



Downtown Soccer Toronto, DST Toronto International Pride Cup, TIPC

Tournament Rules
for the Toronto International Pride Cup
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Downtown Soccer Toronto Purpose

The purpose of the Downtown Soccer Toronto (DST) league is to provide gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer-positive individuals the opportunity to play recreational soccer. The league operates recreational sporting and social events; promotes the development of leadership, coaching and playing skills in the game of soccer; encourages fair play; fosters a friendly atmosphere free from all forms of harassment or discrimination; and encourages a sense of community and teamwork.

Tournament Rules

All tournaments shall be governed by the Laws of the Game as established by the *Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)* with the following modifications:

0.0 Authority Statement

An official tournament field representative will be available for the resolution of issues that arise during the tournament. Issues involving tournament rules will be decided by that representative. The representative may seek assistance in making their decision from the Tournament Director who may or may not be located on site.

All decisions made by the officiating referee on the field will stand as called. Complaints concerning referee decisions may be made to the official tournament representative on site, but will not affect the outcome of the game as called by the officiating referee.



1.0 Tournament Format

1.1 Championships

1.1.1 The DST has established two Championships for the purpose of tournament play: Open and Women's. It is not intended that there be play between the two divisions.

1.2 Divisions

1.2.1 The TIPC tournament committee offers two divisions of play not determined by skill level: 1) an Open Division consisting of Men's, Women's, and Co-ed teams; and 2) a Women's Division consisting of Women's teams.

2.0 Eligibility and Identification

2.1 Players

2.1.1 No player shall be permitted to participate without appropriate identification.

2.1.2 Players may be required to present photo identification with birth date information to a tournament official at any time during the tournament.

2.1.3 All players must be eighteen (18) years or older to play.

2.1.4 Each player may only roster with one team and must be listed on his or her team's Final Roster (Rule 3.6.2).

2.1.5 Women shall be allowed to play on men's teams.

2.1.6 Individuals identifying as transgendered may choose to participate in the division in which they feel most comfortable; that is, a transgendered individual may, at their discretion, register to play in either the Open or Women's Division.

2.1.7 Players suspended for disciplinary action shall be ineligible to play during their suspensions (Rule 5.0).

2.2 Teams

2.2.1 Eligible Teams shall consist of a maximum on the field of play of eleven (11) players with the minimum number of (7).

2.2.2 Teams meeting the starting time requirement (Rule 3.1) shall be eligible for play.

2.3 Ineligibility

2.3.1 A player or team not meeting the criteria for eligibility (Rule 2.1 and 2.2 respectively) shall be deemed to be ineligible.

2.3.2 An ineligible team or a team playing an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit the match, and the matter shall be referred to the Tournament Director for further consideration.

2.4 Identification

2.4.1 Team Identification - For the purpose of seeding, Teams shall be identified by name, as entered on their Final Roster.

3.0 Tournament Rules

3.1 Starting Times

3.1.1 All matches must begin at the scheduled starting time. Teams must check-in at the field headquarters at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of their match.

3.1.2 Team player shortage at the start of the match shall automatically result in team ineligibility. This shall not be accepted as a reason for the delay of start times.



3.2 Number of Matches

3.2.1 All teams in the Open Division are guaranteed at least four (4) matches with thirty-seven and a half (37.5) minute halves for a total of three hundred (300) minutes of playing time over the duration of the tournament. All teams in the Women's Division are guaranteed at least five (5) matches with thirty (30) minute halves for a total of three hundred (300) minutes of playing time over the duration of the tournament. Breaks between halves will be five (5) minutes in length.

3.3 Team Placement and Seeding

3.3.1 Seeding – Initial placement in divisions will be accomplished in random order as witnessed by the team captains or their designates. The draw to assign teams shall be made without prejudice.

3.4 Determination of Standings

3.4.1 Points will be awarded for the purpose of determining the standings based on the following scale:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

3.4.2 Forfeited Match Points - When a team forfeits a match, it shall be recorded as a loss. When both teams forfeit a match (Rule 4.3), both teams shall receive zero (0) points.

3.4.3 Forfeited Match Score - The score of a forfeited match shall be recorded as 3-0 in favor of the winner.

3.4.4 Tie Breakers - At the end of round-robin matches, if there is a tie in total points, the winners will be determined as per the following order:

- a) Result of head-to-head competition
- b) Goal differential
- c) Goals for
- d) Goals against
- e) Goals against average
- f) Red cards
- g) Yellow cards
- h) Coin toss

3.4.5 Forfeits - If a team forfeits a match (Rule 4.3), thus denying another team an opportunity to play, and is deemed by the official tournament field representative to have gained an unsporting tactical advantage by not playing, then the forfeiting team shall be disqualified from the tournament and shall not be allowed to advance to the next round of play.

3.5 Results Reporting

3.5.1 Score Cards - The Referee must report the score of each match and any infractions or injuries immediately following the match to the official tournament representative.

3.5.2 Standings - Results of team standings are to be posted for player review within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of a match.

3.6 Team Rosters

3.6.1 A team Final Roster shall consist of a maximum of eighteen (18) players and a minimum of twelve (12) players.

3.6.2 A Final Roster shall be submitted to the Committee prior to the beginning of the first scheduled Tournament match.



4.0 Match Rules

4.1 Substitutions

4.1.1 Unlimited substitutions and re-substitutions shall be allowed at the discretion and approval of the Referee.

4.1.2 Substitutions shall be permitted at the following occasions:

- a. Kick-offs (at the restart of play, at the beginning of a period or following a goal);
- b. Goal-kicks; and,
- c. Throw-ins, but only by the Team with possession of the throw-in unless otherwise approved by the match Referee.

4.1.3 The Referee shall be permitted to limit substitutions when the substitutions are judged to be excessive or intended to disrupt the match.

4.2 Match Duration

4.2.1 Playing time shall consist of two equal halves, with each half in the Open Division being thirty-seven and a half (37.5) minutes and a half-time of five (5) minutes, and each half in the Women's Division being thirty (30) minutes and a half-time of five (5) minutes. The final match in the Women's Division shall consist of two equal halves, with each half thirty-seven and a half (37.5) minutes and a half-time of five (5) minutes. All medal matches that result in a tie shall go immediately to penalty kicks as per FIFA rules.

4.2.2 A match will be considered completed, when:

- a. regulation time has elapsed;
- b. a team fails to field at least the minimum number of players required by FIFA (currently seven (7));
- c. it is determined by the Referee after the first half to be bad weather;
- d. it is determined by the Referee that there is undue interference by outsiders;
- e. it is terminated by the Referee for any other reason.

4.2.3 In the event that a match has been terminated without a result, the matter will be referred to the Tournament Committee for an outcome.

4.3 Forfeits

4.3.1 A forfeit will be given when:

- a. a team abandons a match in progress;
- b. a team fails to field the minimum number of players required by FIFA (currently seven (7)) (Rule 3.1.2 and Rule 3.4.5);
- c. a player is found to be ineligible (Rule 2.3).

4.4 Player Equipment

4.4.1 Teams are required to wear matching coloured jerseys with numbers, shorts, socks and cleats. Every player must wear shin guards that are fully covered by socks. At no times will metal spike cleats be allowed. Goalkeepers shall wear colours distinguishing them from the other players on the field. If thermal shorts are worn beneath team uniform shorts, their colour shall match the predominant colour of the team uniform shorts. When a team cannot provide numbered jerseys, it can mark or tape numbers on matching colour shirts.

4.4.2 In the event of a uniform colour conflict, the team listed first on the match schedule shall be designated "home" team and must change shirts. The alternate shirts must have player numbers that are recorded on the roster of players for that match.

4.4.3 Players will not be permitted to play with any object that poses a danger to themselves or others at the discretion of the officiating referee.



5.0 Discipline and Protest

5.1 Yellow Cards (cautions)

5.1.1 A person receiving three (3) yellow cards during the tournament shall be suspended for the following match. Penalty accumulation shall occur throughout the entire tournament and suspensions shall occur regardless of tournament phase.

5.2 Red Cards (ejections)

5.2.1 A person receiving a red card shall be ejected and must leave the field area immediately after receiving the red card. Any ejected person shall be suspended for the next match. This applies to all matches regardless of tournament phase.

5.3 Protests and Appeals

5.3.1 All protests and appeals must be submitted in writing to the official field representative within one hour of the completion of the match in question and must be accompanied by a cash-only fee of one hundred Canadian Dollars (\$100 CDN) or equivalent. If the protest is sustained, the fee will be returned.

6.0 Referees

6.1 System of Officiating - Unless given express written permission by the Tournament Committee, all matches shall be officiated using the three-officials system, which requires a Referee and two Assistant Referees.

6.2 Referees - Referees shall be those officials who are trained and licensed by a FIFA-sanctioned Referee.

7.0 Disclaimer

7.1 Downtown Soccer Toronto and Toronto International Pride Cup reserve the right to make changes to the Tournament Rules at any time prior to the commencement of the first match of the Tournament without notice. However, every effort will be made to notify team captains of such changes.

12.0 Fouls and Misconduct

12.1 Cautionable Offences – A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following nine offences:

- is guilty of unsporting behaviour
- shows dissent by word or action
- persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- delays the restart of play
- fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
- deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission
- is guilty of intentionally attempting or completing a slide tackle
- is guilty of intentionally attempting or completing a bicycle or scissor kick