

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association 1st Annual City Tournament Rules

- 1. Playing Rules:** Rules of FIFA, as modified by USYSA, NTSSA, and BSYSA, shall apply.
- 2. Coaches:** Only a head coach and one assistant coach will be allowed on the players' sideline. Parents/spectators are not allowed on the players' sideline. This includes before and after the match.
- 3. Playing Time: ALL PARTICPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY 50% PER Game. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE TOLERATED and may result in the coach being expelled from the tournament.**
- 4. Substitutions:** Under-8 and below will substitute at halftime, except in the event of an injury or other emergency. All other divisions, substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee according to FIFA Laws.
- 5. Tie Games:** If tied at the end of regulation. One (1) Five minute overtime period will be played, Sudden Death (1st team to score wins). In the event that the game is still tied at the end of overtime play, the FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used. **EXCEPTION:** In the Under-6 division, there is no goalie. The overtime period will be untimed.
- 6. Protest:** All referee decisions are FINAL. No protest will be allowed.
- 7. Start of Games:** A game shall be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time. Each team must present a game ball and two captains prior to the start time. The referee shall determine which ball to use.
- 8. Discipline:** In the unfortunate event that a coach or player is ejected (red card) from any game, that person is automatically suspended for the remainder of the tournament. They will be allowed to return for closing ceremonies.
- 9. Game Lengths:** Vary by division
 - a. U6 Division-** 12 Minute Half
 - b. U8 Division-** 18 Minute Half
 - c. U10 Division-** 25 Minute Half
 - d. U12 Division-** 30 Minute Half
- 10. Goalkeeper:** Under-8 and above, Goalkeeper is considered to have possession of the ball when some part of his/her body, other than his/her foot, is touching the ball and the ball is not in contact with the playing surface. Under-6 NO GOALKEEPERS ALLOWED. Further, no player may position themselves in the defensive portion of the field; players must be in their attacking half of the field for a goal to be scored.