



Copa Univision Rules

Houston Sports Park; December 6-7, 2014

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1. Team Eligibility and Registration

Team Eligibility

This tournament is open to all teams comprised of properly registered players as outlined below.

- In no event will a player who has not been properly registered and checked in will be allowed to participate.
- Players may not dual register on multiple teams.
- Teams, coaches and players violating the rules listed with will be subject to elimination from the Tournament without refund.

Adult Teams

Each Team must present color copies of their players' identifications and signed waiver at check in one hour prior to their first game the day of the event.

Youth Teams

Each Team must present color copies of their players' identifications, parent/guardian signed waiver and birth certificates at check in one hour prior to their first game the day of the event.

Fees/Cancellations/Refunds

- Tournament registration fees are \$240 (Adult teams) and \$200 (Youth teams)
- Teams withdrawing from the tournament prior to 11/1/14 will be have their tournament fee refunded, subject to an \$80 fee.
- Teams withdrawing after 11/1/14 are not entitled to any refund.



2. Game Organization

Field of Play

- Playing field: 40 yards (length) x 30 yards (width)
- Penalty boxes: 8 yards (length) x 15 yards (width)
- Goals: 6.5 feet (height) x 12 feet (width)

Roster and Substitutions

- Maximum 8 players on roster for all divisions
- Minimum 4 players on roster for all divisions
- Players may not dual register for teams
- Unlimited substitutions at game stoppages
- U9 players born between 8/1/05 and 7/31/07
- U11 players born between 8/1/03 and 7/31/05
- U13 players born between 8/1/01 and 7/31/03
- U15 players born between 8/1/99 and 7/31/01

Equipment

- Size 4 ball: U11 and below divisions
- Size 5 ball: U13 and above divisions
- Matching uniform color with alternate goalkeeper color required. Numbered uniforms are not required.
- Appropriate soccer footwear and shin guards are mandatory
- No jewelry is allowed
- Any player that does not have the requisite player equipment will be disqualified from playing until given approval from referee.

Referee and Discipline

- Each game will be officiated by 1 referee.
- The referee has full and final decisions on all games. Protests or challenges to referee decisions will not be permitted.
- Accumulation of two yellow cards in separate matches results in a one match suspension.
- Red cards result in a minimum automatic two match suspension.



The tournament director will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players. Rulings made by the tournament director are based on the rules and the report submitted by the referee. The director's decisions are final and cannot be challenged: Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the director reserves the right to eject a player for the remainder of the tournament.

3. Modified Rules

Duration of Games, Overtime and Penalty Shoot Outs

Games will be 24 minutes in duration, played in two 12 minute periods with a 2 minute interval. Teams will change ends for second period.

The referee will start the game clock at the scheduled game time. If team does not take the field or does not have a minimum of 4 players including a goalkeeper at the designated kick off time it will forfeit and the other team present will be awarded a 3-0 score over forfeiting team.

Any team that forfeits two (2) games will be eliminated for the entire tournament.

If both teams are not present at the designated kick off time, the game will be considered canceled with each team receiving zero points and goals.

The referee will only stop the clock for injuries and persistent/deliberate time wasting. First instance of time wasting will result in a yellow card for the offender. Upon the second instance of team time wasting will result in a straight red card regardless if the player was cautioned previously or not.

During playoffs if there is a tie at the end of the regulation period, the game will move into penalty kicks (5 per team).

If a team has had a player sent off, they immediately forfeit the 5th penalty kick. Players not on the field of play at the final whistle are not permitted to participate in penalty shoot outs.

Game play

FIFA rules will be observed with the following exceptions:

- No offside.
- No player may stand in the penalty box and receive a pass. Passing is allowed only after the ball is dribbled under control into the penalty box.



- Free kicks. No defender shall be closer than 10 feet to the ball, and all kicks shall be **indirect**, except for a foul in the penalty area, which will result in a penalty kick.
- Penalty kicks. The penalty spot shall be on the line, at the center, at the top of the penalty box (12 feet from the goal line), and all players with the exception of the goalkeeper and kicker should be outside the penalty box.
- Kick ins will replace throw ins, when the play is restarted from a ball that goes out of bounds on the touch lines with no defender closer than 10 feet. Kick ins are indirect.
- Corners. No defender closer than 10 feet from the ball.
- Goal kicks. Restarts from the goal keeper must be taken from a stationary ball anywhere inside the penalty box. The ball must bounce or be touched by another player before crossing the half way line. Violation will result in the award a free kick where the ball crossed the line.
- All other goalkeeper distribution must bounce or be touched by another player before crossing the half way line. Violation will result in the award a free kick where the ball crossed the line.

Scorecards

Scorecards must be verified by the team coach immediately after the game. Once the referee leaves the field of play the score indicated on the scorecard will be final. It is the responsibility of the team coach to verify scores.

Determination of Winners

In group play, there will be no overtime in the event of a tie. Standings in a group will be determined by game points as follows:

- 6 points for a win.
- 3 point for a tie.
- 0 points for a loss.
- 1 point for each goal (Max 3 goals)
- 1 point for a shutout

Tie Breakers: Qualifying game ties will not be broken. The following will be used to break ties in or between qualifying groups when teams tied in qualifying points.

- Results of head to head competition
- Goal difference
- 3 FIFA kicks from the penalty spot (penalty kicks)



4. General Tournament Information

External weather/cancelations

In the event unusual conditions necessitate the rescheduling, curtailment or cancellation of games, the Tournament Director shall have absolute authority to make these changes, in order to best serve the interests of the tournament.

Protesting

Protesting will not be allowed. A referee call during a game will not be reviewed. No referees' judgment will be the basis for any sort of protest. ALL decisions on the field are final.

A question or concern in regards to player's eligibility or age will have to be submitted prior to the tournament beginning.

If there is protesting about a youth player's age during the tournament, a \$40 fee will be assessed.

General

The Tournament Director, referees, Univision, sponsors or will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team, due to cancellation, in part or in whole, of the tournament. The Tournament Director's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations will be final. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide on all tournament matters.

Prizes

There will be 1st and 2nd place trophies plus individual medals for youth and adult finalist teams.

The winning team in each of the Male and CoEd Adult Open divisions will additionally receive one grand prize of \$1000