clearly noted on the scorecard and tracked by the referee coordinator.

Teams for full sided games (11v11) not reporting to their scheduled field with at least seven players within ten minutes of the scheduled starting time may be required to forfeit that game. For 8v8 small sided games, teams must have at least six players. For 6v6 small sided games, teams must have at least five players. Teams involved in a forfeited game may progress to the Championship if they qualify. A forfeit will be recorded as a 3-0 game.

Disputes: Protests must be filed in writing with the tournament site headquarters within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of the game, along with a \$100 cash fee. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Referee judgment will not be the basis for a protest. Player eligibility and rule disputes will be resolved by the Tournament Directors and Site Coordinators. If there is a dispute that cannot be determined by the official tournament rules, a committee of at least three people will hear the complaint and make a ruling. That ruling is final and cannot be appealed. The committee will consist of the tournament director, the site coordinator, and one or more other persons who are knowledgeable of the USYSA and Ohio South rules. The third member can be the Chairperson of the Dublin Soccer League, the referee coordinator for the tournament, the MOSSL president, a district commissioner, or anyone who the tournament director feels can make a prudent decision.

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Standards of Conduct: The use of noisemakers such as air horns, cow bells, whistles, loud oral whistling, etc. during a game is prohibited and considered unsportsmanlike conduct. The referee may suspend play until the offending noise stops.

All participants will be expected to maintain high standards of conduct during their stay. These standards are expected of players, referees, and family members, both while at the fields and in accommodations including refraining from kicking soccer balls against or within a building and being disrespectful of the property of others. If the Tournament becomes aware of misconduct, the Director reserves the right to proceed with an appropriate sanction: a warning, reduction in points in the standings, or banning the team or club from future participation in the tournament. As this is a charitable fundraiser, no peddling or solicitation is permitted by any team/organization.

There shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee is considered dissent. All coaches are responsible for the actions of his or her spectators, specifically verbal abuse of referees. Such behavior may result in forfeiture of the game, removal of spectators and/or expulsion from further play.

Players and coaches must remain on their side of the field, within 20 yards of the centerline of their half of the field. Spectators, including everyone not listed as a player or a coach for the teams on the field, must remain on the side of the field opposite the teams. No one should be behind the goal lines. Players who are sent off (red card) during a game may not play in their next game. They may sit with their team, but cannot dress in uniform. Coaches may be given cautions or sent off. Coaches who are sent off cannot participate as a coach or a spectator in their team's next game. An ejected coach may not be in the vicinity of the playing field during the sanctioned game. If a player or coach is sent off during their final game of the tournament, that player or coach's card will be returned, except in cases involving assault, to the coach or team representative after they have signed the OSYSA red card report, sent by Tuesday following the tournament, indicating receipt of the card. Otherwise it will be held by the tournament committee and mailed to the league office which has certified the player or coach. If it is a CONCACAF player or coach, the card will be mailed to the team, and a report of the disciplinary action taken will be sent to the US Soccer Federation so that it can be transmitted to the team's provincial or national association. A final game is considered the third preliminary game if the team does not advance to the championship. Otherwise, it is the Championship match.

The Dublin Charity Cup, sanctioned through Ohio South, follows their policy for lightning and hazardous weather conditions. Games will be suspended until 30-minutes after the last lightning or thunder has left the vicinity. Inclement weather is always a possibility and such weather may result in delayed, abbreviated or cancelled games. The tournament committee will attempt to reschedule games to insure that each team will play a full schedule for the tournament. Games may be shortened or postponed or scheduled at a different site in order to meet this goal. A game may be considered complete if the first half has concluded. The Tournament Directors, Site Coordinators and Referee have authority to suspend games due to inclement weather.

In the event of tournament cancellation due to inclement weather, there is no guarantee of a refund. In such a case the tournament is cancelled, either before any games are played or before all games can be completed, refunds will be made available to all teams requesting them. The amount of refund will be determined after subtracting the costs and obligations associated with organizing the event. A full refund would not be available due to these costs.

The Charity Cup may place photos on its website showing events taking place during the tournament. Your participation indicates permission to do so. However, we will honor any request to remove a photo you find inappropriate to have posted.

The tournament does not deposit entry fees prior to a team's acceptance to the tournament unless the fee is part of a check for a group of teams. Refunds will generally not be made to any team who has submitted an application and been notified by the committee that said team has been accepted to the tournament. Exceptions to this will be made on a case-by-case basis and determined by the tournament committee.

No Alcohol – No Pets – No Bikes – No RVs – No Soliciting – No Cigars, as a courtesy to everyone.

The Dublin Charity Cup is proud to be an Ohio South Youth Soccer Association tournament.

