

# *West Schuylkill FC Summer Sizzler Rules*

## *Teams and Rosters*

- Rosters must be submitted electronically to the West Schuylkill FC Vice-President at least 48 hours prior to the start of play.
- May register a maximum of 6 players
- Players may only be on 1 roster for the entirety of the tournament
- A player must be born in the listed year (or after) to be eligible for an age group:
  - U19 (2006)
  - U16 (2009)
  - U15 (2010)
  - U14 (2011)
  - U13 (2012)
  - U12 (2013)
  - U11 (2014)
  - U10 (2015)
  - U9 (2016)
  - U8 (2017)

## *Number of Players*

- Games are 3v3 with no goalkeepers

## *League Officials*

- There will be 1 referee assigned to each game

## *Player Equipment*

- Normal soccer attire is required
- Shin guards are required
- All players must wear the same color shirt
- It will be the referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment. Any player with a cast or brace must meet with the game official prior to kick-off of every game to determine the viability of playing with the cast/brace. Any cast/brace that the official deems allowable must also be wrapped in padding to eliminate the risk of injury to other players.

## *Duration of the Games*

- All games are 20 minutes in length with no stoppage of play
- Game is considered official after 10 minutes of play

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## *Rules of Play*

- All games must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game except as specifically modified as follows:
  - There are no goalkeepers. The goal box is located directly in front of the goal. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box, however, all players may pass through the goal box as long as they do not touch the ball while in the box. If the ball comes to a rest in the goal box, or on the goal box line, a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box is considered in the goal box and an extension of such. If a defensive player touches the ball after it has entered the goal box, the plane of the goal box, or an extension of the goal box (such as any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box), a goal will be awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball after it has entered the goal box, the plane of the goal box, or an extension of the goal box (such as any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box), a goal kick will be awarded to the defensive team, and a goal will not be counted if scored. The plane of the goal box extends upward infinitely.
  - A goal may only be scored from a touch on the offensive half of the playing field.
  - There is no offsides.
  - There is no slide tackling.
  - Penalty kick shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by an infraction. It is a direct kick taken from the midfield line with all other players behind the midfield line. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are not live.
  - All restarts other than penalty kicks including kick-ins, goal kicks, corner kicks, free kicks, and kick-offs are indirect.
  - Players must be 5 yards back from all kick-ins, goal kicks, corner kicks, free kicks, and kick-offs.
  - Substitutions are on the fly and can be made at any time.
  - A replacement substitution may be made for any player who is ejected due to the accumulation of 2 yellow cards in the same game or due to a straight red card.

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## **Code of Conduct**

- Any player, coach, team official, or spectator who is ejected from a game will be suspended for the entirety of the tournament. Any player, coach, team official, or spectator who is found to participate in any subsequent game when he/she should be serving a suspension will cause that game to be forfeited. Players can be ejected for accumulation of 2 yellow cards in the same game, or a straight red card. Coaches do not need to be shown a red card to be ejected. If an official tells a coach to leave the field, that is an ejection and will constitute a suspension for the coach. There will be no appeals of ejections/red cards unless a team feels there has been a case of mistaken identity for the player, coach, team official, or spectator ejected. In that situation a registered team representative needs to bring their concerns to the West Schuylkill FC Vice-President for review. West Schuylkill FC Vice-President reserves the right to levy additional discipline, up to and including expulsion of the entire team from the tournament, at his/her discretion, should a situation warrant.
- A player, coach, team official, or spectator who is ejected for violent conduct, serious foul play, or racist remarks/actions may be subject to further disciplinary action, up to and including contacting local authorities.
- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, and firearms are not permitted at any time. This applies to all coaches, players, team officials, and spectators. Failure to adhere to these rules can result in forfeiture of games or ejection from the premises.

## **Standings and Championship Games**

- Referees will report the score of each game to the West Schuylkill FC Vice-President.
- The official event standings will be posted on site. Standings are determined, and teams will be awarded points, using the following:
  - Win = 3 Points
  - Tie = 1 points
  - Loss = 0 points
  - The score of a forfeited game shall be recorded as 3-0 in favor of the team not forfeiting and can be declared for the following reasons:
    - Failure to begin play within 5 minutes of game time.
    - Failure to complete a game where a team leaves the field during play prior to the referee terminating the game.
    - Abandonment of the game by the referee for actions by one, or both, teams. The referee report will determine which team is culpable for the abandonment. The responsible team will forfeit the game. Should the referee determine that both teams are culpable for the abandonment then the score shall be recorded as 0-0.
    - A team utilizing more than the maximum number of players allowed in any one game.

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- A team utilizing non-rostered players, or those unverified through the online check-in process, during a game.
- A team utilizing ineligible players during a game. A player who is rostered with “Team A” for the tournament and then goes and plays with “Team B” for the tournament will cause “Team B”, the one to which he/she is not officially rostered with, to forfeit the game.
- A team utilizing any player or coaches that was ejected in a previous game and therefore should be serving a suspension.
- In the event of a tie in points at the end of group play, the winner will be determined as follows:
  - Winner of head-to-head competition. In the event of a tie between 3 or more teams, even after the elimination of 1 team through the tiebreakers below, the head-to-head tiebreaker is NOT used.
  - Fewest goals against
  - Most shutouts
  - Most total wins
  - Goal differential
  - If a tie still exists after all tiebreakers, kicks from the penalty mark will be taken.
- Championship Games
  - During a championship game, if a tie score still exists at the end of regulation, penalty kicks will be used to determine a winner. Overtime periods will not be used.
    - Each team will select 3 players to take the kicks. Players do not need to be on the field at the end of regulation to be selected.
    - Teams will alternate kicks. First team to kick will be determined by a coin flip.
    - If the score remains tied after 3 kicks, teams will alternate kicks 1 at a time from the remaining players until a winner is determined.

### *Inclement Weather*

- Hosting facility will notify West Schuylkill FC in the case of inclement weather at least 1 hour before the start of the first game for the day.
- West Schuylkill FC will then notify all coaches of the cancellation via email and West Schuylkill FC will post the cancellation on its website and on its social media.