



2025 Midnight Madness Rules



Please remember that this tournament is meant to be fun and enjoyable for ALL participants. Our main goal is for every player and team to have a great time, show good sportsmanship, and enjoy the spirit of the game. Let's keep the focus on fun, teamwork, and positive competition!



Tournament General Rules

- Event Committee has the right to combine age groups to make divisions
- Event Committee has the right to mix age groups to make divisions depending on registration numbers
- U5/U6
 - 4v4 with NO goalie
 - Max roster of 8
 - Will receive participation award
- U7 & Up
 - 5v5 with goalie
 - Max roster of 10
 - 1st and 2nd place winners will receive awards
- Referees are paid by the tournament
 - **THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR REFEREE ABUSE!**
 - **Yellow cards will be a warning**
 - **Two yellow cards in a game will equal a red card**
 - **Three yellow cards during the duration of the tournament will result in a red card**
 - **Red cards will be ejection FROM THE EVENT AND THE NEXT GAME**
- In the event a team withdraws their registration within (7) days of the scheduled tournament date, the team will be responsible for paying fifty percent (50%) of the registration fee
- **The Event Committee will have the FINAL say in ALL matters**
- The Event Committee will do our best to avoid coaching conflicts for PRIMARY coaches who register multiple teams; **HOWEVER, THIS CAN ONLY BE GUARANTEED FOR THE THREE SCHEDULE GAMES AND NOT FOR ANY CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.**



Check-Ins

- U5 – U8 San Angelo Teams will need to check in NO LATER THAN 9PM FRIDAY, REGARDLESS OF FIRST GAME TIME
- All San Angelo Teams will need to check in NO LATER THAN 7PM SATURDAY, REGARDLESS OF FIRST GAME TIME
- Out of Town Teams will need to check in NO LATER THAN 7PM SATURDAY, REGARDLESS OF FIRST GAME TIME



Rules of the Game

- **Home Team**
 - Listed first on the schedule
 - Responsible for changing jerseys/wearing pennies in the event of a color conflict
 - Provides game ball
 - Will occupy either the North side or West side of the field
 - In the event of a tie, the HOME TEAM must turn in game cards within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. Failure to do so will result in point deductions
- **Game Length**
 - U5/U6 will play 12-minute halves with a 2-minute half time
 - U7 & Up will play 16-minute halves with a 3-minute half time
- **Game Ball**
 - U5 – U8 will use size 3
 - U9 – U12 will use size 4
 - U13 & Up will use size 5
- **Players**
 - Must meet the age and gender requirements of the division they are playing in
 - If requested by the Event Committee, all players must show proof of age by birth certificate, school ID, drivers license, or military ID.
 - Girls may play in boys division
 - May play on multiple teams but may only be on ONE TEAM PER AGE GROUP. However, The Event Committee will not be able to accommodate schedule conflicts for players choosing to play in more than one age division
 - This is NOT a sanctioned tournament, your roster can be made up of any person who would like to participate, despite teams they are currently playing on in the regular season and/or currently playing. No guest player forms are required
 - Only players on the roster that is submitted at check-in will be allowed to play. Rosters must have jersey numbers.
 - Teams must have a minimum of 3 players on the field to play
- **Uniforms**
 - All players must wear shirts of the SAME COLOR
 - Home team must change jerseys or provide pennies in the event of a color conflict

- U5/U6 Jerseys are not required to have numbers
 - U8 & Up Jerseys **ARE REQUIRED** to have numbers **AND MUST STAY THE SAME. No jersey sharing or switching is allowed.**
- All players must wear shin guards
- Cleats are recommended but not required. If they are worn, they must NOT have a toe cleat
- **Substitutions**
 - May take place at any time “Rolling Subs”
 - Players can only come onto the field at their half line
 - Does not have to notify the referee of substitutions
- Restart of the Ball
 - **Throw ins WILL NOT be used.** Players will be awarded a 1 step kick in from the sideline where the ball went out of play
 - Goal kicks are 1 step
 - ALL KICKS ARE IN DIRECT
 - If a player asks for their space, they will be awarded a distance of 3 yards
- **Free Kicks**
 - ALL KICKS ARE IN DIRECT
 - If a player asks for their space, they will be awarded a distance of 3 yards
- **Field size**
 - U5/U6: 60ft X 90ft
 - U7 – U11: 75ft X 105ft
 - U12 & Up: 75ft X 120ft
- **Goal Arc Area**
 - Arc will be an 8ft radius around the goal
- **Score Cards**
 - Will be given to the home team coaches at check in, they are responsible for giving cards to the referee at the start of the game
 - **Need to be signed by BOTH COACHES AND REFEREE**
 - **The WINNING TEAM must turn in game cards within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. Failure to do so will result in point deductions.**
 - **In the event of a tie, the HOME TEAM must turn in game cards within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. Failure to do so will result in point deductions**
- **Tournament Point System**
 - Teams will be awarded points per game based on the final score as recorded on the Score Cards that are signed by BOTH COACHES AND REFEREE
 - Win = 6 points
 - Draw = 3 points
 - Loss = 0 points
 - Teams may receive extra points based on the score of each game as recorded on the Score Cards that are signed by BOTH COACHES AND REFEREE
 - 1 point per goal scored up to 3 points per game
 - 1 point for a SHUT OUT

- Teams may lose points if Score Cards are not turned in within 15 minutes of the completion of the game
 - MINUS 1 point per 15 minutes
- **Championship Games**
 - If a tie occurs in a Championship Game, teams will go into OVERTIME (TWO 5 minute halves with a 2 minute half time)
 - If the game remains tied after the completion of overtime, PK's (4 per team) will take effect
 - Depending on the number of teams in your division, there could be an actual championship game OR there could be a round robin format. This will remain with the Event Committee depending on team registrations.
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