



North Texas Soccer 2017 Fun Fest Rules



1. Each team must have alternate jerseys, T-shirts, or pinnies available in the event both teams are wearing the same color uniforms. Home Team is team listed first on schedule. Home Team will change if there is a color conflict. Home Team will occupy either the north or the west side of playing field.
2. A game shall be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play within five (5) minutes of the published time. At half time the teams must be ready to resume play within five (5) minutes of the referee's designation.
3. A game shall be declared a forfeit by the Tournament Director if an ineligible player participates in a game. Any protest of an ineligible player must be reported in writing, with either a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) cashiers check, money order or cash deposit, before the end of the game to the tournament field headquarters.
4. Teams in the U5 and U6 age groups will play 4v4 without goalkeepers. Teams in the U7 and U8 age groups will select one of two playing formats during the registration process:
 - a. 4v4 without goalkeepers
 - b. 5v5 with goalkeepers
5. Substitutions are allowed as follows:
 - a) At a re-start, team with possession may substitute
 - b) At an injury, after the referee stops play, either team may substitute
 - c) At quarter or half, either team may substitute
 - d) At referee's discretion
6. Each player, when present at a game, shall be required to play a minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons. In that case the coach must notify the player and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the player's time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action).
7. Teams will play full length games throughout the event. Half time will be 5 minutes. There will be no overtime.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>FULL GAME LENGTH</u>	<u>BALL SIZE</u>
U-5	8 Minute Quarters	3
U-6	8 Minute Quarters	3
U-7	8 Minute Quarters	3
U-8	8 Minute Quarters	3

8. Each team playing 4v4 may have a maximum of eight players participate in Fun Fest; including a maximum of three guest players. Each team playing 5v5 may have a maximum of ten players participate in Fun Fest; including a maximum of three guest players. A player may only participate with one team during Fun Fest.
9. There will be no advancement; each athlete will receive a participation award.
10. Each team must have a minimum of three (3) players on the field to start the game. There must be a minimum of three (3) to continue the game.

11. Any send-off of a coach must be reported to the Headquarters tent immediately following the game. Any coach sent-off (other than on account of receiving two cautions in the same game) shall automatically sit out the next played tournament game with their team. If the send-off was for fighting then the coach will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament. The NTSSA Cup & Games A&D Committee has the right to hold a hearing and increase the suspension at its discretion.
12. All referee decisions are final. No protests will be allowed, except for ineligible player.
13. The Tournament Director, or his designee, is empowered to make all decisions regarding the competition during the tournament.
14. The decision of the Tournament Director is final in all matters. No appeals will be allowed beyond that point.
15. In the event the referee or linesmen are missing from the field, report immediately to the Headquarters tent. In the event the linesman are not available, each team is required to provide a "club linesman".
16. If a game is played into the second half but is stopped short of full time, other than acts on the part of one of the teams, the game shall be considered complete. There will be no tiebreakers.
17. In the event of inclement weather, format for tournament play and/or completion of the tournament will be determined by the tournament committee.
18. Any team that withdraws from a tournament less than two weeks from the start of the tournament or does not complete all required scheduled games, may not be allowed to enter any sanctioned tournaments until said team appears before the NTSSA Cup & Games Committee for a hearing explaining their actions and may forfeit their entry fee and performance bond, if one has been posted.

All teams not accepted by the tournament will be refunded in full within 10 days of the notification of non-acceptance, or notification to the teams accepted, whichever comes first. (Posting on web sites can be considered notification of teams accepted)

19. In the event of inclement weather, updated event information will be published in the Fun Fest section of the [North Texas Soccer](#) website. If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the completion of a team's first scheduled game of the tournament, a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the team's entry fee may be retained by the tournament to cover start-up cost of the tournament. If inclement weather cancels Fun Fest, the event will not be rescheduled.