

RULES AND PROCEDURES

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Diablo FC Summer Classic, July 25-26, 2009

Credential Check All players must be properly registered on US Club Soccer affiliated teams for the 2009-10 season. All teams must have credentials verified at the mandatory Tournament Check-in on July 24, 2009. Player passes will be checked prior to each game by the referee. Any player found to be not properly registered will be disqualified. Players may only be registered on one team for the tournament.

Game Start All games will start at the scheduled time. Teams and referees must report to the field marshal 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. All divisions are playing 11v11. If a team cannot field 7 eligible players at the scheduled start time, the game will be declared a forfeit.

Game Length Games will be based on halves as specified below:

Division	Preliminaries	Semi-finals	Championship	Overtime(*)
U-12	25	30	30	5
U-13	30	35	35	10
U-14	30	35	35	10
U-15	30	35	35	10

Time may be added to each game half at the discretion of the referee for delays including injuries, substitutions and wasted time. Preliminary games can end in a tie.

If a tie exists at the end of regulation play for semi-final games, the tie will be broken by kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA rules. Only the 11 (or fewer) players on the field at the end of the game may participate in penalty kicks

* For championship games only, if a tie exists at the end of regulation play, after a 5-minute rest period, 2 equal length overtime periods will be played with no rest period between halves. Championship games still tied will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark. Only the 11 (or fewer) players on the field at the end of the game may participate in penalty kicks.

In the event of inclement or extremely hot weather, both coaches in a championship game may agree to forego overtime periods and proceed directly to PKs.

Tournament Format

- **6-team** divisions will consist of 2 brackets of 3 teams each. Saturday pool play with semi-final/consolation games on Sunday. Semi-final game winners will advance to the championship game.
- **8-team** divisions will consist of 2 brackets of 4 teams each. Both brackets will play round robin with each bracket winner advancing to the championship game.
- **12-team** divisions will consist of 4 brackets of 3 teams each. Saturday pool play with winner of each bracket advancing to semi-finals. Semi-final game winners will advance to the championship game.

Scoring Teams will earn points for each game as follows: **3 points for a win, 1 points for a tie and zero points for a loss.** In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will receive 3 points. If both teams forfeit, there will be no points awarded. **Each red card will result in 1 point being deducted from a team's total.**

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Tie-breaking Procedures

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Goal differential (up to 3 per game)
4. Most total wins
5. Most shutouts
6. Penalty Kicks

If a 3-way tie exists within a bracket after steps 1-5, a coin toss will be conducted. The 2 teams that tie in coin toss will compete in penalty kicks to eliminate one team prior to competing with third team in PKs. The time of coin flip and PKs will be determined at the field.

Substitutions Unlimited substitutions are allowed with the permission of the referee at the following times: the discretion of the referee prior to a throw in by your team; prior to a goal kick or a kickoff after a goal by either team; during any injury stoppage, whether or not the injured player is substituted.

Home Team Home team is listed first, will provide game balls and choose side of the field. Spectators will remain on the same side of the field as their team. Home team will change jerseys in case of color conflict. Coaching is restricted to the area 10 yards from either side of the halfway line on their side of the field only.

Sportsmanship It is expected that good sportsmanship will prevail at all times. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players, parents and spectators. Coaches can be cautioned and/or ejected for inappropriate behavior. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED** at all fields and parks by city ordinance.

Cooling Off Period It is highly recommended that any player receiving a yellow card be substituted out for a cooling off period. However, coaches are NOT required to substitute a cautioned player.

Ejections Players and coaches ejected from a game will automatically be suspended from their team's next game. Ejections will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee and may result in a more severe penalty up to and including suspension from all games yet to be played, especially if violent conduct, fighting or harassment of officials has occurred.

Game Cards Field marshals will provide a game card for each game. Each team will complete its part and give to the referee. Game cards must include player jersey numbers. Both coaches must sign the card at the end of the game.

Bleeding/Wounds If a player is observed to be bleeding while on the field, he/she will leave the field until the wound can be attended to and the bleeding stopped. Players with casts will not be allowed to play.

Weather Conditions If fields remain playable in the opinion of the Tournament Committee and Referees and are not closed by the owners, games will be played regardless of weather conditions. The Committee may shorten the length of any games based on weather conditions. Substitute fields may be used at the discretion of the Committee. For updated field conditions call (925) 779-2102.

No Pets Allowed For the safety of players and spectators, no pets are allowed at any playing field.

Protests All games will be considered final. **NO PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Tournament Committee The Committee will have the power to settle any issue not provided for elsewhere in these Rules and Procedures. All Committee decisions will be final.