

# 2017 Portland Cup Tournament Rules

Fifa Laws of the Game, including any 2017 changes apply as supplemented by the following rules of the competition.

## Tournament Headquarters

The tournament headquarters will be located at Liberty High School. Contact the tournament director with questions. Contact info, Facundo 503-439-8364.

High School Address – 21945 NW Wagon Way Hillsboro OR 97124

## Credentials

### Please note we will be using birth years to determine age groups

You are required to check your team in with the tournament staff prior to your team's first game of the tournament. You can check the team in on Thursday, July 28th at the F.C. Portland office (21255 NW Jacobson Rd # 300, Hillsboro, OR 97124) from 11AM-5:30PM, or no later than 30 minutes prior to your team's first game at tournament headquarters at Liberty.

At check in the tournament staff will check and collect the following items (very important):

Teams traveling as non US Club teams using USYS (state association teams) cards and roster:

1. USYS teams traveling from any state in Region 4 (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming) are not required to have travel papers. All other states MUST have travel papers.
2. All USYS teams must have a roster that is approved by your club's registrar or state office. Each team will need five (5) copies of their roster. Four (4) of those rosters will be stamped and returned for you to give to referees for each game. Tournament staff will keep one (1) roster.
3. Player cards issued by your USYS/State Association. Have these at all games.
4. Medical release forms for each player.
5. Guest player loan forms only if you are not from Region 4.

Teams traveling as a US Club Soccer Team:

1. US Club player passes for each player. Have these at all games
2. US Club official roster. Each team will need five (5) copies of their roster. Four (4) of those rosters will be stamped and returned for you to give to referees for each game. Tournament staff will keep one (1) roster.
3. US Club Medical release forms.
4. Guest player loan forms for any player outside of the club.

## Rosters

Roster changes cannot be made following the credential check. Four guest players may be used to complete a roster of 18 players. Each guest player must have a valid USYS player pass or US Club Soccer player pass and be age appropriate. U9-U14 will consist of no more than 18 players and no more than 10 players U6-U8.

### **Uniforms**

Each team must have two sets of jerseys. **Home Team:** Light, **Away Team:** Dark. The team listed first on the tournament schedule is designated as the home team and must change in the event of color conflict. No player may play while bleeding or while having excessive amounts of blood on the uniform.

### **Minimum Number of Players**

The minimum number of players for a team required to start a match is U6-U8 (3) – U9-U10 (5) – U11-U12 (7) and U13-U14 (9). Any team that is not ready to start with the minimum number of players within 10 minutes following game time will forfeit the game with a score of 3-0 to the opposition.

### **Tournament Format and Results and Standings**

Each team will play 3 games. Teams in all age categories will be placed in one group regardless of the number of teams. The tournament will use a standard FIFA point system – 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. The team with the most points in the group will be deemed tournament champion.

If 2 teams are tied in points at the end of preliminary round, the team which advances will be determined by

1. Result of the head to head match
2. Goal differential (+/- 4 goals)
3. Least goals against
4. Most shutouts
5. Kicks from penalty mark
6. Toss of a coin will determine tie breaker

### **Awards**

Players representing the first place team will receive individual medals.

### **Duration and Game Balls**

In all rounds, U6/ U7/U8 –two 20 minute halves U9/U10—two 25 minute halves, U11/U12 – two 30 minute halves U13/U14 – two 35 minute halves. Half –time interval is 5 minutes, subject to reduction by the referee to keep the tournament on schedule. U6-U8 size 3 balls U9-U12 size 4 balls and U13-U14 use size 5 balls. Game balls will be provided by the tournament.

### **Technical Area**

Only coaches, managers, players, substitutes, game officials and tournament staff are allowed in a team's technical or "bench" area. All spectators must position themselves on the opposite side of the field, at least two yards behind the touchline, and at least 18 yards from the goal lines. The tournament director may require spectators to relocate to avoid interference with play or with game officials.

### **Substitutions**

An unlimited number of substitutions and re-entries are allowed at any stoppage with the consent of the referee.

### Age Specific Rules

1. There is no heading for U8-U11 players. An indirect free kick will result from the stop that the ball was headed.
2. Penalty kicks for U9-U12 will be taken from the 10 yard spot. No penalty kicks for U8s.
3. No GK Punts U9-U11.
  - a. A goalkeeper who has taken possession of the ball in his/her hands may not put the ball in play by punting or drop kicking the ball.
  - b. If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, the opposing team is awarded an indirect free kick from the edge of the penalty area nearest to where the goalkeeper took the kick.
4. 7-yard mandatory buffer around free-kicks (U8-U12).

### Responsibilities of Coaches

Coaching is permitted from the technical area by one of the persons who have been identified on the roster as coach. "Coaching" is considered as giving directions to players on points of strategy and position in an informative tone of voice. No mechanical or electronic devices may be used.

Dissent (by word or action), offensive, insulting or abusive language, or other threatening or insulting words or gestures by a coach, player or spectator directed toward another player, opponent, game official, or spectator will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The coach is responsible for the misconduct of the team's coaches, managers, players and spectators whether or not the coach has participated in or encouraged the misconduct.

### Misconduct

Two yellow cards accumulated by a player in one game will equal a suspension from that game and the next scheduled game. One red card in any game will result in the player being suspended from the remainder of that game plus the next scheduled game of the tournament, and possibly more depending on the severity of the infraction.

**WARNING...**The minimum punishment for a player who is sent off and for a coach who is cautioned or ejected is suspension for one game after the game in which the misconduct occurs. A player who is sent off because of serious foul play may be disqualified from all further play during the tournament/competition. Any player, coach, or manager who is sent off or ejected because of violent conduct will be disqualified from all further play in the tournament/competition. Any player or coach/manager receiving 2 red cards in the tournament will not be able to participate in the remaining games of the tournament. A player, coach, or spectator who assaults or threatens a game official is subject to more severe penalties.

A coach who is ejected from a game must leave the premises immediately and without dissent. Failure to do so may result in additional punishment for the coach and/or team. A coach who is ejected from a game will be suspended from other tournament matches. Another coach or manager may then coach the team for the remainder of the game, but if no such person is available the game will be terminated and the team will forfeit the game with a score of 3-0 to the opposition.

The team of a player, coach, or manager who is sent off for serious foul play, violent conduct, or offensive, abusive, threatening or insulting words or actions may be further punished by the loss of points in the preliminary round or by forfeiture of a semi- final or final game.

### **Protests and Appeals**

The Laws state that the decision of the referee on points of fact is final as far as the outcome of the game is concerned. No protests or appeals will be heard.

### **Miscellaneous**

All decisions of the tournament committee are final and may not be appealed.

There will be a Sports Injury Trainer/Booth on site during the tournament for both preventative services such as taping ankles and in response to injuries.

Once a team has been accepted, there will be no refunds.

The tournament committee reserves the right to suspend and reschedule games and to alter the duration of games because of the failure to pre-supposed conditions such as weather, fields etc.

**NOTE: These rules are subject to change prior to the start of the tournament.**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED. NO DOGS, EVEN ON LEASH, WILL BE PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

### **Concussions**

Any athlete suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it may seem or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours.