



Force FC

Girls Fall Showcase 2023

Rules & Regulations

FIFA rules apply unless amended below

1. Coaches must present rosters, medical release forms and pass cards at least 45 minutes prior to the start of their first game at the marked Registration Area.
2. Game start times are firm--no grace periods. Teams not ready to start on time will forfeit games. Tournament Chairperson may amend kickoff times due to extenuating circumstances.
3. Division rankings will be computed with 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
4. In brackets with 4 teams, each team will play the other 3 teams. At the conclusion of these games the top two teams play in a Championship game while the other two teams play a Consolation match. In the U17/U18 division there will be two 4 team brackets with each team playing each other in group play. After group play, the #1 seeded team from each bracket will play each other in the final. Teams that place in 2nd place for each bracket will play each other, as will teams that come in 3rd and 4th . Teams in a 5 team bracket will play a round robin with the team with the most points at the end being the Champion.
5. Tie breaking will be as follows:
 - a. Head to head (excluded if more than 2 teams are tied)
 - b. Goal Differential (max +/- 4 per game)
 - c. Fewest goals against
 - d. Most Shutouts
 - e. 1 v 1 Shoot-Out.

If 3 teams are still tied at this point, a team will be selected at random for a bye in the first shoot out. That team would compete against the advancing team.

6. Tie Breaking rules are null and void after brackets are completed. If game is tied in the Championship game a penalty shoot-out will decide the winner. Penalty rules will follow rule #25.

The rules governing various age-

7. Divisions are detailed below:

Age Division	Game Length	Ball size	Max Players on roster	Max players per game	Minimum req players	# players on field
U14-U19	60 min	5	22	18	7	11

8. All games shall be played in accordance with the FIFA laws of the game, except as specifically modified by these rules.
9. The start and end of the games will be signaled by the referee. The referee will signal a 2 minute stoppage at the halfway point of each game at which time the teams will switch ends. THERE WILL BE NO STOPPAGE TIME ADDED FOR ANY REASON.
10. Hard casts of any kind are not allowed. If padding can be used to ensure a brace or cast is deemed safe by the referee, the player shall be allowed to compete. If at any time the referee determines that the padded brace/cast is a hazard he/she can/will have the player removed from the match.
11. A player or coach that is red carded from a game or ejected from the tournament grounds may not participate further in the tournament and no refund will be offered. The State Association will be notified. A player or coach accumulating three yellow cards will also be banned from participating further in the tournament.
12. Field player substitutions, under normal FIFA rules. 2.
13. Forfeits will be scored as a 3-0 win. Any team intentionally walking off the field or intentionally not fulfilling its schedule commitments will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. No money will be refunded.
14. Parents shall stay outside of the playing surface at all times.
15. The home team for any match will change uniform color when referee determines uniforms are too similar. The home team is listed first on the schedule and shall wear their "light" colored uniform set / away team shall wear their "dark" colored set. In addition, the home team will kick off the match with the away team choosing which end to defend in the first half. At the midpoint of each match the referee will stop play for a 2-minute stoppage of play (clock will continue to run) and ask the teams to switch ends of the field and play will resume with a kick-off for the team that did not kick off to begin the match. Teams are allowed to go to their respective benches during this switchover, but the clock will NOT STOP. During a playoff match, the team with the higher standings is deemed the home team
16. Players, coaches, managers, and supporters are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of sportsmanship at all times. Those failing to meet acceptable standards will be ejected from the grounds. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and supporters.
17. Pets (excluding service animals), alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are strictly prohibited from the grounds. No open flames of any kind will be allowed--violators will be ejected from the grounds. No solicitations from unregistered vendors will be allowed.
18. A maximum of 3 guest players are allowed per team.
19. Cancellations will be posted on the MWUSC / Force FC website:
<https://www.mwsoccer.com/tournaments/force-fc-girls-fall-showcase>
20. Shoot-out format (to be used in Championship Games):
 - a. Only those players on the field at the end of the game are eligible for the shoot-out.
 - b. The referee will conduct a coin toss to determine which team will kick first.
 - c. Best of three wins
 - d. If even after three rounds, go to 1 vs. 1 until someone wins
 - e. Each team must go through all players that were on the field at the end of the game

f. Teams cannot change up the order if it goes to back to the top of the order.

g. If a player was red carded, the opposing team must reduce their number of kickers to equal their opponent's number of eligible kickers.

21. No jewelry is to be worn by any player. Coaches are asked to monitor that all their players are legally and properly equipped. Any player improperly or illegally equipped will be asked to leave the field to fix the problem.

22. In the event that the tournament (either or both days) is cancelled by the Tournament Director or the town/school district a refund of up to 90% may be returned.

23. There will be no protests. All officiating decisions are final.

24. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament, and their interpretation of the rules is final.