



2021 B-Elite COS 7v7 Invitational Tournament Rules and Procedures

**Any specific policies & procedures relating to COVID-19 will be posted to the tournament website*

Tournament Details

Dates: August 27 – 29, 2021
Location: [El Pomar Youth Sports Park](#), 2212 Executive Circle, CO Springs, CO 80906
Age Groups: U9-U10 Boys & Girls
Entry Fee: \$350/team

Rules of Play

- All games will be played under The IFAB Laws of the Game, as modified by Colorado Soccer Association, unless otherwise stated in these rules of competition.
- The Tournament Director (TD) will decide any matter not addressed in these rules, whose decision shall be final.
- Participants are expected to abide by the rules at the site facility.

Team Eligibility

- The tournament shall be open to any Intermediate/Recreational U9-U10, birth year soccer teams, composed of properly registered youth players (as defined by the rules of the affiliated organization Colorado Soccer Association), provided the team is in good standing with its youth association.
- It shall be the responsibility of each team to provide a verified roster from their club/state association AND verified player passes from their state association. If a team does not have player passes, every player must also submit a copy of their birth certificate.
- If a team is not a member of USYS or a US Youth Soccer Affiliate, then the team must also include proof of medical and liability insurance provided by their organization or registration.
- All teams must have a signed medical release for each player.
- All teams will be checked in by the referee prior to the start of each game. Any team found to have substituted ineligible players on a roster will forfeit their remaining games at this tournament.
- A player may only play for one team, regardless of age group, during the tournament

Weather, External Conditions

Games may be canceled or temporarily suspended when fields are not playable due to rain, cold temperatures, excessively high winds, lightning or poor air quality.

- The responsibility of game cancellation, shortened games or temporary suspension will rest with the TD. The decision of the TD, for all matters, will be considered final.
- In event that play has been stopped by the field Referee, Head Referee, or Tournament Director, the score at the stoppage of play will be the final game score if at least one half was completed and if play is not resumed as ordered by TD.
- In Case of inclement weather, a siren will sound for clearing the fields. When the siren is heard again, play will resume. Do not leave the complex until games are officially canceled. In the case of lightning, PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS SHOULD LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA AND GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR CARS.

Cancellation Refund Agreement

In the event of inclement weather, air quality or Force Majeure, the TD reserves the right to reduce game times, numbers of games or cancel the tournament. In this case, the refund policy is as follows:

- 100% refund – if tournament is cancelled due to COVID-19
- 80% refund – if the tournament is cancelled entirely due to weather or any other external forces
- 60% refund – if only 1 game is played
- No refunds – if 2 or more games are played
- No refunds – if a team withdraws within 30 days prior to the tournament
- No refunds – if a team withdraws, at any time, to play in another tournament

A game is defined as played if the game reached half-time (50% completed)

Laws of the Game

All games will be played under The IFAB Laws of the Game, as modified by Colorado Soccer Association, unless otherwise stated in these rules of competition and the additional modifications herein. Situations that are not covered by these rules or rules of CSA or cannot be reasonably resolved in a timely fashion by application of these rules or the rules of CSA shall be resolved in the most expedient manner at the sole discretion of the TD.

Equipment

- Player equipment must conform to the IFAB Laws of the Game (Law 4).
- All players must wear shin guards covered by socks.
- Teams will wear uniforms of matching design and color. Home teams will wear dark jerseys, away teams will wear white/light jerseys. In the case the jerseys are too similar in color, as determined by the game official, the away team will need to change jerseys.
- U10 and younger players may or may not have jersey numbers on their uniforms.
- NO JEWELRY! Earrings must be removed, no exceptions.
- Splints, casts, and braces that are not dangerous and/or have been sufficiently padded / protected with suitable soft material may be worn as approved by the referee.

Referees will request a player to fix or remove any dangerous equipment. Any player asked to remove or correct dangerous equipment will not be allowed to participate in the game until corrected to the satisfaction of the referee.

Ball

- Teams will use a # 4 size ball (U9-U10)
- The home team shall supply the referee with one or more suitable balls, properly inflated and in good condition. The referee shall choose the ball to be used in the game.

Substitutions

- Substitutions allowed at any stoppage in play/unlimited number, re-entry is allowed.

Number of Players

- 7v7 Roster Max 12 (min number of players to start 5)

7v7 Game Rules

- Build out lines apply to all 7v7 games
 - Build out lines will denote where offside offenses are called - Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players are only penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and the goal line in the offensive third.
 - When the goalkeeper has the ball, in hands or a goal kick, the opposing team must retreat
 - Opposing team players can cross the build out line once the ball has been released (pass or throw) from the Goalkeeper.
 - Players can also now receive the ball in their own penalty area.
 - No heading rule applies.

Referees

- Referees for the competition will be currently U.S. Soccer licensed.
- All 7v7 small-sided games will be officiated by 1 referee.
- Referees will check the electronic PDF of team roster and/or player passes. These documents must be readily available to show should the referee or staff have any questions
- Referees will complete a safety/equipment check-in of each team prior to all games.
- Should there be any question regarding player eligibility referees will request approval from tournament staff.
- Referees will complete a tournament game card after completion of each game to include the final score and misconduct. This game card is submitted to the referee/tournament on-site staff.
- Referees are required to submit a complete incident report for the TD containing any information relating to any game incidents involving players, coaches, spectator misconduct, injuries, etc.

Duration of Games

- All games will be 2 X 20 minutes with a 5 min half time.
- No overtime periods shall be played in preliminary-round games. If a final or consolation place game is tied at the end of the second regulation period, teams will go directly to FIFA kicks from the mark to determine the winner.
- Each referee shall refrain from adding time for trifling stoppages or delays and shall make every effort to complete each game in accordance with the field schedule. Adding time is allowed for serious injuries or other major stoppage.

The Start of Play

- Any team, which is not ready to start play with at least the minimum number of properly uniformed players (5 players), checked in with the referee at the scheduled or rescheduled game time, shall forfeit the game.
- There will be a maximum of 5 minute grace period before awarding the game to the opponent.
- A forfeit will be scored 3-0.
- Extraordinary circumstances beyond the team's control shall be considered at the discretion of TD.

Fouls and Misconduct

- Any player/coach sent off for using foul and abusive language for persisting in misconduct after being cautioned shall sit out the next scheduled tournament game. If sent off for violent conduct, the individual shall sit out a minimum of the next two tournament games.
- Any coach, manager or spectator who has been ejected (red carded) must remove himself no less than 100 yards from the playing field within 5 minutes of notice of ejection or the match will be abandoned, and a win will be awarded to the non-offending team.
- It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players. It is the responsibility of the team representative to inform the referee of the name of an individual not participating in the game due to suspension. It is the responsibility of the referee to record that name (when informed) on the referee's game report.
- Harassment or insult by word or action to any official or tournament staff member by any player, team representative or spectator will not be tolerated. Rostered players, team representatives or any individuals reasonably construed to be associated with a team are subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee and CSA. Team representatives shall be held responsible for the conduct of their supporters. Other non-associated spectators who create a disturbance will be asked to leave, and if they refuse, they will be escorted from the premises by legal authorities.

Awards

First and Second place medals will be presented at the conclusion of the final game.

Groups, Point System, Scoring, Advancement

Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine flights or age groups where deemed necessary.

- All teams are guaranteed at least three games, weather permitting.
- The Tournament Committee will determine brackets.
- Bracket size for each age group will determine format finals and consolation, where applicable.
- Teams will be divided into flights by age and sex.
- Separate flights may be added based on team level.
- During the preliminary rounds of the tournament, games will not have overtime periods. Team standings will be based on the following point system:
 - 3 points to beneficiary of forfeiture (recorded as 3/0 win)
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
- Should there be a tie at the completion of the preliminary round, the tie will be broken by the following order of criterion until a winner is determined:
 - Head to head (this criteria is not used if more than two teams are tied)
 - Goal differential
 - Goals Against
 - Goals For
 - Taking FIFA kicks from the mark

Protests & Score Corrections

- There will be NO PROTESTS made on the field of play before, during or after a match.
- Ruling of referees at the end of the game is final.
- Appeals will not be heard.
- If you see your scores are incorrect, team manager or coach shall contact TD,

General Information

- All persons at the tournament site are expected to abide by tournament and site/facility rules and requirements. Any breach of site rules may result in disciplinary action.
- B-Elite Soccer Academy, Colorado Soccer Association and/or the host affiliate will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in-part or whole of this tournament. The tournament committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulation shall be final and reserves the right to decide on all tournament matters.
- If not enough teams are realized within a specific age bracket, the TD shall notify the team(s) as soon as possible and the team(s) will be given the option to play in an alternate bracket or to receive a full refund.
- The tournament committee has the responsibility to uphold any previous suspension imposed by Colorado Youth Soccer, U.S. Youth Soccer, and/or affiliates of U.S. Soccer.
- The B-Elite Soccer Tournament Committee and/or B-Elite Soccer Academy are not responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, and spectators off the field, or damages resulting from such behavior. Coaches and players committing breaches of the law may be ejected from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- If necessary, additional protocol regarding COVID-19 will be published on or before the release of tournament schedule.

QUESTIONS?

Please email B-Elite COS 7v7 Invitational Tournament Director Mauricio Alas:

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