

2015 Homestead Christmas Cup Tournament Rules

- The tournament will be played under NFHS rules.
- Tournament Headquarters will be located at the behind the Admission Gate.
- Any situation not covered by the following rules will be resolved by the Tournament Director, who reserves the right to alter or change these rules at any time.

1. **Credentials:** Coaches are required to provide team rosters to the referees each match

2. **Home Team:** Teams listed first on the schedule are designated home team.

- The home team will wear white jersey ops and socks per NFHS rules.

3. **Game Balls:** The tournament will provide 3 game balls for every match.

4. **Length of Game:** Two 40 minute halves with a 7 minute half time.

5. **Preliminary Game Points:**

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

6. **Tie-Breaking Points after Preliminary Games** (in order):

- Head to Head Competition
- Goals Differential (only 4 GF per game will be counted)
- Goals For

7. **Tie-Breaking for Championship Games:**

- Kicks from penalty spot shall be taken.

8. **Finals Format & Awards:**

- There will be one Championship Match per Division (Gold & Silver)
- 1st place from each group in each division will play in the Championship Match
 - Gold A1 vs. Gold B1
 - Silver A1 vs. Silver B1
- There will be no Consolation Matches.

9. **Forfeits:** The official score will be 1–0 and 3 points will be awarded to the winner.

10. **Sportsmanship & Conduct:**

- Good sportsmanship and “respectful” conducts are expected to prevail at all times.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and spectators at all times.

11. **Medical Assistance:**

- All injuries shall be reported to the Tournament Director or Field Marshal so that an accident form can be completed.
- Homestead’s Athletic Trainer will be available on all days of the tournament.

- In case of serious injury (player is unable to exit the field without assistance), Cupertino Emergency Services (408) 378-4010 will be called if requested by the parent, a coach or referee.
- Tournament Headquarters will be notified of medical emergencies.

12. Spectators:

- No air horns and/or amplified noise making devices at soccer playing fields.
- All spectators will be reserved to designated spectator areas.
- Spectators will occupy the sideline opposite the players and coaches.

13. Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Substances & Smoking:

- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are expressly prohibited at all of the fields.
- Any team (including players, coaches, parents and spectators) found violating this rule will automatically forfeit all games played, in progress and face possible expulsion from the tournament.
- All persons will be expected to refrain from smoking at the field sites.

14. No Pets, Sunflower Seeds, Outside Food, Sugary Drinks (sodas, Gatorade, sports drinks) allowed on Homestead's Turf Athletic Fields.

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