

# TOURNAMENT RULES

VIETNAMESE MIDWEST SOCCER TOURNAMENT - FALL 2012 - Urbana-Champaign, IL

## Duration

All games will be forty (40) minutes long (twenty minutes for each half). The start and end time of each half are pre-assigned (refer to the schedule: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AhJMa6iSdNifdHRjb2R0bXRXUTVybvRLUW83dWNtU3c>). Except in cases of serious injury, bad behavior, the ball gets out of the limits of the court or referee discretion, games will be on running clock. There will be no overtime and no time-out.

## Field and goal sizes

Field size will be 50m x 30m or 60m x 36m. Goal size is 4m. (width) x 2m (height).

## Players

Teams consist of seven players in total, including six field players and a goal keeper (GK). Minimum number of players on the field to start a game is 5. Each team can have an unlimited number of substitute players following the Substitution rule. Only the Vietnamese players are eligible to play. Teams with an ineligible player on the field will FORFEIT that match (0-3 Loss).

## Substitution Rules

- Teams may have unlimited subs. Subs can be made at any stoppage of play and must always be made with Referee approval.
- A player can change place with the goalkeeper, but the change must be done when the ball is out of play and with the referee's permission.
- Inappropriate substitutions or GK changes will result in a caution and an indirect free kick is taken from where the ball was situated when the game was stopped to caution the player.
- If a player has already played for a team, he cannot play for another team, except in special circumstances which is approved by the organizing committee.

## Referee

One referee will be assigned to each match.

## Ball

Follow the FIFA rules. Balls must be approved by all team captains before using.

## Goal scoring, kick-off, corner kick

Follow the FIFA rules.

## Kick-in

- A throw-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the whole of the ball crosses the touch line, either on the ground or in the air.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

## Goal kick

A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored. GK cannot throw the ball by hand. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.

## Offside

There is no offside in this tournament.

**Ball out of play**

The ball is out of play when:

- It has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air
- Play has been stopped by the referee.

**Penalty area**

Penalty area is considered the box, space or segment that surrounds the goal and limited by the yellow line.

**Goalkeeper**

- The goalie cannot grab the ball with his hands (even if he catches the ball with his legs before grabbing it by hands) with an intentional back pass from his player, unless the player passes the ball using his head or chest, but not his legs. The goalie can pick up the ball if he dribbles it from outside the area back into the penalty area as long as the ball wasn't passed to him by one of his teammates (by legs).
- If the goalie has his entire body inside the area, but reaches out to pick up the ball outside the penalty area, this would be a hand-ball. The location of the ball is important, not the player. But if the goalie was standing outside the area, and the ball is inside the area, he can still hold the ball with his hands.

**Fouls**

- Slide tackling is not allowed in any situation where there is contact between players or where referees believe that contact could have resulted.
- If a player uses his arms or hands to prevent other team players from controlling the balls, its also considered as a foul.
- If a defensive player uses his body to block another player running, its also consider a foul unless the ball is in the defensive player control.

**Other misconducts**

Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent - Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent - Jumping at an opponent - Charges an opponent - Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent - Pushes an opponent - Holding an opponent - Spits at an opponent.

**Free kicks**

When a team commit a foul, the other team is give a free kick at the spot where foul was committed. All free kicks are DIRECT, that is, the player can kick the ball toward the goal and score directly OR he can pass the ball to other players.

**Disciplinary**

- Intentional fouls will be punished with red cards, depending on the seriousness of the foul, to the discretion of the referee. The referee can display red card in cases of:
  - Slide tackling that referee considers it dangerous to the opponent. Second slide tackling from the same team means a red card immediately.
  - Inappropriate conduct demonstrated to other players, goalie, or the referee.
  - Verbal or physical violence demonstrated to other players, goalie, or the referee.
  - Vile language.
  - Complaints expressed with rudeness or discourtesy to the referee.
  - Threats against other players, goalie or the referee.
  - To the discretion of the referee.
- Red card-received (or 3 yellows) from A TEAM after committing a foul means the player who commits it must leave game immediately. Team can replace this player after 3 minutes has expired.

- One direct red card in a game means that the player misses the next game to be played. A player who received a red card cannot continue playing in that game.

**Penalty kicks**

- Intentional hand-ball or a foul in the penalty area is punished with penalty kick and at least a yellow card for the responsible player.
- Penalty kick is from the edge of box and goalie has to stand on the line. Every players except the penalty kicker and the GK must stay outside the penalty area until the ball is kicked.

**Format of the tournament**

- This is a single round-robin tournament. Each team plays every other team once.
- 3 points for a win / 1 point for a tie / 0 for a loss.
- The criteria for ranking will follow this order:
  - The team with the greatest number of points.
  - The team with the greatest OVERALL Goal difference.
  - The team with the greatest number of goals scored.

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned.
- goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned.
- greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned
- penalty shoot-out (2 teams involved) or drawing (3 or 4 teams involved)