



*Middle School Girls  
Soccer Festival*

**REGULATIONS**

- I. The FESTIVAL will follow the current edition of the FIFA Laws of the Game with the modifications made below.
- II. Law 2 – The Ball: All matches must use the official match ball provided by the GFA Competition Committee. Other match balls may be used only if, at the discretion of the referee, the match balls are deemed unworthy for use.
- III. Law 3 – The Number of Players (Substitutions): Teams have unlimited substitution opportunities during a match and may substitute an unlimited number of players per opportunity. Players may re- enter the match after being substituted.
- IV. Law 4 – The Players Equipment
  - a. Uniforms
    - i. With the exception of the goalkeeper, all players on a team must wear identical jerseys, same color shorts and same color socks. A variation in color shades for shorts and socks is acceptable.
    - ii. The goalkeeper must wear a jersey of a different color than that of his teammates and that of his opponents.
    - iii. All players must wear a unique jersey number listed on the official roster. Numbers may not be taped to the jersey.
    - iv. A field player substituting a goalkeeper must wear a number different than the goalkeeper he is replacing. It may be a different number than his field player jersey as long as no other player on the roster has the same number.
    - v. A goalkeeper substituting a field player must wear a number different than the field player he is replacing. It may be a different number than his goalkeeper jersey as long as no other player on the roster has the same number.
    - vi. If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a uniform conflict, the home team must use a different colored jersey. Mesh-style vests/bibs/pennies of the same color may be used as an alternative.
  - b. Jewelry and Casts/Splints
    - i. With the exception of a Medical Alert necklace/bracelet, players may not wear jewelry of any kind. This includes watches, fashion bracelets, rubber bands, necklaces, etc.
    - ii. Players may not participate in a match if they are wearing a hard, unyielding cast or splint – even if padded.
- V. Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct
  - a. Ejection - Managers, coaches or any non-players in the technical area who, at the discretion of the referee, are guilty of committing a sending-off offence will be asked to leave the field of play (ejected).
  - b. Players sent-off and non-players ejected must leave immediately and remain at least 30 yards away from the field of play.



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Additional Festival Rules:

VI. Player Eligibility

- a. All players must have played once during the 2018-2019 Girls Middle School Season for the same team in which they intend to play with during the Festival.
- b. All players must submit a waiver of liability or a current GFA Card.

VII. Grace period

- a. There is no grace period. A match may not commence unless both teams can produce no less than 7 players by the scheduled kickoff time. Any team that fails to meet this will forfeit the match

VI. Roster

- a. Roster limit: unlimited
- b. Rosters must be submitted to the tournament director 40 minutes before match time and should have the following information: full name, jersey number, year of birth

VII. Format

The format of the Girls Soccer Festival will be a double bracket format,

- a. 1 – 30 minute match, NO half time (2) referees for the match.
- b. Top 2 teams from the season just completed will be seeded in separate pools, with the rest of the participating teams randomly drawn.

VIII. Extra Time & Penalties

- a. In the event that the scores are level after normal time, kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to decide the winner.
- b. If the scores are still level after the first five kicks of shootout, sudden death will decide the winner of the match.