



MICHAEL BROWN TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament Format: Each Team (including Academy) will be scheduled 4 games. There will be no semi or final games. Scores will be posted each evening on the web site.

Roster Size: Academy teams are allowed a maximum 12 (for 7v7) or 16 (for 9v9) on their roster. 11U-12U teams are allowed a maximum of 16 players. 13U-14U teams are allowed a maximum 18 players. 15U-19U teams are allowed a maximum of 22 players. 11U-19U age groups allowed up to 5 guest, club pass players, or a combination. Academy teams are allowed no guest players. A player may play for a maximum of two teams in the tournament and must be listed on the event roster for each team. It is recommended that players competing for multiple teams participate in no more than 6 tournament games. If a player plays in a game without proper registration, the team will automatically forfeit that game and may face further penalties as determined by the Tournament Director, subject to sanctions under North Texas Soccer regulations.

Game Ball: Each team is required to provide the referee with a suitable game ball prior to the beginning of the game. The referee will select one to be used during play and return the ball to the providing team at the end of the match.

Jerseys: Home team is the team listed first on the schedule. Home team will wear white or light-colored jerseys. Visiting team will wear their darkest color jersey. If a conflict remains, the home team will change to resolve the conflict. Each team must have numbered alternate jerseys or numbered T-shirts available. Violators will be removed from the field and not allowed back on the field of play until player's equipment is corrected

Team Actions: The coach is responsible for all verbal/physical actions of his/her spectators and is subject to misconduct from the referee for the actions of his/her spectators. Verbal/physical abuse of referees or assistant referees will not be tolerated. Violations can result in the forfeiture of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament. Any protest of ineligible player must be reported in writing (English-only), with a two hundred-fifty-dollar (\$250.00) cashier's check, money order or cash, before the end of the game to the tournament headquarters.

A Game shall be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the published start time and/or is found to have an ineligible player participating.

The Format of the tournament is as follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Length</u>
10U Academy	2 X 25
11U-12U	2 X 30
13U-14U	2 X 30
15U	2 X 35

A 10 Point Scoring System will be used as follows:

WIN – 6 POINTS

TIE—3 POINTS

LOSS—0 POINTS

SHUT OUT—1 POINT

GOALS (MAXIMUM OF 3)—1 POINT EACH

Any team that suffers a forfeit within their bracket will be awarded a 3-point shutout=10 points.

Game Scores: Game Reports will be collected by tournament officials from the referees throughout the tournament. Scores will be posted on the website during the course of the tournament at www.fcdallas.com/tournaments.

Heading: 10U and younger will not engage in heading. When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) shall be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the IFK shall be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, play shall continue.

Referees: Shall report all disciplinary actions to the tournament officials. Tournament officials will impose the penalties stated herein: 1) A player or coach that has been sent-off is not allowed to be present at their next scheduled game. 2) Depending upon the severity of the offense, further disciplinary actions may be imposed. The tournament will use only USSF Registered Officials. All in-game referee decisions are final. No protests will be allowed.



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Number of Players: Each team must have a minimum of seven (7) players on the field to start the game. There must be a minimum of seven (7) to continue the game. Academy games must have a minimum of six (6) players.

Substitutions: There will be free substitution, with the referee's consent, at the following times:

- Prior to a throw-in for either team
- Prior to a goal kick
- After a goal by either team
- A player receiving a yellow card (the players carded only)
- After an injury, when the referee stops play
- At half time
- In case of extreme heat, at the referees discretion or during a water break

Nets & Flags will be provided by the tournament. If for any reason the nets are not up, the first teams to play on the field are responsible for putting them up.

Fields: Gates will open approximately 1 hour before kickoff. No warming up in goal mouths allowed.

Tournament Headquarters: The TSC "tournament office" shall only be used for sanctioned personnel. No more than 5 people will be allowed in the office at any time.

Tents: No tents shall be staked into any ground anywhere on the TSC property. Freestanding, pop-up tents are allowed only if sized 10x10 or less. Tent stakes, if found, will incur owner with a penalty fee of \$100/per stake removed.

Refunds: Any team that withdraws from a tournament less than two weeks from the start of the tournament or does not complete all required scheduled games may not be allowed to enter any sanctioned tournaments until said team appears before the NTSSA Cup & Games Committee for a hearing explaining their actions and may forfeit their entry fee and performance bond, if one has been posted.

Any team that withdraws from the tournament after having been accepted into the tournament will be subject to a refund of no greater than 50% of the registration fee. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after having been scheduled tournament games will be ineligible for any refund of the registration fee.

All teams not accepted by the tournament will be refunded in full within 15 days of the notification to the teams accepted, whichever comes first. (Posting on web sites can be considered notification of teams accepted).

In Case of Inclement Weather, only the tournament director or his designee will determine if a game is to be played or continued. Except for weather conditions or the lack of adequate lighting conditions to safely conduct the play of the game once the game has been started, only the referee has the authority to discontinue the play of the game. If a game is stopped before the game is completed for reasons other than acts on part of one or both of the teams playing, the game shall be considered complete. The score at the stoppage of play will be the score. If the first half of the game has not been completed and game is stopped, a suitable conclusion will be reached either by a reschedule of the game (from the time the game was stopped) or penalty kicks (time and weather permitting) and ONLY if it affects the outcome of the tournament. In the event of inclement weather, Act of God, or other circumstances or conditions that are beyond our control, the tournament director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. If the tournament is canceled before the completion of the preliminary rounds of play, no winner will be declared. The tournament will not be rescheduled. If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the completion of a team's first scheduled game of the tournament, a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the entry fee may be retained by the tournament to cover start-up costs of the tournament.

Concussion Policy: The Michael Brown Winter Classic will follow the North Texas Soccer concussion guidelines, which includes all potential head injuries being evaluated by the onsite Health Care Professional (HCP) designated by the tournament director. Only the designated HCP can give clearance to a player that has been evaluated for a concussion to return to the field.

ANY SITUATION OR QUESTION on the rules of the tournament that are not covered herein will be governed by NTSSA and USYSA Rules books in that order. The director shall determine any matters not provided for in those rules. The decision of the tournament director is final.

FOR ANY ASSISTANCE, SEE TSC FIELD COORDINATORS, TOURNAMENT FIELD MARSHALLS, OR CALL THE FCD SECURITY DUTY PHONE AT 972-955-5401. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911.



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TOYOTA SOCCER CENTER RULES

****EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY*: THE TOYOTA SOCCER CENTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSESS A CITATION, FINE, OR PENALTY TO ANY USER OF OUR FACILITY (TEAMS, LEAGUES, OR EVENTS) WHEN ANY PLAYER THEREIN IS IN VIOLATION OF ANY THE FOLLOWING RULES.***

- **ANY USE OF OUR FACILITY MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM TOYOTA SOCCER CENTER.** No unscheduled play, free play, or non-approved play is permitted.
- All persons using the facility must abide by the lightning warning system in the event it sounds. NO PLAY WILL BE ALLOWED ON FIELDS IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER OR LIGHTNING.
- **WARNING:** By attending soccer events (including games and practices; collective, the “Event”) at Toyota Soccer Center (the “Complex”), the attendee (“Attendee”) assumes all risk and danger incidental to the Event, including parking at the Event, moving to, from, and around at the Event, and all other activities, promotions, or events at the Complex (collectively, the “Events”) before, during or after the Event including, but not limited to, the danger of being injured by equipment, objects or persons entering spectator or parking areas (“Risks”), and further acknowledges that attendance at the Events is voluntary, and hereby releases, to the greatest extent permitted by law, FC Dallas Soccer, LLC, Frisco Stadium, LLC, FC Dallas Youth, LLC, and all entities and affiliates associated therewith together with their respective agents, players, officers, employees, and owners for injuries or loss of personal property resulting from such Risks or any incidents associated with crowds of people. If Attendee is accompanying a minor(s) to the Event, by allowing the minor(s) to attend the Event with Attendee, Attendee is deemed to have given all of the foregoing releases and waivers on behalf of such minor(s). If Attendee does not wish to or is not authorized to grant such releases and waivers on behalf of the accompanied minor(s), Attendee should immediately accompany the minor(s) out of the Complex. The Attendee and any accompanying minor(s) are admitted to the Complex on condition that the Attendee consents to the releases contained herein.
- Gates to complex will be open/unlocked 30 MINUTES prior to game time or start time unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. Players are NOT allowed on the field until the gates are unlocked. If gates are not unlocked no less than 30 minutes prior to kickoff, call the **Security Duty Phone at 972-955-5401** to have the gates opened. Unauthorized entry or jumping of fence will result in team being fined accordingly.
- Jumping fences or defacing fences to gain entry/exit is strictly prohibited.
- Warm-ups inside the 18 yard box (goal mouth) are strictly prohibited (including goalkeeper).
- Goalkeepers may not mark their posts by creating marks on the field.



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- Players and coaches must clear the fields immediately following their scheduled usage.
- Goals, nets, flags, and/or benches may not be moved unless approved by FC Dallas Staff.
- Stakes, nails, pipes may not be driven into the ground to hold up tents, team flags, portable goals, etc. All tents must be free standing using sandbags or water barrels to secure tents unless otherwise approved by FC Dallas Staff.
- Golf carts are not allowed in the fenced in area of the complex, **unless used by a trainer to respond to a player injury** (in this case, they may only drive on the grass to retrieve a player who needs to be transported). Golf carts are allowed on the paved areas outside the fenced area.
- Do not dig holes, tear up grass, disrupt landscaping, rip turf, or participate in any other activities that are destructive toward our facility.
- Do not deface any signs, statues, fences, or property.
- Fighting, cursing, loitering, and any other behaviors deemed inappropriate are prohibited, and are grounds for removal from the facility, or possible arrest.
- Drugs are strictly prohibited at Toyota Stadium. Alcohol and smoking are prohibited within the fenced in area of the soccer complex. Alcohol may only be served by approved FC Dallas Stadium vendors, and may only be consumed by persons 21 years of age or older.
- Children should not be left unattended.
- Pets, of any kind, are prohibited within the fenced in area of the soccer complex.
- Firearms and/or concealed weapons are strictly prohibited at Toyota Stadium.
- Grills, barbeques, or anything involving flames or fire are not permitted within in the fenced in area of the complex.
- All sponsors and vendors must be approved by FC Dallas with written consent.
- All marketing and/or flyer distribution in the parking lots is prohibited unless approved by FC Dallas with written consent.
- Signs and banners are prohibited unless approved by FC Dallas in written consent.
- All displays (vehicles, inflatables, etc) must have approved in written consent by FC Dallas.
- The sale or sampling of any items (food, drink, merchandise, etc.) is prohibited unless approved with written consent by FC Dallas.



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- All restroom trailers/port-a-potties are not allowed unless approved with written consent by FC Dallas.

PARKING POLICIES

- For Stadium events, Toyota Stadium parking lots normally open 2.5 hours prior to kickoff. For season ticket holders and other VIPs, there is reserved parking available. Follow the directions on your parking pass to find your appropriate parking lot. For more information about season tickets, contact the FC Dallas box office at 469-365-0132.
- Parking for Toyota Soccer Center events is permitted only in designated areas. Anyone parking in areas other than designated areas may be ticketed and/or towed.
- Depending on the event being held at Toyota Soccer Center, parking may or may not be free. In the event that there is a charge for parking, lots will be open no less than 45 minutes prior to event start.
- Toyota Soccer Center reserves the right to charge for parking at any time.

****Toyota Soccer Center reserves the right to assess a citation, fine, or penalty to any user of our facility (teams, leagues, or events) when persons are in violation of Toyota Soccer Center rules.****

*****Toyota Soccer Center and its affiliates reserve the right to deny entry into the complex and/or remove any person for any reason at any time.*****

******Rules are subject to change without notice.******



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