

SOCCER

Men's / Women's

- Date:** Saturday, March 17 & Sunday, March 18, 2018
- Time:** Check In - 8:00 a.m. / Event Start - 9:00 a.m.
- Location:** Riverway Sports Park, 3611 N Dinuba Blvd, Visalia, CA
- Event Fee:** \$375 Team Fee
(Includes athlete packet with event shirt and CSGA fees.)
- Deadline:** March 1, 2018

ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. All teams must provide own uniform; consisting of matching numbered shirts and matching socks.
2. Shin guards are mandatory.
3. No jewelry allowed, with the exception of wedding bands.
4. Braces need to be padded and/or covered.
5. Age divisions for all team competition will be determined by the age of the youngest team player as of December 31, 2018.

FORMAT

1. Modified field sizes and goals.
2. 8 vs 8. Maximum of 14 players on roster
3. 20 minute halves, 5 minute half time
4. Round Robin play will determine seeding for playoff brackets.
5. Pool play into single elimination.
6. Officials will be provided.

SPORT RULES

1. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Soccer Federation rules, except as modified herein.

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POINTS:

Seeding for playoff brackets will be based on points earned during the round robin play. Scoring system is as follows:

- Win = 3 points
- Tie = 1 point
- Goals = 1 point for each goal (max of 3 points for goals)
- Forfeit = 4 points (game be scored 1-0 and will count as 4 points for the winning team: 3 for win, 1 for a goal).

A draw at the end of an elimination playoff game will be broken by a shoot-out of 5 penalty kicks from the penalty mark per team. If teams are still tied, each team gets 1 kick from the penalty mark until tie is broken.

DETERMINATION OF GROUP WINNERS:

The team with the highest number of points at the end of pool play games will be declared as the group winner and will advance to the final round. In the event there is a tie in the number of points at the end of pool play games the seeding of teams will be decided in the following order:

- Head to Head competition
- Goals For – The team scoring the most goals
- Goals Against – The team with the least goals scored against them
- Penalty Kicks of 5 alternating between teams

If still tied, then sudden death. One penalty kick, alternating between teams.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Games will be played, rain, shine, and through wind unless the City of Visalia shuts down use of fields. Should the semi-final or championship final games not be played due to very heavy rainfall that does not permit continuance of competition these games may be declared canceled by the tournament officials after consolation with the representative team coaches. Should a cancellation occur, the highest remaining seeded team in the respective division will automatically be declared the champion and the 2nd highest seed remain as the finalist.

UNIFORMS:

All players must wear matching soccer uniforms with numbers. If the color of the jerseys are similar, the home team must change. Teams are advised to bring alternate jerseys or shirts. Pennies are not available.

DUAL ROSTER PLAYERS:

A player can play on 2 teams provided that each team isn't from the same division and the player is registered on both teams' rosters.

MINIMUM PLAYERS:

The game shall be played by two teams of 7 field players and one goalkeeper each. Teams must have a minimum of 5 field players and one goalkeeper on the field to start a game.

All games will start within (10) ten minutes of the scheduled time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of 5 players within the 10-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team in attendance with at least 5 players on the field and 4 points will be awarded to the team present (see "Points" for more info). If neither team takes the field within the 10-minute grace period, the game will be deemed a "bye," and no points will be awarded to either team.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Teams may substitute an unlimited number of players at the following breaks in the game after receiving the referee's acknowledgement:

- After a goal – Both teams may substitute before the kick-off.
- Own goal kick – Note: If team A substitutes when it is their ball (goal kick, kick in, or corner kick) only then can team B substitute. The reverse is true when team B has the ball.
- Own throw in – Note: If team A substitutes when it is their ball (goal kick, kick in, or corner kick) only then can team B substitute. The reverse is true when team B has the ball.
- Own corner kick – Note: If team A substitutes when it is their ball (goal kick, kick in, or corner kick) only then can team B substitute. The reverse is true when team B has the ball.

NO substitutions except as noted above and ONLY with the referee's acknowledgement.

TEAM ROSTER:

Maximum roster size is 14 players. Team rosters will require each player's submission of government issued ID for validation in person at the time of Check-In. Rosters are considered final and frozen after a team has started its second game. Players arriving after the first game can sign roster after first game as long as the name was on the roster prior to start of the 2nd game.

SLIDE TACKLING:

Slide Tackling is not allowed for any teams due to the uncertainty of field conditions and safety of players. Players who slide tackle another player do so at their own risk to themselves as well as their opponent will receive a yellow card which will be recorded by referee on score card.

OFFSIDE RULE:

The offside rule is suspended. Players may not "crowd" the goalkeeper inside the penalty area. For a crowding offense the referee awards an indirect free-kick to the defending team taken from the spot where the offense occurred.

RED CARD VIOLATIONS:

A player ejected for a Red Card violation will be suspended for the remainder of the game to which they were issued the red card PLUS the following game. Teams will not be allowed to substitute a player for a red card violation and must play shorthanded.

Depending on the severity of the ejection the tournament director has the right to extend such suspension to additional games or the remainder of the tournament.

When asked by a referee, players receiving a red card must provide their name to the referee. Failure to do so requires the team coach to provide the name of the red-carded player. In the event that no cooperation by the team coach is given, the referee will note on the scorecard and inform tournament officials. The game will continue with the red-carded player sitting out. The tournament officials who at their discretion, may suspend the team from further competition or impose other sanctions pending their review.

Any and all situations not covered by these rules will be resolved by the Tournament Officials. Their decisions will be stated as final, no appeals allowed.

***Note:** Tournament director reserves the right to change tournament format and/or combine age divisions based on the number of registrations.*