



## **RGSA SPRING BREAK CUP IV**

### **Official Tournament Rules & Regulations**

*Guidelines inspired by FIFA, US Youth Soccer, and US Club Soccer competition standards.*

## **1. Age Groups and Game Formats**

Age Group	Format	Roster Max	Half Length
U8 & Younger	5v5	10	20 Minutes
U9 – U10	7v7	12	20 Minutes
U11 – U12	9v9	15	25 Minutes
U13 & Older	7v7	12	25 Minutes

## **2. Goal Size Notice**

The tournament will use two goal sizes depending on field availability:

- 12 x 6 goals
- 18 x 7 goals

U9 and U10 games will be placed on 12x6 goals whenever possible. However, due to mini-game scheduling logistics, teams may be required to play on either size.

## **3. Scoring System**

Win: 3 points

Tie: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

Bonus: 1 point per goal (max 3).

Bonus: 1 point for a clean sheet.

Forfeit score recorded as 1–0.

## **4. Tie Breakers**

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goal Differential
3. Goals Scored
4. Fewest Goals Allowed
5. Coin Toss

## **5. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitutions allowed with referee permission.

## **6. Discipline**

Red Card: Suspended for remainder of match and next match.

Two Yellow Cards: Suspension for next match.

## **7. Match Schedule Flexibility**

The tournament schedule and field assignments may be adjusted by the Tournament Director due to weather, delays, or operational needs.

## **8. Referee Authority**

The referee has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game and tournament rules. All referee decisions are final.

## **9. Tournament Director Authority**

The Tournament Director reserves the right to interpret and enforce tournament rules. Any situation not covered will be resolved at the Director's discretion.

## **10. Official Team Check-In Procedures**

All teams must complete tournament check-in before their first scheduled match. Teams failing to complete check-in may not be permitted to play until verification is completed.

## **11. Roster Freeze Rule**

Once a team has played its first match, its roster becomes frozen and no additional players may be added.

## **12. Player ID Verification Policy**

Player identification will only be requested in case of protest or eligibility concern.

If a player does not have an official player card, the following documents are acceptable:

- Birth Certificate
- School ID
- Passport

## **13. Zero Tolerance Policy for Referee Abuse**

Abuse toward referees will not be tolerated. Coaches, players, or spectators displaying abusive or threatening behavior toward referees may be removed from the facility and subject to disciplinary action by the tournament committee.

## **14. Sideline Behavior Policy**

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and spectators. Sideline conduct must remain respectful at all times. Tournament officials may remove individuals who fail to comply.

## **15. Game Abandonment Rule**

If a match is abandoned due to misconduct, safety concerns, or refusal of a team to continue playing, the referee will report the incident and the Tournament Director will determine the final result.

## **16. Weather Policy**

Tournament officials have final authority regarding field conditions and weather delays or cancellations.

## **17. Spectator Conduct**

Spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field from team benches.