

# **Afrim's Sports Tournament Rules**

All tournament games will be played in accordance with the laws of the game unless modified herein.

**Games: 25-30 min in length depending on amount of teams registered. Field size is 50yd x 75 yds**

## **Number of Players**

Each team may be composed of a minimum of 12 players

## **Substitutions:**

Substitutions are unlimited but may only be made with the referee's permission on stoppage of play.

## **Fair Play:**

Afrim's Sports wishes to create an environment that prioritizes sportsmanship and fair play throughout the tournament.

## **Tournament Format**

All teams are guaranteed 4 games. After the 4 preliminary games take place, playoff seedings will be determined for playoff games Friday evening

## **Offside:**

Will be applied by referees in all games.

## **Abusive Behavior:**

While at the fields, any coach, parent, team official, player or spectator threatening violence or verbal abuse to any individual will immediately be ejected from the tournament and the team may be ejected from the tournament. This type of behavior is not acceptable at this event and will not be tolerated.

## **Communications:**

Tournament website is: <http://www.afrimsports.com/tournaments/>

1. Teams are responsible for accessing the website for schedules and other relevant information. Note that upon accessing a frequently updated webpage, individuals should click Refresh on their web Browsers to ensure that the information being accessed is the most current.
2. Teams must leave a cell phone number at the registration desk at the start of each weekend event, at check-in, as well as the name of their hotel if relevant, to assist in communications in the event of weather-related issues. The Team Contact's cell phone must be in operation over the course of the event.
3. Event officials will attempt to update the website, email and text team members and call cell phone numbers to provide necessary information, but are not responsible for any failure to reach any given team or its members, during the course of an event. Check Afrim's Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/AfrimsSports>

### **Game Points**

Points will be awarded for each game in accordance with the following:

- Six (6) points for a win
- Three (3) point for a tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss

Additional Points:

- One (1) point for each goal scored (max of 3 per game). Losing team receives points also.

Examples:

A 0-0 tie will be scored as 3 points for each team (3 points for the tie); a 4-2 game will be scored as 9 points for the winning team (6 points for the win, 3 points for goals) and 2 points to the losing team (2 for the goals scored).

\*\*In the event of a forfeited game, the winner will be credited with a 3-0 win and awarded 9 points.

\*\*A game abandoned by another team will result in the opposing team winning. The final score will be based on the score at the time of forfeit.

\*\*Teams are allowed 5 minutes from game time to forfeit time.

**\*\*No points are awarded if neither team shows up.**

**Tie Breaking Within a Bracket:**

In the event of a points tie, places will be determined as follows:

- A. Head to head
- B. Goal Against
- C. Goal Differential
- D. Goals For
- E. Coin Flip

**Forfeits:**

A team will be allowed to play with a minimum of 7 players for an 11v11 match, 6 players for an 9v9 match, and 5 players for a 7v7 match. If the team is not able to field a team after 10 minutes of the start time of the match, it will be considered a forfeit. The game score will be recorded as 3-0 in favor of the team that was present at the game time

**Inclement Weather:**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all tournament rules and locations in order to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully.

**Playoffs Seedings:**

Playoff seedings will be determined differently in each bracket depending on number of teams entered. Playoff rounds will take place on Sunday morning/afternoon (depending on schedules).

Divisions of 8 (two brackets of 4): Each team receives 3 round robin/group play games. All teams from each bracket will advance to playoffs.

Divisions of 6 teams : Each team receives 3 round robin/group play games. Top 2 teams from each bracket play cross-bracket semifinals (A1vB2 and B1vA2) while the 3rd seeded teams will meet in a consolation match. Winners of the semifinals meet in the final.

Divisions of 5 teams (one bracket of 5): Teams will each receive 2 games. 3rd game for each team is determined by seeding based on the results of the 2 preliminary games. #4 seed plays #5 seed in

the consolation match. The #1 overall seed will advance directly to the final. #2 v #3 seeds meet in the semifinal with the winner facing the #1 seed in the final match.

Divisions of 4 teams (1 bracket of 4): Teams receive 3 round robin/group play games. Top two seeds will play each other in the final.

### **Playoffs - Overtime**

If the score is tied at the end of regulation, teams will proceed straight to penalty kicks to determine the winner. Teams will go 5 rounds, and if tied after 5 rounds, they will progress through single rounds until a winner is determined.