

RULES

Rules for the 2018 Prince George Northern Cup

ELIGIBILITY:

Only teams affiliated with their provincial or state governing body are eligible to participate in the tournament!

REGISTRATION/TEAM PACKAGES:

A representative(s) of each team should register and pick up their team package at the tent by the concession stand.

TEAM ROSTERS:

U10 teams can carry up to 14 players.

U11/12 teams can carry up to 16 players.

U13/U16 teams can carry up to 18 players..

Team rosters are frozen once an official team list has been submitted and must be submitted before your first game.

No players can be added to a team roster once the tournament commences. Players cannot play for more than one team in the tournament. All players must be properly registered with their club and provincial association.

TEAM LISTS:

Individual team lists are NOT required for each individual game. Also, referees will not be checking ID cards before every game. However, in the event that a player's age or eligibility is questioned, either a club or provincial player ID card and/or a birth certificate must be available as a source of identification, if requested.

DURATION OF GAMES:

All games in the tournament consist of 2 x 30 minute halves, with a 10-minute half-time break. All teams must be ready to kick-off within five minutes of the scheduled time of a scheduled match. If for some reason, games do not start within five minutes of the scheduled kick-off, the referee may have to cut short the playing time so the match finishes on schedule.

There is no overtime played in any game.

SCORING:

Each team will receive **3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie**. A "no-show" will result in the opponents being awarded three points for a default win. In instances where a team does not appear for their scheduled game, that team shall have 3 points deducted from their total at the end of round-robin play. Field marshals located at each venue are responsible for reporting scores, not the teams.

STANDINGS:

The results of matches will be recorded on scoreboards located at the "tournament house" situated at the concession stand. Following directives from the BC Soccer Association, no standings will be kept and no awards presented in the U10-U12 age groups!

UNIFORMS:

In the event that there is a color clash, the first-named team on the schedule is designated "home team" and is obliged to change shirts. It is recommended that if a team only carries one jersey, the team bring pinnies in the event of a colour clash.

GENERAL LAWS OF THE GAME:

Normal FIFA Laws will be applied in the tournament, with the following deviations: there will be unlimited substitutions, but only at a stoppage in play and with the referee's consent. PGYSA adheres to FAIR PLAY codes and encourages all teams to play within the spirit and Laws of the Game! Team lists are not required for each individual game. Players who are suspended (either as a result of an automatic suspension or as a result of a tournament organizing committee suspension) are not eligible to participate.

FOUL PLAY:

Players or team officials receiving two yellow cards in one game must serve an automatic one-game suspension in their next scheduled game in the tournament. In the event that a player or team official is dismissed from a game (red carded), that individual must leave the vicinity of the playing field. Players receiving a red card (ejection from game) must serve an automatic one-game suspension. Referees are obliged to report all yellow and red card incidents. Players accumulating 2 yellow cards in one game will be automatically suspended from their next game. Players accumulating 3 yellow cards in total are automatically suspended from their next game.

All disciplinary reports will be forwarded to the team's/player's parent association.

COACHING POLICY:

All coaching must be conducted from the sidelines. Please coach within the spirit of the game with respect for your opponents, the referees and your fellow coaches. The tournament organizers recommend that each team and their supporters locate themselves on opposite sides of the playing field.

REFEREES:

The selection and appointment of referees and assistant referees for all matches is handled by the PGYSA. Referees and assistant referees will be provided for all U-13 to U-16 division games. Referees (no assistants) will be supplied for all U-10 to U-12 games. All referees in the tournament are CSA/BCSA-certified game officials who actively officiate in Prince George and other BCSA-member districts.

UNDER-10 - UNDER-12 COMPETITION:

Competition in the Under-11 and Under-12 divisions in this year's tourney will be 8-a-side (Super 8s), including the GK. All normal Laws of the Game will be followed with the exception of the offside rule! Offsides will be called in the "attacking 3rd" of the field only. To assist the referees with calling offsides in this age group, a line will be marked approximately 25-30 yards out from the goal-line.

CONTINGENCIES:

In any competitive tournament involving mass participation, there are always problems, issues or challenges that arise which may not be covered in these guidelines. In this event, PGYSA will do everything in its power to make fair and unprejudiced decisions. The Association reserves the right to enact policies or issue decrees that will deal with unforeseen circumstances and/or situations.

GARBAGE:

Please be sure to pick-up all garbage, bottles and tape after each game and place in garbage containers when your team leaves the field!

FIELD MARSHALS:

A clearly identified field marshal, all of whom will have cell phones, will be located at each complex. Field marshal reports all scores to the tournament house where standings are tabulated and posted. Coaches do not have to report scores.

FIRST AID:

Located at tent beside concession stand.

LOST AND FOUND:

Any items that are turned in, or found at any of the parks, will be collected at the concession stand lost and found. _____