

# SSPX ST. LOUIS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

## RULES FOR MEN'S TEAMS

1. 2014/2015 USSF laws are followed with the following changes/additions.
2. **Playing will be 9 versus 9.**
3. **NO SLIDE TACKLING IS ALLOWED.**
4. All team players must have the same color jersey with the exception of the goalie who must wear colors that distinguish him from the other players and referees.
5. If both teams have the same jersey colors, the home team has the first choice.
6. **No metal cleats and no cleats in the toe of the shoes are allowed. Referees have the right to inspect at any time.**
7. All games will be played in two (2) twenty (20) minute halves.
8. **All players must have waivers signed before the first game or they will not be allowed to play.**
9. Teams must stay on the opposite sides of the field. The first team at the field will have choice of sides, in case of a disagreement; the team listed first on the schedule will have choice of sides.
10. Spectators will be required to remain a minimum of two (2) yards from the touchline; this will be the coach's responsibility.
11. No fans or players are allowed on the ends of the fields and goal areas.
12. All coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. If you are asked to settle down your players and/or fans and are unable to do so, the team will forfeit the game in progress.
13. The coach of each team must sign the game card after the game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of that game.
14. Your list of squad members is your official list of players and the use of guest players must be approved by the Tournament Officials. All exceptions must be approved by the Tournament Officials.
15. **Games will be played during the rain unless dangerous inclement weather or field conditions occur not limited to lightning. If lightning is indicated all games will be suspended and EVERYONE will be instructed to leave the field or pavilion areas and go to their vehicles in the parking lot. The delay will be at least thirty (30) minutes while conditions are reviewed by the Tournament Officials. Any game that reaches the end of the first half is considered an official game.**
16. **Tournament Officials have the right to shorten game times, if deemed necessary in order to keep game schedules running in a reasonable time or due to weather. Tournament Officials also have the right to reduce the number of scheduled regular play games to allow for time to have playoff games weather permitting.**
17. **Penalty kicks may be used to determine the outcome of regular and playoff games due to weather or in order to complete the tournament. If penalty kicks are used in lieu of a game, the following procedure will be used. A minimum of 7 players, 6 field players and a goalie must be present for each team at game time. All 7 players will attempt a kick from the penalty spot unless either team has a goal differential that cannot be tied with the remaining players, i.e. a 2-goal lead with one kicker remaining thru a 6-goal lead with five kickers remaining. If tied after all 14 kicks have been taken, then one kick per side**

sudden death will take place. Each team will have to use a different player for each attempt and may use players from their rosters that were not part of the starting.

18. The use of a point system will be used to determine which teams progress to the playoffs.

2 points – Win

1 point – Tie

If there is a tie in points at the end of regular play, the following will be used to determine the winner:

#1 – Result of games between tied teams

#2 – Least goals allowed in all games

#3 – Highest goal differentials (goals scored minus goals allowed)

#4 – Total goals scored all games

#5 – Penalty kicks (penalty kick procedure as shown in item 17)

**NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN REGULAR PLAY GAMES,  
ONLY PLAYOFF GAMES**

If a playoff game is tied, the following overtime procedure will be used:

1. One (1) five (5) Minute Period

2. Shoot-Out (PENALTY KICK PROCEDURE as shown in item 17)

19. The Tournament Officials will handle all protests.

20. The protest procedures are as follows:

A) **Only coaches and captains can protest.**

B) **Any protests after the first stoppage are ineligible.**

C) **Decision of the Tournament Officials are final!**

D) Failure to comply with any and/or all of the above procedures will nullify the protest.

21. Referees will receive a copy of both teams' rosters from the coaches before each game begins. No new players are allowed to be added after the start of the game. All team roster checks will be performed on BOTH participating teams.
22. No jewelry may be worn with the exception of scapulars; i.e. pierced earrings and/or other piercing cannot be taped over.
23. Substitutions may only enter the field at the half line while players being substituted off can leave the field anywhere.
24. Once the game begins and until it is finished, the coach will be allowed on the field only to attend to an injured player from their own team when beckoned by the referees.
25. **Any coach, player, or spectator using offensive, insulting, abusive, or taunting language, including foreign language, and/or gestures towards anyone during a game will be sent off the field or ejected from the field area and must remove themselves from the park. Not doing so, will result in their team forfeiting the game in progress and whatever other sanctions might be decided by the Tournament Officials upon review of the referees' and/or Tournament Official's report.**
26. Any coach or spectator attempting to strike or physically abuse any player or referee will be ejected from the park for the remainder of the tournament and a police report will be filed.

27. Referees will be instructed to seek the coach's help, when necessary, to maintain control of the game. If the referees determine that control of the game cannot be maintained, the game will be terminated. The Tournament Officials will determine the disposition of the game.
28. Any player who is shown a yellow card will be removed from play for 10 minutes and the team may substitute. Any player receiving a second yellow card in the tournament immediately receives a red card. Any manager, coach, or player who is shown a red card and sent off will not be allowed to participate in the game in progress and will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game pending a decision of the Tournament Officials, which can modify or extend that ineligibility. If any of the above receives a second red card, they will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament. **If a team uses any ineligible person due to red card suspension, the team will forfeit ALL games.**

**ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON REVIEW OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS, WHOSE DECISION IS FINAL.**