

# WALDORF SOCCER CLUB

## SOUTHERN MARYLAND WINTER CLASSIC FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

### RULES OF THE GAME

#### 1. GENERAL RULES

- A. NO protests.
  - i. All decisions made by the referee are final.
- B. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournaments and all interpretations of the rules are final. If a team disregards any decision by the tournament committee (including the inclement weather policy), all remaining games will be forfeited and therefore disqualified from the tournament.
- C. Under no circumstances will the Tournament Committee, Capital Clubhouse or Waldorf Soccer Club be responsible for any expenses (including tournament entry fee) incurred by any team; including situations in which the tournament or any game(s) is canceled in whole or part.
- D. Upon notice of acceptance, any team that withdraws from the Waldorf SC Southern Maryland Winter Classic Futsal Tournament will forfeit the entry fee in its entirety.
- E. First and second place awards will be presented in each division.

#### 2. LAWS OF THE GAME

- A. All games shall be played in accordance with US Futsal Federation rules, except as specifically modified by these rules.
- B. USFF Rules can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.futsal.org/>

#### 3. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. The tournament is open to boys and girls teams ages U8-U18 (even age groups).
- B. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine age groups based on number of registrations received in each age group.
- C. Players must have proof of age at the tournament which will be checked at registration prior to each team's first match. Acceptable proof would be a player pass from other soccer leagues, birth certificate, passport, or state ID.
- D. We do NOT require USFF player registration for participation.
- E. No player shall play for more than one team during the tournament.
- F. Maximum roster size is 10 players.

#### 4. UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT AND FIELDS

- A. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with the numbers listed on the team's official roster.
- B. Players are **required** to wear shin guards in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- C. When the uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. The home team is listed first on the schedule.
- D. Players must wear non-marking indoor soccer, futsal, or athletic shoes.
- E. All age groups will use the same size futsal ball

#### 5. DURATION OF GAMES

- A. Two 12-minute halves with a running clock and a 1-minute halftime
- B. Four-second restart rule applies at start of game, after time outs, and at end of 1-minute halftime.
- C. Teams each get a single 1-minute time out, when in possession, per game



## 6. START/RESTART OF PLAY

- A. Goals may NOT be scored directly on starts/restarts during the game, including the start of the game, start of second half, or after goals are scored.

## 7. GOALIE DISTRIBUTIONS

- A. Please note that we will follow the US Futsal law that states goalie “throws” must not cross midfield without being first touched by a player. Throws over midfield will result in an indirect free kick from the midfield line.

## 8. PASSBACK RULES

- A. We will enforce the current rules pertaining to passing back to your goalie after he/she distributes the ball or touches it with his/her foot or body.

## 9. SLIDE TACKLING AND CONTACT FOULS

- A. Slide tackling is not allowed. Some referees may let a player slide, for example, keep a ball from going out but it is up to their discretion what is safe or not.
- B. Please note that futsal is meant to be a “cleaner” game than the outdoor game. Fouls that are not fouls in outdoor (or traditional American indoor soccer) are fouls in futsal. This is particularly true of tripping and shoulder to shoulder play. Part of the reason is to protect the players from the hard surface, but it is also to inspire creative offensive play.

## 10. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

- A. A game may not start with fewer than five (5) properly uniformed players on each team for a match. Once a game has started, it may not continue with fewer than three (3) players. If a match cannot start or continue because of a team having fewer than the minimum, that team shall forfeit the game.
- B. A team shall have a five (5) minute grace period from the scheduled kick off before the match is awarded to their opponent as a 5-0 forfeited win.
- C. If a team is the cause for a termination of a game, the match will be awarded to their opponents as a 5-0 forfeit win.
- D. Teams that have forfeited a game may not advance beyond the preliminary rounds without the approval of the tournament committee.
- E. Teams forfeiting any matches will NOT receive a refund of any fees

## 11. DETERMINATION OF DIVISION AND WILDCARD WINNERS

- A. Each team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
- B. At the end of the preliminary rounds, the division winner shall be the team with the most points in their group.
  - i. In the event that two or more teams are tied within a division, the following criteria will be used in order until the tie is broken to determine a winner:
    - a. Head to head competition (this does not apply if more than two (2) teams are involved in the tie)
    - b. Most wins
    - c. Positive Goal Differential (the difference between goals for and goals against) up to five (5) points per game. For example, 6-1 and 5-0 scores each earn five bonus points.
    - d. Most shutouts.
    - e. Fewest goals against.
    - f. Kicks from the Penalty Spot.
- C. In the event of a tie between more than two teams, once a tie is broken by the above system, and if ties among the remaining teams must still be decided, those ties would be broken by starting again from the top of the tie-breaking procedure.



- D. In the event that a wildcard team must be selected for the playoff rounds, the above procedure starting at 11.B., will be used across the entire flight.
- E. During a semi-final and final match, if a tie scores exists at the end of regulation, the FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used to determine a winner. Overtime periods will **NOT** be used.

## 12. GAME AND SCORE REPORTING

- A. The field marshal will ensure that the game report forms are properly completed, signatures obtained and scores recorded at the end of each game.
- B. The field marshal will ensure that the scores of each game and subsequent cards are reported to the site and tournament headquarters in a timely manner each day.
- C. A team official, coach or manager, must sign the score card at the conclusion of the match verifying that the score and all cards are correctly listed on the game card.

## 13. CONDUCT

- A. Smoking is NOT permitted at any game sites.
- B. Pets are NOT permitted at any tournament fields.
- C. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at any game sites.
- D. Artificial noise-making devices are prohibited.
- E. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the law, as well as the letter of the law. Displays of temper and/or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team or person from the tournament and/or future tournaments as decided by the tournament committee.
- F. Both teams (players and coaches) will be on the same sideline. Spectators of both teams will take the opposite side of the pitch. No one will be allowed behind either end line.
- G. A player or coach receiving a red card will not be able to participate in the tournament game following the game the card is issued. The tournament committee reserves the right to suspend any player, coach, or team from the tournament for unruly conduct.
- H. In the event of assault / abuse on a game official, a judiciary hearing shall immediately be convened at a tournament site to be designated by the tournament director. All terms described in the USSF Official Administrative Rule Book under Rule 3.2.8, Suspension for Assault on an Official, shall apply. In any event a player, coach, or other team official who is charged with assault on a game official is suspended from further participation in the tournament.
- I. Any teams disregarding a decision by the referees and / or the tournament committee to either suspend or cancel tournament play, can be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.

