



PORTLAND TIMBERS

PORTLAND TIMBERS FRIENDSHIP CUP TOURNAMENT 2021 Rules of Competition

All matches shall be played in accordance with FIFA laws of the game with the following modifications:

Conduct

Good sportsmanship is the primary obligation of all the parties involved in this competition. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, parents, and spectators. Coaches and players will be held to the highest standard of conduct in a manner bringing credit to the game. Dissent and abuse of officials will not be permitted or tolerated by Timbers and the tournament staff. Any player or coach sent off the field (ejected) by the referee shall automatically receive a one game suspension and be reviewed by the committee below who can add additional games if they see fit. A player or coach will receive a one game suspension upon accumulating five penalty points during the tournament.

Penalty points are assessed as follows:	Caution	2 penalty points
	Ejection	3 penalty points
	Caution and Ejection in same game	3 penalty points

Play

Game Lengths: 09', 10' (U11-U12) matches shall consist of two 30 minute halves (9 v 9 age groups)
07', 08' (U13-U14) matches shall consist of two 35 minute halves
03', 04', 05', 06' (U15-U17) matches shall consist of two 40 minute halves

Halftime shall be 10 minutes long. Substitution Rules: 02-07: Players who are substituted out may not return to the game in that specific half unless roster numbers are low and the specific team needs to substitute a player back in. 08-09: Unlimited subs will be allowed in these age groups.

Heading the Ball and Build-Out Line (U11 and U12):

Players in the 09 and 10 bracket, per USYS recommendations, will not be allowed to head the ball at any time during competition. Each 9 v 9 field will have a build-out line (roughly) half-way between the goal box and half-way line.

Games are friendlies and there will be no semi-final or championship games. Games will start at the designated time. If a team does not show up within 15 minutes of the designated time, the game shall be declared a forfeit. We are flexible on Friday night as we know some teams are arriving later. The minimum number of players to start a game is seven (7). If the teams are present but not ready to start on time, the official will start the clock at the designated time and the actual time of play will be shortened.

All players are to be properly attired. The team listed first on the schedule is designated the home team and should wear dark colors while also having an alternate jersey in the event both teams have the same color of uniform. The away team should wear light colors.

Rosters/Credentials

Each team manager must present the credentials of the team to the tournament credential representative prior to participation in the Friendship Cup. Tournament credentials consist of a roster listing the full name, birth date, and uniform number of each player and the full name of each coach and the manager. Medical Release forms are also required for each player (player cards for club teams). Rosters will be limited to 18 players unless otherwise approved by Tournament Director. Each team must have a roster to give to the referee before each game.

Covid-19 Tournament Protocols as of February 3rd, 2021

As of February 3, 2021, no spectators will be allowed at the field complex. We can see this changing in May, but we have to mention this now. Players will go through a temperature check before each game by the field staff and masks will be required by all players and staff at all times, including games. Sanitizing stations will be available at each field area and players with any Covid-like symptoms will not be allowed to participate in the event.