ASA 2023 WINTER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES AND MATCH FORMAT:	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U13	U16
Match Duration	14 minutes	14 minutes	14 minutes	14 minutes	14 minutes	20 minutes	14 minutes
Players per Team	5 players + 3 subs	5 players + 3 subs	5 players + 3 subs	7 players + 3 subs			
Kick-in OR Throw-in	Kick in	Kick in	Throw in	Throw in	Throw in	Throw in	Throw in
Corners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goal kicks - Retreat to halfway	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Rolling Substitutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	4	5
Offside	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Yellow and Red Cards	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Back Pass Rule	Allow 1 chance per game. Continuous offence concedes free kick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Score from Kick Off	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- All teams MUST report to the designated pitches 5 MINUTES before kick-off. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting the match with a 3-0 loss
- Players must wear appropriate footwear.
- All players must wear shin pads, any player without shin pads will not be permitted to play.
- No jewellery, glasses or watches permitted to be worn during matches for health and safety reasons.
- Any player requiring to wear protective goggles or 'Rec Specs' will be permitted to do so.
- Goalkeepers handling area will be marked out with flat markers.
- The back pass rule is in effect for all age group.
 - A goalkeeper picking up a deliberate back pass will concede an indirect free-kick.
- One additional player must touch the ball before a goal can be scored after kick off.
- Bibs will be provided by ASA staff for goalkeepers if needed.
 - Bibs will also be provided in case of a colour clash.
- All players and coaches are to abide by all the laws or the game as set out by FIFA except where modified above.

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SCORING AND COMPETITION FORMAT:

- U7, U8, U9 will divide into two group of 4 teams and play 3 group stage matches. The winner of each group will play the runner up of the opposite group in a semi-final. The winners of the semi-final will then play the final.
- U10, U11, U13, U16 will be a Round Robin format. Every team will play against other teams in their age group once. The team with the most points will be crowned champions of the tournament for their respective age group.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Win -3 points
- Draw 1 point
- Lose -0 points
- Note: In the event of teams being equal on points at the end of the group stages, positions will be decided in the following sequence.
 - 1. Head-to-head result.
 - 2. Higher goal difference.
 - 3. Higher number of goals scored.
 - 4. Penalty shootout.

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PENALTY SHOOTOUTS

- The goalkeepers must be the same player who was in goal for the majority (over half) of the game. Goal keepers are not allowed to be substituted for the shootout.
- All players in the squad must take a penalty before any player can take a second penalty.
- In the knock-out stages, if the scores are equal at full-time, the winner will be decided by a penalty shootout. (3 penalties** followed by sudden death, until the winner is decided).
- If all players on the field at the end of the match, including the goalkeeper, have taken a penalty, other squad players may take sudden death penalties.

DISCIPLINE/ CODES OF CONDUCT

- Referees will use yellow and red cards During U10, U11, U13 & U16 matches. The yellow card serves to warn a player of inappropriate conduct and if the conduct is repeated a red card may be shown.
- A red card will be shown if a referee deems a player to be acting inappropriately (e.g. dangerous play or violent conduct) and should not continue playing.

 The referee will ask the manager/coach of that player to remove him/her from the field of play.
- Cards will not be shown throughout U7, U8 & U9 matches. However, If the referees feel a player is behaving inappropriately, the referee has the right to remove that player from the pitch in replace of a substitute.
- All participants and spectators should report any issues to the ASA Tournament Manager.
- Players and Parents should be reminded that the referees/ASA coaches' decisions are final.

AWARD CEREMONY

- Upon completion of the event, the following will be awarded to all players:
 - Participation Certificate
 - Participation Medal

Note: The winning team of each age group will receive a trophy, not a medal.

- Additional prizes will be given out to individuals for outstanding performances:
 - Player of the Tournament (each age group)
 - Top goal scorer (each age group)
 - Best goalkeeper (each age group)
- Each player must be present in order to receive their awards(s) at the end of the Tournament.