

Hobbs Youth Soccer Association Hobbs Invitational Tournament Rules

Tournament Rules are incorporated in part and by reference from the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association Travel and Tournament Manual and FIFA Laws of the Game and Official Modified Rules for Small-Sided Games. Please note the Modified Rules for U-7 through U-10 divisions. Anything not provided for herein shall be determined by the Tournament Director whose decisions shall be final.

Team Responsibilities

The first team listed is the home team. The home team shall provide the game ball (Size 3 for U-7 and U-8 teams, Size 4 for U-10 and U-12 teams and Size 5 for U-14 and U-16 teams). In the event of a color conflict on uniforms, the home team will have to change uniforms. The home team shall occupy the North or East side of the field. The visitors shall occupy the South or West side of the field. Number of Players on Field: U-7/8---4, U-10---5 plus a goalie; U-12 & up---10 plus a goalie.

Substitutions

Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- A) U-7 through U-10 – At any stoppage of play and unlimited

- B) U-12 through U-16:
 - 1) Prior to a throw-in in your favor
 - 2) Prior to a goal kick by either team
 - 3) After a goal by either team
 - 4) After an injury by either team when the referee stops the play
 - 5) At halftime

Awards

Awards will be given to the players on the 1st through 4th place teams.

Bracket Standings

Bracket standings may be determined by the following point system:

- 6 points for a Win
- 3 points for a Tie
- 0 points for a Loss
- 1 point for a Shutout
- 1 point for each Goal up to a maximum of 3
- 1 point for each Red Card

Unfinished Games

If the referee stops the game due to one team's misconduct:

- A) If during the first half of play, it is declared a forfeit.

- B) If after the first half of play, the offending team forfeits and the game is scored as outlined under "Forfeits" if the winning team is the offending team. If the losing team is the offender, then they lose by forfeit and receive no points, but the score of the game shall stand for the winning team, and they shall retain all goals scored, and a shut-out point will be awarded if earned.

If the referee stops the game due to inclement weather:

- A) If during the first half of play the game will be rescheduled.
- B) If after the first half of play the game stands.

Forfeits

Any team which "wins by forfeit" shall be deemed to have scored in the forfeit game the average per game goals it scores in all other games in bracket play rounded up to the next even goal, up to a maximum of 3 goals per game. For the purpose of awarding points, the team which "wins by forfeit" shall receive 6 points for a win and goal points for the goals "deemed scored". No additional points shall be awarded for a shut-out.

Tie Breakers in Bracket Play

In the event of a tie, bracket winners and runners-up may be determined as follows:

- A) Head-to-head record during bracket play.
- B) Goal differential that is defined as goals for minus goals allowed.
- C) Most goals scored.
- D) Least number of goals allowed.
- E) Two 10 minute halves.
- F) FIFA penalty kicks.

Tie Breakers in Championship or Consolation Games

In the event of a tie, the following procedure may be used:

- A) 2 overtime periods of 5 minutes each. First goal scored wins the match.
- B) If the game is still tied after 2 overtime periods, FIFA penalty kicks will determine the winner.

Tardiness

Any team more than 15 minutes late for a game will forfeit that game. A minimum of three (3) players is required to start a U-7/8 game. A minimum of five (5) players is required to start a U-10 game. A minimum of seven (7) players is required to start a U-12 and above game.

Expulsions/Suspensions for Red Cards and Yellow Cards

Should a player or coach be expelled from a game, the player or coach will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game of that event. The referee shall deliver the player's or coach's pass card, along with the game report, to the tournament director. Should a player or coach receive a second red card in a tournament, the player or coach will not be permitted to continue in the tournament. Appropriate disciplinary actions will follow from that team's governing body.