



## **FALL 2024 UCHealth Cup Rules and Procedures**

### **Rules of Play**

- 1) The rules of play shall be the LAWS OF GAME as published by FIFA with those modifications below.
- 2) Colorado Soccer Association for the good of the game shall address any rules not addressed.
- 3) The Tournament Administrator or designated representative shall determine the suitability of playing conditions. Teams shall be expected to play in accordance with the tournament game schedule unless severe weather poses a threat to safety. Only the Tournament Administrator or designated representative shall reschedule the game times and/or locations. Games may be shortened or relocated to complete the days' schedule of play. The Tournament Administrator reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the tournament and the Administrator's decisions are final.

### **Certification of Players and Coaches**

- 1) Eligible Players:
  - a) The tournament is exclusively for Developmental/Recreational teams/players registered with CSA.
  - b) Any team found to have substituted ineligible players on a roster will forfeit their games at this tournament and may be subject to further sanctions.
  - c) Additionally, any team or player who has entered in or is rostered in advanced league is not eligible.
  - d) Photo rosters from sportsconnect are required at time of team check in which includes all players and coaches (if coaches are not on the roster, then they need to produce a 2024-25 season coaching pass to be able to coach).
  
- 2) A player may play for only one team during the tournament.

- 3) At the conclusion of the match, the Referee will complete the game card in detail. He/she will also turn in an official supplemental game report if there are any unusual match circumstances to be reported.

## **Playing Conditions**

- 1) Games may be canceled or suspended when fields are not playable due to rain, low air temperature, excessively high winds, or lightning.
- 2) The responsibility of game cancellation of shortened games or temporary suspension will rest with the Tournament Administrator. Final judgment will be that of the Tournament Administrator or designated representative. Kicks from the mark may be utilized to determine winners of games canceled due to weather.
- 3) In event that play has been stopped by the field Referee, Head Referee, or Tournament Administrator, the score at the stoppage of play will be the final game score if at least one half was completed and if play is not resumed as ordered by Tournament Administrator.
- 4) In Case of bad weather, a siren will sound for clearing the fields. When the siren is heard again, play will resume. Do not leave the complex until games are officially canceled. PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS SHOULD LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA AND GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR CARS.

## **Special Rules of Play Modifications to Laws of the Game and Other Requirements for This Competition**

All games shall be played in accordance with the most current FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by the Colorado Soccer Association and the additional modifications herein. Situations that are not covered by these rules or rules of CSA or cannot be reasonably resolved in a timely fashion by application of these rules or the rules of CSA shall be resolved in the most expedient manner at the sole discretion of the Tournament Administrator or the Site Director.

### **Law I — Field of Play**

- 1) During the progress of any game, all members of a team and the team's coaching staff shall remain in their designated team area. All team members shall stay behind any drawn spectator line or at least five feet from the touch line, with the specific exceptions of players warming up prior to impending substitution or when the referee requests the presence of staff on the field to assist an injured player.
- 2) Both teams shall be on the same side of the field, each team's area shall begin 10 yards from the halfway line and shall extend for 12 yards towards the appropriate goal line.
- 3) All spectators shall remain at least five feet from touchlines or goal lines, unless drawn or erected spectator line establishes a different distance. All spectators must stay on their own half across from their team side. No person shall be permitted behind the goal line areas unless seated in bleachers.

## **Law II - Ball**

- 1) Teams shall use the following ball sizes:  
9U through 10U # 4 size ball
- 2) Each team shall supply the referee with one or more suitable balls, properly inflated and in good condition. The referee shall choose the ball to be used in the game.

## **Law III — Number of Players**

- 1) Format for each age group is as follows: 9U & 10U is 7v7 Roster Max 12 (min number of players to play 5).
- 2) A team shall have the minimum number of properly registered, uniformed players to start or continue any game. One of those players shall be designated as a goalkeeper.
- 3) With the referee's permission, a team may substitute at any stoppage any number of legal players.
- 4) With the referee's permission, a team may substitute for a cautioned player at the time of the caution and the opposing team may substitute one player.
- 5) Players who wish to enter or re-enter the game shall enter the field only at the halfway line. They may not enter the field of play until the players whom they are replacing have completely cleared the field and the referee has specifically signaled permission to enter the field. With the referee's permission players leaving the field must exit the field at the halfway line by the teams only.
- 6) A team shall not replace a player who has been sent off for misconduct (ejected/red card). The team shall play short by the number of players sent off in the game for the remainder of that game.

## **Law IV — Players' Equipment**

- 1) In all games, the team listed first on the official game schedule shall be the home team and they shall wear a Dark Jersey and the visiting team shall wear White or Lighter Jersey.
- 2) All field players on the team shall wear similar color jerseys. The goalkeeper shall wear colors which distinguish him/her from the other players and from the referee.
- 3) The following items are not permitted:
  - a) earrings of any kind (no tape, no bandages)
  - b) jewelry of any sort, except noted below.
- 4) The following are conditionally permitted:
  - a) religious medals or medical tags, which are taped to the body.
  - b) splints, casts, braces, or other joint-support devices, which, in the referee's opinion, are not inherently dangerous or are padded with pliable materials to eliminate the dangerous condition.
- 5) Shin guards are required.

## **Law V — Referee and Law VI — Assistant Referee**

- 1) One certified referee will be used for all games when possible.

## **Law VII — Duration of Games**

- 1) The duration of the matches will be as follows.  
9U & 10U (2 X 20 minutes – 5 minute half-time)
- 2) No overtime periods shall be played in preliminary-round games. If a quarterfinal, a semi-final, a final or consolation place game is tied at the end of the second regulation period, the winner shall be determined by FIFA kicks from the mark.
- 3) Each referee shall refrain from adding time for trifling stoppages or delays and shall make every effort to complete each game in accordance with the field schedule. Adding time is allowed for serious injuries.

## **Law VIII — The Start of Play**

- 1) Any team, which is not ready to start play with at least the minimum number of properly uniformed players, checked in with the referee at the scheduled or rescheduled game time, shall forfeit the game. Extraordinary circumstances beyond the team's control shall be considered at the sole discretion of the Tournament Administrator.

## **Law IX — Fouls and Misconduct**

- 1) Any player/coach sent off for using foul and abusive language for persisting in misconduct after being cautioned shall sit out the next scheduled tournament game. If sent off for violent conduct, the individual shall sit out a minimum of the next two tournament games. If any suspension imposed is not completely served in games of this tournament, a full report of the details of the incident shall be sent to CSA and forwarded to the club to complete the sit out requirements in the next CSA league game.
- 2) Any coach, manager or spectator who has been ejected (red carded) must remove himself/herself no less than 100 yards from the playing field within 3 minutes of notice of ejection or the match will be abandoned.
- 3) In case of any incident of severe misconduct by participants or their supporters, the Site Administrator shall have the authority to convene a special hearing on the matter. The Hearing Committee may recommend special sanctions to the Tournament Administrator including but not limited to expulsion of any individual or a group from the tournament. A summary of any special hearing leading to the recommendation of additional sanctions shall be forwarded to the club and to CSA for review and appropriate action.
- 4) Prior to each game, each team's representative shall present the photo roster to the referee who is checking in the team, to verify those individuals who are eligible for that game. It is the responsibility of the team representative to inform the referee of the name of an individual not participating in the game due to suspension. It is the responsibility of the referee to record that name (when

informed) on the referee's game report.

- 5) Harassment or insult by word or action to any official or tournament staff member by any player, team representative or spectators will not be tolerated. Rostered players, team representatives or any individuals reasonably construed to be associated with a team are subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee and CSA. Team representatives shall be held responsible for the conduct of their supporters. Other non-associated spectators who create a disturbance will be asked to leave, and if they refuse, they will be escorted from the premises by legal authorities.

### **Groups, Point System, Advancement**

- 1) Teams will be divided into flights by age and sex. **Colorado Soccer reserves the right to combine flights or age groups when deemed necessary.**
- 2) Team standings will be based on the following point system:
  - a) 3 points for a win
  - b) 1 point for a tie
  - c) 0 points for a loss
  - d) 1 point deducted if a bench personnel is dismissed.
  - e) 1 point deducted if a spectator is dismissed.
- 3) Should there be a tie at the completion of the preliminary round, the tie will be broken by the following order of criteria:
  - a) Head-to-head (if more than two teams are tied, this will not be used).
  - b) Goal differential
  - c) Goals for
  - d) Least goals allowed.
  - e) Taking FIFA kicks from the mark.

Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at Point "a" above until the tie is broken.

### **Protests**

- 1) **"NO PROTEST RULE"** applies. Ruling of referees at time of game is final. Appeals will not be heard.

### **Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs of Abuse or other Controlled Substances**

- 1) Possession, consumption, or use of any of these items at the field area by any coach, parent, referee, team official, league official or spectator prior to, during or after the play of any game at this tournament is prohibited. Any individual who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action by CSA.

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