



OPEN 11-MAN SOCCER TOURNAMENT

1. **Purpose:** To disseminate information and instruction pertaining to Open 11-Man Soccer Tournaments.
2. **Eligible Teams / Players:** Open Island-wide.
3. **Team Size:** The team size will be limited to 18 players, plus a coach. A coach who participates as a player will count against the 18 player limit.
4. **Awards:** Team and individual awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.
5. **Tournament Rules:**
 - a. The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) rules will apply as modified by these by-laws or the Tournament Director.
 - b. Game time is forfeit time with those exceptions that are deemed necessary by the Tournament Director in order to meet any unforeseen contingencies.
 - c. A match will be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 11 players, one of whom will be the goalkeeper.
 - d. Field size will be 120 yards in length and 50 yards in width. Field size may be adjusted by the Tournament Director to meet any facility limitations at their installation.
 - e. Each game will consist of two 30-minute halves with a running clock.
 - f. Half time will be (10) minutes.
 - g. Tie games will be determined by a Shoot-out using penalty kicks per FIFA guidelines.
 - h. Substitutions will be unlimited in number and will be made at the discretion of the referee IAW established FIFA procedures.
6. **Uniforms and Equipment:**
 - a. MCCS will only provide players with jerseys/pennies. All other team equipment will be the responsibility of the coaches and team members.

- b. All players, including the goalkeeper, will be required to wear shin guards covered by socks during the entirety of all matches.
- c. Shorts with pockets are not authorized. (Pockets that have been completely stitched or sown shut will be at the discretion of the officials.)
- d. Shoes with metal cleats and football or softball cleats are not authorized.

7. **Officials:** During all games there will be three officials.

8. **Team Rosters.** All team rosters must be turned in 30 minutes prior to their first game. Any team discovered to have played a game or is currently playing with an illegal player will forfeit out of the tournament from that point forward. It is the responsibility of teams to protest illegal players to the Tournament Director. Once a player's name appears on an official roster, he/she will not be authorized to play for another team at any time during the tournament.

9. **Protest.** The only protest that will be entertained will be for illegal players. All protest will be handled by the Tournament Director.

10. **Ejection.** Players who receive a red card are ejected from the game. A tackle from behind is an automatic red card. If a player or coach is ejected from the game, they must leave the playing area, to include the spectator area within a reasonable amount of time to be determined by the Tournament Director. The ejected player/coach will have to sit out the remainder of the game in progress as well as their next game. All ejections will be reviewed by the Tournament Director for further actions.

11. **Alcohol:** Alcohol is not permitted in the team/bench area, field of play or to be used by any player during their game. **THERE WILL BE NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY TYPE PERMITTED.**

12. **Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted in the team/bench area, field of play or to be used by any player during their game. **THIS INCLUDES ANY E-CIGARETTE OR OTHER SMOKING RELATED PARAPHERNALIA.**

13. **Pets:** There shall be no pets of any kind allowed on any athletic field or within spectator seating.

14. **Tournament Director.** The Tournament Director or MCCS representative will be responsible for the administration of the tournament and all aspects thereof. Any and all decisions are final.