

Hartford United "Kick Some Grass"

Tournament Rules

August 28, 29, 30 – 2009

All teams must go through the registration/check-in process.

Field marshals will conduct player, equipment, and player pass checks before each game throughout the tournament. Teams should be at the field for equipment checks 30 minutes before each game.

Team rosters, permission/medical releases, and player passes must be submitted at registration or a player will not be allowed to play. No exceptions.

1. Grouping

- a) Teams will be divided into groups of 3, 4 or 5.
- b) Groups that have 3 teams will play some games against teams from another group. These games do count in the group standings for determination of playoff teams.

2. Determining Placement in Each Bracket

- a) All team standings are determined by using the following criteria, in order of importance:
 1. Total number of points - maximum 3 per game. Each team receives 3 points for a win, 1 for tie, and 0 for a loss.
 2. Record head to head (if 3 or more teams within a group are tied, head to head will not be used).
 3. Goal difference (GD) - subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored. The maximum recorded "goal difference" in any one game shall be four (4).
 4. Least number of goals allowed (GA).
 5. Most goals for (GF) up to a maximum of 4 goals per game being considered.
 6. FIFA tie breaking procedure of kicks from the penalty mark. If 3 teams are tied at this point, the tournament director will decide the procedure.
- b) If 3 teams are tied, the tie-breakers will be applied until one team is eliminated. Starting with the first tie-breaker, the rules will be applied with the two remaining teams until a winner can be determined.
- c) A forfeit by any team will be recorded as a 0-4 loss. Additionally all games involving that team will be recorded as a 0-4 loss.

3. Game Procedures

- a) FIFA rules will be followed.
- b) U11 through U19: all games will be played in 25-minute halves with a 5-min half time.
- c) A coin toss will determine the home team. The winner of the coin toss will have his/her choice of kicking off or defending a goal. The coin toss will be conducted by the Field Marshall immediately after the teams are checked in.
- d) Teams are required to be on the same side of the field. The fans are required to be on the opposite side of the field.
- e) The home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change, if in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict.
- f) Shin guards are required. Socks must be pulled over shin guards.
- g) Teams should warm-up in an adjoining area by the playing fields - do not warm up behind goal areas.
- h) Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents, and spectators at the fields, hotels, and other locations for the duration of the tournament. If the Hartford United Soccer Club receives complaints regarding conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the Tournament Director may ask the team to leave the tournament, and/or ban the team from future tournaments.

4. Overtime Periods

- a) During group competition, no overtime will be played. Each team receives one point for a tie.
- b) In playoff competition (semi-final and championship games), two 5-minute overtime periods will be played (no golden goal). If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the FIFA tie breaking procedure of kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winner.

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5. Playoff and Championship Procedure

- a) Each age/gender group may have one or more playoff games, if required.

6. Exceptions to FIFA Law

- a) Any player with a hard cast will not be allowed on the field.
- b) Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions.
- c) Substitutions may take place during the following times:
 - 1. Either team may substitute:**
 - a. On a goal kick.
 - b. After a goal is scored.
 - c. On an injury, when the referee stops play (teams may substitute only the number of players injured).
 - d. At halftime.
 - 2. The team in possession may substitute:**
 - a. On a throw in.

7. Yellow Cards/Red Cards – All disciplinary measures imposed will be limited to restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the Kick Some Grass Tournament.

a) **One (1) game suspensions**

- 1. Sent off by the referee for persisting in misconduct after having received a caution. This is, after having received a yellow card, receiving a second yellow card for one of the following:
 - a. Dissent
 - b. Unsporting behavior
 - c. Persistently infringing the laws of the game
 - d. Delaying the restart of play or failing to respect the required distance at a restart of play

b) **Two (2) game suspensions**

- 1. Sent off by the referee for one of the following:
 - a. Serious foul play
 - b. Using offensive, insulting or abusive language
 - c. Violent conduct
- c) Player cards of suspended players will be given to the tournament coordinators at the end of the game (even if the last game of the tournament so that reporting can be completed). The coach of the suspended player must contact the tournament officials prior to the start of the game in which the player becomes eligible to play or at the end of the tournament for their team. All suspensions will be reported to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.
- d) All yellow/red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches and supporters will be reported to the home club and/or league.
- e) The home State Association or Affiliate and the home club or league, shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the Kick some Grass tournament.

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8. Protests or Appeals

- a) No protest or appeals will be heard on any judgment call by the referee. All decisions by the referee will be final.
- b) Protests and appeals will be allowed on player eligibility or other technical matters. Express your concerns regarding violations prior to the start of the game or at the time the incident occurs to the Field Marshall. A \$50 appeal/protest fee must accompany the appeal or protest. If the appeal or protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If denied, the fee will be forfeited to the Hartford United Soccer Club.

9. Weather Provisions

- a) If weather conditions or the state of the fields make it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, it is up to the organizers to make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. Fees are non-refundable if games or the tournament are cancelled for any reason. Refer to the attached refund policy for reimbursements for a shortened tournament schedule.
- b) The tournament committee has the final decision in all matches that have not gone to full completion.

10. Players

- a) Each team (U-13 through U-19) is permitted to suit up to 18 rostered players (U-17, U-18 & U-19 rosters allow a total of 22 players). U-11 and U-12 teams may suit up a maximum of 14 players (maximum of 14 players on the roster). All players must meet the age requirements set by USYSA and be listed on the tournament team roster.
- b) Up to 3 guest players may be shown on a roster. **Guest players must submit a WYSA Guest Player form at registration to be included on the roster.**
- c) Up to 4 club passes are allowed per team. These players are not counted as guest players.
- d) A male player may not play on a female team.
- e) No player may play for more than one team during the tournament.

11. Illegal Activity

- a) Any player found using alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be expelled from the tournament.
- b) Any player who destroys or steals property will be expelled from the tournament.

12. Registration/Check-In Process

- a) All teams are required to go through the registration process at least 60 minutes prior to their first game. This will include a check of the eligibility of each player on your team roster, a review of your team roster plus USYSA player passes and all signed **Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Release of Liability/Consent for Medical Treatment forms**. Copies of this form are allowed.
- b) Your Hartford United roster will be frozen and no changes can be made to your roster following the registration. Players may arrive for the second or third day of play, but must be included on the frozen 14 member (for U-11 and U-12), 18 member (U-13 through U-16) and 22 member (U-17 through U-18) roster during registration.

13. Miscellaneous

- a) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the Soccer Complex grounds.
- b) Smoking is not permitted on the Soccer Complex grounds.
- c) No pets are allowed on the Soccer Complex grounds.
- d) The Tournament Director reserves the right to make decisions as necessary concerning shortening games, determining placement in the event of a tie, etc.

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Refund Policy:

- If the teams have played 2 games and placement can be determined with the appropriate trophies handed out, there will be no refund.
- If placement cannot be determined, the following will be considered. The total number of games played would be divided by the number of games scheduled to be played. That percent would then be multiplied by the total fee for that team. That total would then be subtracted from the fee that team paid to enter the Kick Some Grass Tournament in Hartford, Wisconsin.
- Example:
 - number of games played: 1
 - games scheduled to be played: 3 (excluding the championship game)
 - 1 divided by 3 = .33
 - team tournament fee: \$350
 - $\$350 \times .33 = \116.65
 - total fee paid: $\$350 - \$116.65 = \$233.35$
 - \$233.35 would be the amount to be refunded to each registered team
- Games scheduled to be played would not include the championship game in the above formula.
- If no games are played, the amount refunded will be determined by the Kick Some Grass Tournament Committee. Consideration shall be given to tournament expenses spread proportionately among the teams entered into the Kick Some Grass Tournament before any refunds are given.
- Final approval of the amount refunded is determined by the Kick Some Grass Tournament Committee. Refunds will be mailed within 30 days of the last day of the above tournament.