



## Gulf Coast Crew 7-A-Side Tournament Rules

A team may have a maximum of thirteen (13) players on the roster. Rosters **cannot** be changed after each team's first game has been started.

A 5-player minimum is needed in order to start/continue a match.

Games will consist of two 22-minute halves. In case of inclement weather, the tournament director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. Entry fees will not be refunded after a team has been accepted into the tournament.

**Scoring:** The following procedures will be used to determine bracket winners:

3 points for a win

1 point for a tie

0 points for a loss

If a tie exists, at the conclusion of the bracket games, it will be resolved as follows:

1. Head to head competition.
2. Goal differential (maximum of 3 per game).
3. If 3 or more team ties: goal differential first until two teams remain. Then back to step 1.
4. Least goals against (maximum of 3 per game)
5. Mini-Game (2 five Minute halves then penalty kicks.)

Bracket games can end in a tie. Post bracket play will have two 5 minute overtime periods with golden goal format. If still tied, penalty kicks.

No offside.

Re-starts: Throw-ins or kick-ins, all DIRECT, from the sidelines.

ALL free kicks, kick offs, corner kicks, and kick-ins are DIRECT.

(Opposing players must be 6 yards from the ball)

All rules not mentioned will follow FIFA laws of the game.

Yellow Cards: A player that is issued a caution, **shall be substituted** and sit out until the referee allows him/her to resume play.

Red Cards: Players receiving red cards will sit out the remainder of the match, leave the facility and sit out the following match.

**FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Any player ejected for fighting will not be allowed to play for the remainder of the tournament and will leave the facility.

Substitutions by EITHER team may be made at any stoppage of play.

Goal keeper's punts/dropkicks/throws/goal kicks may NOT cross mid-field in the air.

Infraction of this rule gives the opposing team a direct kick at the mid field line.

NO slide tackles.

Teams will be allowed a 10-minute grace period after the start time of their match before the match is forfeited.

If a team forfeits one game, all games by that team will be recorded as and 0-1 loss.

Each bracket game will have one licensed referee to call the game. Semi- finals and finals will have two referees.

No protest will be allowed.

Tournament director reserves the right to change any rule and has the final word in disputes.

**\* Registration form, entry fee and waiver with signatures must be complete to be officially entered into the tournament.**