

Soccer Tournament Rules

- **Tournament** – The tournament seeds are based on the standings from the regular season weeks 1-6. The tournament will be single elimination, and ALL teams will participate. The standings are based on 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. If teams are tied at the end of the season, the tiebreakers are:
 - 1. Points mentioned above
 - 2. Wins
 - 3. Least Losses
 - 4. Head to Head
 - 5. Best net points in common games
 - 6. Least goals allowed
- **Game Times** – To allow all added tournament games to be played in one day, time for PKs, and for coaches with teams in multiple divisions, games will start every 45 minutes. The games are as follows:
 - 1st/2nd Grade – two 10-minute quarters
 - 3rd/4th Grade – one 25-minute half
 - 5th/6th Grade – one 30-minute half
- **Penalty Kick Order** –
 - To alleviate any concerns coaches may have about substitutions while trying to adhere to the 50% game participation guidelines, we will allow coaches to make any substitutions or decide the PK order at the end of regulation if the game is still tied.
 - The higher seed (1 is higher than 2, 2 is higher than 3, etc.) will decide if they want to shoot 1st or 2nd.
 - After the order is decided, all players will be in the center circle. Both goalies will go down and stand on the end line of the goal box to await their turn. One kicker will then move out to take their kick.
 - The kicker is allowed to play the ball one time. Re-kicks will be at the official's discretion.
 - A PK is successful if the ball crosses the line between the posts and under the crossbar after being struck by the eligible kicker.
 - Each team will alternate by taking 5 penalty kicks from the designated marker. After their kick, players will go back to their team and take a knee while the remaining kickers stand.
 - If the game is still tied at the end of 5 kicks, we will go down the roster to allow ALL players an opportunity to participate. After 5 kicks, the winner will be decided by either the 1st team/kicker scoring a goal and the 2nd team/kicker failing to match OR the 1st team missing their PK and the 2nd team scoring on their PK attempt.
- **Goalies** –
 - Goalies will begin the PK with both feet and 10 toes on the goal line. They are not allowed to move off the line until the ball is kicked.
 - We understand that parents or other coaches may want to assist with the kids during PKs. Parents/coaches will not be allowed within 10 feet of the goal posts.
 - Officials will assist in the player placement and will not allow PK to be taken until the goalie is ready.