

Codiac First Touch FC 2023 Tournament



July 12-14, 2024

Tournament Rules

1. ELIGIBILITY

All participating teams **MUST** be currently registered with their provincial association.

All teams outside the jurisdiction of Soccer New Brunswick must present an authorized travel permit from their governing body. Participating teams are required to complete and submit by the stated deadline, the team roster as provided.

The Tournament Committee and Codiac Soccer Inc. will not be liable for any injuries to any participant in the tournament on or off the fields. All teams outside the jurisdiction of Soccer New Brunswick must carry and supply proof of injury and liability insurance while participating in the Tournament.

2. ROSTER

Team rosters will be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) players per team and all players may dress for any one game. All players must be registered with Soccer New Brunswick or a comparable governing body to be eligible. Proof of age must be available upon request. Players must play on only one team during the Tournament.

3. TEAM CONTACTS

Each team, upon arrival at the Tournament, shall provide the name and telephone number of the team representative at Tournament Registration so contact may be made by Tournament Officials in the event conditions require it. Teams shall ensure that the point-of-contact information provided is for a team official that is reasonably accessible during non-game hours.

4. WEATHER

a). During the round-robin series, as a result of deteriorating weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game in an effort to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary, the committee may cancel any game which does not have a bearing on the final standings of any group, as a result of these adverse weather conditions.

b). Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play has been completed, the game shall be considered complete and the score at termination shall stand. If a game is suspended prior to the completion of one half, the Tournament Committee may reschedule the game or may



cancel the game and use shoot-out procedures to determine a winner. Teams are responsible for checking with the Tournament Committee for rescheduling information.

c). Codiac Soccer Inc. cannot be held responsible for inability to complete games due to weather. We reserve the right to adjust the schedule as required.

d) **Lightning:** When the Tournament Committee sees lightning, an air horn will sound to summon **EVERYONE** off of the fields. A count will then begin from the time you see lightning counting down from thirty (30) minutes. Each flash of lightning will cause the timer to be reset.

e) **Heat:** On the turf fields, when the thermometer in the field marshal tents hits 30 degrees Celsius or more, there will be a 5-minute water break given halfway through each half of the game.

5. READINESS TO PLAY

All teams should be at the field and ready to play 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. A team official will check in with the registration desk or field marshal at least 30 minutes prior to the start of a scheduled game indicating the team is present.

6. FORFEITS

If a team is unable to field six (6) players for U11; and seven (7) players for U13 and above at the scheduled start time, the game may be forfeited. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, a shortened game or shoot-out may be substituted for the match. Teams must remain at the site until a decision is reached. If a forfeit is declared, the team ready to play shall be declared the winner and a score of 1-0 will be recorded. No team will be allowed to gain an advantage through defaulting a game nor shall the team that does appear be disadvantaged.

7. TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

a). Teams will be randomly assigned to sections for round-robin play. The round-robin standings shall be determined by utilizing the following criteria:

Win: 3 points

Tie: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

b). If, at the end of the round-robin series, there is a tie, the higher placed team will be identified according to the following criteria in order:

i. Winner of head-to-head competition (not to be used for more than a 2-way tie).

ii. Fewest goals allowed.

iii. Goal differential that is determined by subtracting the total goals allowed (not to exceed 5 in any given match) from the total goals scored (not to exceed 5 in any given match).

iv. Accumulation of Cards:

a Yellow card -1

b An indirect red (the result of being shown a second yellow card) -3

c Straight red -4

d A yellow and a direct red -5



v. FIFA penalty kicks (field and time to be determined by the Tournament Committee).

c) Playoff games will be played according to the tournament schedule.

8. GAME PLAY RULES

- a. U-11 play on intermediate size fields with an 8v8 format. Off-side rules will be in effect for all age groups. There will be a retreat line where all offensive players from the attacking team have to remain outside the retreat line during defending team goal kicks or free kicks to promote teams being able to get the ball out of their own end.
- b. U13 and up will play on a full-size field with an 11v11 format.

9. SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed according to current Soccer New Brunswick regulations. All substitutions are permitted at the discretion of the referee.

10. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

It is the responsibility of all teams to bring their primary uniforms and alternate strip or pinnies. In the event of a conflict of Jersey colours, the AWAY TEAM listed on the schedule shall be required to change. The Keeper's Jersey shall be distinct from those of his/her teammates, the opposing team and the referee. All players must wear shoes which conform to the requirements of FIFA Law IV. Shin guards are mandatory.

11. OFFICIALS

A referee will be assigned for all games in the tournament. As scheduling permits all championship games will have a referee and two (2) assistants.

11. DURATION OF GAMES

All round-robin and crossover games will consist of two (2) halves of thirty (30) minutes. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games.

In all games, each team shall be entitled to a five (5) minute rest period at half time. Should any of the medal games end in a tie, the teams shall change ends and play two (2) halves of five (5) minutes duration, with the Golden Goal rule in effect. At the end of the first five (5) minute period, the teams shall change ends and proceed with the second half without a break. If, at the end of the two (2) overtime periods, the game is still tied, the game shall be decided by penalty kicks taken in accordance with the regulations laid out by the FIFA Laws of the Game. Should field time, weather or field conditions warrant, the referee and Tournament Committee may eliminate overtime and go directly to penalty kicks.

12. GAME BALLS

The game ball will be provided by the Tournament committee. Size 4 balls are used at the U11 level and size 5 balls are used at all other levels.

13. CAUTIONS/EJECTIONS

- a) Cautions - If a player or a team official receives two (2) cautions during a game there will be a one (1) game suspension. If a player receives three (3) yellow cards within the Tournament, the player is disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.



b) Ejections - If a player or a team official is ejected from a game, an automatic one (1) game suspension shall be invoked against the offending individual. The suspension will be in effect during that team's next scheduled game. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to impose a longer suspension if deemed necessary. A player who receives two (2) red cards will be disqualified from the Tournament.

ALL EJECTIONS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN REPORT SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE CLUB, DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION. IN THE EVENT SOCCER NEW BRUNSWICK ENACTS REGULATIONS CONTRARY TO THESE PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT, SOCCER NEW BRUNSWICK RULES WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

Teams are responsible to ensure players sit out any games they are suspended for.

14. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT

The referee's decision in matters concerning the application of the rules of the game and the decision of the Tournament Committee regarding conduct of the tournament shall be final.

The Codiac First Touch Tournament Committee relies heavily upon coaches to set a positive example of conduct and sportsmanship and to exercise the necessary control over their players and associated parents and spectators.

15. PROTESTS

No protests shall be entertained. And there will be no appeals on tournament decisions.

16. ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED AT THE TOURNAMENT

Anyone found with alcohol will be asked to leave the complex

17. REFUND POLICY

With 30 days or more notice, full refund, 20-30 days notice 50%, less than 20 days notice, no refund. Should a division not be offered after registration and payment has been made, a full refund will be given to teams within that division.

