



2012 Kickers Colonial Cup Tournament Rules

Laws of the Game: All tournament matches will be played in accordance with FIFA laws of the game except as modified herein. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final. **No protests allowed.**

General Prohibitions: Alcoholic beverages, smoking and noise makers are prohibited. Pets are not allowed at Ukrop Park and Midlothian Youth Soccer Park at Hensley. Spectators are not allowed on synthetic surface fields.

Team Acceptance and Check-in Procedures:

The tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any team application.

No team shall be deemed accepted unless written notification (email) has been sent from the tournament. The accepted teams list will be posted online at www.richmondkickers.com no later than May 18th, 2012.

The application is not considered complete unless payment has been received. Payment must be received prior to the due date of April 30th, 2012. A check for entry fee that is returned from the bank will not be re deposited. The amount of the check plus \$30.00 (cashiers check or money order) must be received within 7 days after the team representative has been notified. If new funds are not received the team will be disqualified from the tournament.

All teams are required to send a representative to the team registration at Martins located at 7045 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, VA 23225 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25th, 2012.

Team Representative must have present at check-in.

1. Original and 2 copies of team roster
2. All player passes (USYSA, US Club Soccer).
3. Permission to Travel forms if required (See rules).
4. Guest players must be written in on the bottom of the copy of your roster, and make 2 copies of that roster for the tournament. Guest players must be carded and eligible according to the rules.
5. Medical release forms for all players. (Your league forms are acceptable.) Medical release forms for each participating player must be presented at team registration. Medical release forms do not have to be notarized.

Team Withdrawal Policy;

In the event a team withdraws from the tournament prior to the acceptance posting the team will receive a refund less a \$25.00 administrative fee within 45 days of the event. If a team withdraws after the acceptance posting, no refund will be issued.

Official Documentation:

You must participate with your 2011/2012 roster.

A player may only play for one team. Any team who violates this rule will forfeit their game and may be completely disqualified from the tournament.

Guest players are allowed up to four for U8 through U19. A current medical release form and valid player pass are required for guest players. The medical release form does not have to be notarized.

Completed and approved Permission to Travel forms are required for all out of state teams. Note: Region One teams with the exception of New Jersey and Connecticut do not require permission to travel. EXCEPTION: USYS Connecticut and New Jersey teams must provide permission to travel. US Club Soccer teams are not required to have USYS permission to travel forms, but must present proof of insurance (passes and roster).

By Tournament Director permission only, if a team participates in league play in an age group younger than their current year they may be able to participate in that age group on our event. The team must submit in writing documentation substantiating the request no less than 30 days prior to the event.

Roster Size: U08: Maximum # of players on the roster is 10. ; U09 & U10; Maximum # of players on the roster is 12; U11 & U12; Maximum # of players on the roster is 14 for 8 v 8 play and 18 for 11 v 11 play; U13 through U15 the Maximum # of players is 18. U16 through U19; the Maximum # of players on the roster is 22. A team may only declare 18 players per match for the U16 through u19 age groups.

Player Equipment:

- Teams should bring a primary and alternate jersey of different colors. Where the color of the jersey is similar or identical, the designated home team (the team listed first in the schedule) will change jerseys.
- All players must have uniforms with individual numbers on the jersey.
- No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.)
- Wire-rimmed glasses must be evaluated by the referee. Wire-rimmed glasses should be flexible in nature and plastic coated. If at any time the referee deems the glasses unacceptable, they must not be worn. The referee will have the final decision on this matter.
- Players wearing casts are allowed to play with the approval of the Tournament Director and Referee. A letter from the player's Doctor approving the player's participation is required. This letter should be submitted at team registration on Friday.
- Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn at all times by all players.
- All referee decisions are final regarding player equipment

Substitutions:

- Goal Kick
- After a Goal
- Half-time
- Throw in – by team in possession: opponent may substitute if they are at the ½ line and ready to go prior to the ball going out of play
- After a yellow card – for carded player
- An injured player may be substituted at the discretion of the referee. If a substitution is made for

the injured player the opposing team may also make one substitution (with the referee acknowledgement)

Player/Coach/Spectator Behavior:

- Any player ejected from a match will NOT be replaced and will NOT be allowed to participate in his or her team's immediate next match.
- Ejection for fighting by players and coaches will result in the player or coach NOT being allowed to participate in ANY remaining tournament matches.
- Any coach ejected from a match will not be allowed to coach his/her immediate next match.
- Each Coach is responsible for the conduct of the players and parents on his/her team. Coaches not taking responsibility for their sideline's behavior may be cautioned and/or ejected.
- Any player or coach ejected or spectator asked to leave will not be within sight or sound of the playing field. Per FIFA rules, only players will be shown a card (yellow or red) when being cautioned or sent-off.
- Two yellow cards in the same match equal an ejection and the player will sit out his/her next immediate match.
- All Red and yellow card violations will be reported to VYSA within 30 days of the tournament. Violations involving fighting will be reported immediately to VYSA.

Home/Team Field Positions: The Home team is listed first in the schedule. Each team's players will take a position on one side of the field opposite the spectators. In the event a uniform conflict occurs the HOME team will change their colors. Only coaches and players will be allowed on the player side of the field. We request that all sideline trash on the player side and spectator side be picked up and removed after each match.

Referees: In the event of a shortage of Assistant Referee, club linesman will be used. A 3 man system will be used for all matches u11 through u19. A 1 man system will be used for under 8, under 9 and under 10 matches.

Ball/Play: U08 will use a size 3 ball. U09-U12 will use size 4 ball. U13 and above will use size 5 ball. All participating teams will play a three (3) game schedule. Two (2) games on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday or one (1) game on Saturday and (2) games on Sunday. Half time will be 5 minutes for all age groups. There will be no overtime. Games ending in a tie shall remain as such.

- U08 Two 20 minute halves (4 v 4) NO GOALKEEPER (30 x 50 field)
- U09-10 Two 25 minute halves (7 v 7 with goalkeepers) (50 x 70 field)
- U11-12 Two 30 minute halves (8 v 8 with goalkeepers) (55 x 80 field)
- U13-19 Two 35 minute halves (11 v 11 with goalkeepers) (65-78 x 102-120 field)

The tournament does not require the referee to add time for substitutions. The official clock will not stop for any reason unless in the judgment of the referee:

- Removing an injured player from the field would endanger the physical well being of the player, or:
- any game shortened due to injury will be continued at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director

Advancement in tournament play:

- a. Division with 4 teams only will play each other and the top two teams advance to a final.
- b. Division with 5 teams only will play each other and winner and finalist will be determined by points - no final match.
- c. Division with six teams: Each team will play two preliminary matches. At the conclusion of all preliminary round matches, all teams will be ranked in their respective divisions with the top two teams in each division advancing to semi-final matches. The third team in each bracket will play a consolation match.
- d. Division with six teams special assignment: Each team in a bracket will play 3 preliminary matches against the 3 teams in the other bracket. The top team in each bracket after the preliminary matches will play a final match.
- e. Divisions with seven team: Each team in a bracket will play a minimum of 2 preliminary matches within their bracket. In the bracket of 4 (the 3rd and 4th place team in the preliminary rounds will play a play in match to determine the 3rd seed). The winner will play the 3rd seed in the opposing bracket in the consolation match. The top 2 teams in the brackets will advance to semi final matches. The winners of the semi final matches will play in a final.
- f. Divisions with eight teams (two brackets of four). Each team will play three preliminary round matches. At the conclusion of preliminary round matches, teams will be ranked in their respective brackets with the top two teams advancing to a final match.

Determination of Division Winners:

Three (3) points will be earned for a win, one (1) point will be earned for a tie and no points are earned for a loss.

Tie games after a semi-final match will immediately proceed to FIFA penalty kicks to determine a winner (no overtime).

Final matches resulting in a tie will proceed to two, full five minute overtimes. If at the end of both overtimes the game is still tied, FIFA penalty kicks will be taken to determine a winner.

Where required to break a tie for standings within a division, or for purposes of determining a "wild-card" team, the following order will be used to determine the winner: (Note: If a wild card team MUST be selected for the playoff rounds, that team will not be assigned to play against the winner of its own group in the first playoff round)

- (1) Head to head competition – Except where three teams are tied, in which case head-to-head competition will not be used. In the case where three teams are tied, begin with a tiebreaker number (2).
- (2) Goal difference: Total net score for tournament games. Net score = goals scored, less goals scored against. A maximum differential of 5 goals per game will account for this purpose.
- (3) Goals Scored (Max of five per game).
- (4) Goals Against (Max of five per game)
- (5) FIFA penalty kicks. If necessary, these penalty kicks will take place immediately prior to the semi-final or championship match. (The penalty kicks must be taken by players that are on the field at the end of regulation).

Forfeits: A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within ten minutes

of the scheduled commencement time. It is requested that teams be present 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled commencement of a match to aid in the timely start of play. Seven players constitute a team for full 18 player rosters, five for U9 – U12 small sided rosters and 3 for U08 rosters. A forfeit will be scored one for the winner, and zero for the forfeiting team.

Inclement Weather and Tournament Cancellation Policy: Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective field site, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match. Referees may suspend a match only in case of severe weather, in his/her discretion, Tournament Director(s) may cancel any and all games. In case of severe weather that occurs after the beginning of play, the Tournament Director may reduce the length of the match and may discontinue or cancel the game. Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after 20 minutes of play, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand. If a match is terminated prior to 20 minutes of play, every attempt will be made to complete the match. However, if necessary other means, determined by the tournament committee, may be used to determine a winner. Referees and field marshals will not consider beginning or continuing matches when a lightning storm exists.

The tournament will use its best efforts to schedule a minimum of three (3) games for each team. However, in the event that at least three (3) games cannot be scheduled or played, there shall be no liability upon the tournament and no refund is guaranteed. It is possible because of weather or other issues (such as a late drop out by a team) that at least three (3) games cannot be played.

Disclaimer: Neither the Tournament Director, Richmond Kickers Youth Soccer Club, or the Tournament Sponsors are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event the tournament is cancelled in whole or part, or in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions, nor will any refunds be made. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament. The judgment of the Tournament Director is final. The Tournament Director has authority to make all decisions and these decisions will be final. No protests allowed. All referee decisions are final and binding.

Team Contact Information: Each team, upon checking in at their home site, must sign a ledger sheet giving the most current contact information for the primary source of contact for the team so that these individuals may be contacted in the event that circumstances require such. All teams must provide complete hotel housing lists at team check in. Be sure your team contact is someone who can be reached at any hour and has a cell phone. All inquiries/questions with the Tournament Committee should be from the Team Contact/Coach and not numerous parents from the team as this only delays response.

Important Notes:

1. Have all player passes, official roster, and medical release forms with you at the fields during the tournament. Although only verified at check-in the tournament director reserves the right to check credentials during the event. US Club Soccer teams must have player cards and official roster and be in good standing.
2. The tournament is dedicated to the development of all the players participating, good sportsmanship, and the "good of the game". The Tournament Director may suspend, without recourse or appeal, any players, coaches, or spectators who demonstrate anything less.

