

THE MEDWAY CUP
RULES and REGULATIONS for 6v6

1. FIFA laws are in effect, except as noted below.

2. The Field of Play: 60 yards by 40 yards with 12' x 6' goals. The penalty area is 12 yards by the width of the field.

3. The Ball: Size 4.

4. Number of Players. A maximum of 12 players per team is allowed. Six players including the goalkeeper are allowed on the field. Rosters may not be changed after a team's first tournament game. (A coach may bring more than 12 rostered players, however, only 12 players may dress for a single game.)

5. Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions are allowed with the permission of the referee after a goal, at halftime, on goal kicks, and before throw-ins by your team, or if the opposing team subs on a throw-in you may also sub.

6. Linesman: Will not be used during the Medway Cup except for the final championship matches.

7. Duration of the Game: Each game will consist of two 20-minute halves and a two-minute halftime.

8. Off-side: There is no penalty for off-sides.

9. Penalty Kicks: To be taken from a point 8 yards directly in front of the midpoint of the goal. All other players must stand beyond the halfway line.

10. Goal Kicks: To be taken from anywhere within 6 yards of the goal line. Goal kicks may not cross the halfway line.

11. Goalkeeper Saves: The goalkeeper may throw or punt the ball after a save. The ball must touch the ground or a player in the defensive half of the field or possession is lost to the other team. Play restarts with an indirect kick from the halfway line.

12. Fouls and Misconduct: Any player or coach given a red card will not be allowed to participate in his/her team's next tournament game. All red cards will be reported to the Tournament Director for review and possible stronger punishment.

13. Suspended and Terminated Games:

- A. Fitness of playing conditions will be determined by the Tournament Director and the referee.
- B. Preliminary games suspended because of weather or serious injury will be official if at least 20 minutes of playing time has elapsed. Any games stopped prior to the first 20 minutes being played will be recorded as a 0-0 tie.
- C. Playoff and championship games that have been delayed for more than 30 minutes for the above reasons may, with the consent of the referee and the Tournament Director, result in the termination of the game. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by Rule #15. However, every effort will be made to complete these games.

14. Sportsmanship: Field Marshals will be present to oversee the games being played. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents, and fans of their team. For any sportsmanship problems concerning the coaches and/or spectators, the referee and/or the assigned Field Marshal will direct the offender(s) to leave the area. If the offender(s) fail to leave as directed, the referee will terminate the match and report the incident to the Tournament Director who will award a 3-0 victory to the non-offending team. The BAYS zero tolerance policy will be in effect.

15. Alcoholic Beverages: No alcoholic beverages will be permitted anywhere near the fields or in the parking lots. Violators will be asked to leave the tournament by the Tournament Director or the police. Please cooperate with this regulation.

16. Player's Equipment: The basic compulsory equipment of a player shall consist of a jersey, shorts, stockings, shinguards and footwear. No casts, no safety hazards and no earrings will be permitted to be worn by any player during a game in which they are participating. **Casts, either hard or soft, are non-negotiable.**

17. Other: The Tournament Director and his Committee will address any questions that arise from subjects not covered above. Their decisions are final.

BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy (BYLAW 12)

All persons responsible for a team and all the spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for players, the referee and all of the other participants and spectators. Consequently, BAYS has adopted the following rule:

No one is to address the referee during the game!!

A. Persons Responsible for a team (Coach & Managers)

Exceptions:

During the Game:

- Responding to a referee initiating a communication.
- Making substitutions.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

At half-time or at the end of the game:

- A coach/manager can ask a referee to explain rule(s) in a polite and constructive way.
- A polite and friendly feedback can be given to a referee.
- Absolutely NO sarcasm, harassment or intimidation.

Penalties:

1st Minor Infraction - Referee should ignore.

1st Serious Infraction - Caution or Ejection depending on the seriousness of the infraction (FIFA).

2nd Minor Infraction - A verbal warning shall be given.

3rd Infraction – Caution.

4th Infraction – Ejection.

B. Spectators

Exceptions:

During the games:

- Referee initiating a communication.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

Penalties:

1st infraction - Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to quiet the offending spectator.

2nd Infraction - A verbal warning. The referee should stop the game and ask the coach to warn the spectator that the next infraction will be an ejection or the referee will abandon the game.

3rd Infraction - The referee shall instruct the coach to direct the spectator to leave the field. The referee should abandon the game if the spectator does not leave the field.

If the referee abandons the game, the referee shall file a report and BAYS may impose a forfeit on the spectator's team.