

U11/U13/U15/U17/U19 Age Groups – Tier IV

Wetaskiwin Spirit Cup

Rules and Information Sheet

Tournament will be held **Fri June 15th, Sat June 16th & Sun June 17th, 2018.**

1. **Entry Fees** for all **U11/U13/U15/U17/U19** teams (**Tier IV**) are as follows:
 - **U11 Teams: \$325.00 per team** before the **Early Bird Deadline Date**. **\$375.00 per team** if registered after the **Early Bird Deadline Date**.
 - **U13, U15, U17, and U19 Teams: \$425.00 per team** before the **Early Bird Deadline Date**. **\$475.00 per team** if registered after the **Early Bird Deadline Date**.

Included in entry fees are the following:

- A.S.A certified Referees.
- All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games.
- Spirit Cup will be awarded to the top team in each competing category. (Spirit Cup will remain in the WSC Awards case with personalized plaque including the winning team's name and year.)
- Individual Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to each player in the top three teams in each competing category.

PLEASE NOTE: Teams are not considered registered until online registration has been completed and payment & roster have been received.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Alison Sherrer.

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2. **Early Bird Deadline Date** for entries is Sat May 26, 2018. Final Deadline Date is Sat June 2, 2018.
3. **Entries may be limited.** Scheduling considerations may warrant that the competition in any one Age Group Category may be limited to only those teams that have registered on a "first come - first served" basis before the Deadline Date. *Late registrants* will only be accepted if inclusion of additional teams is deemed to be conducive to structuring the preferred format for competition within a specific Age Group Category.
4. All entries are considered accepted, unless notified otherwise.
5. The **Schedule of Game Fixtures** will be established for the Tournament as soon as possible after the Deadline Date. Once set, the Schedule will be sent via e-mail to each designated Team Contact. No changes will be made to the Schedule except at the discretion of the Tournament Coordinator. If delays are experienced in setting the Schedule, **Coaches** will be phoned 3 – 5 days in advance to be given their first game time, location and opponent.
6. No refunds will be given to teams that drop out or do not show up. All games scheduled involving teams that drop out or do not show up shall be considered as a **"Bye"** result.

7. **Concession** will be available at Clear Vista Soccer Fields and inside Drill Hall at Norm Brown Field. Further details available after game schedule is set. Washroom facilities are located at game site.

8. **Competing Age Group Categories:**

U-19 Boys / Girls	(born 1999 or 2000)
U-17 Boys / Girls	(born 2001 or 2002)
U-15 Boys / Girls	(born 2003 or 2004)
U-13 Boys / Girls	(born 2005 or 2006)
U-11 Boys / Girls / Co-Ed	(born 2007 or 2008)

9. **Officials:** Referees (A.S.A certified) will be assigned by the Wetaskiwin Soccer Club Tournament Coordinator and Ref Director. Officials' decisions on their interpretation of the Laws of the Game are final.

10. **Substitutions:** Coaches may prefer that only two (2) player substitutions will be allowed at a time. However, before each game begins, Coaches should discuss their own preference with the other Coach and the assigned Referee, and agree upon how many players can be substituted at a time. Time of substitutions will be at the Referee's discretion.

11. **Protests:** Protests shall not be accepted unless they involve a player's eligibility and are made within 30 minutes after a specific game ends. Teams must have proof of a player's age at game time or face possible disqualification.

12. **Discipline:**

- a). An ineligible player on any team means immediate disqualification of the entire team with no refund of fees.
- b). Two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during a game – the player is ejected for the remainder of that game.
- c). One (1) ejection (red card) –the player is ejected for the remainder of current game **plus** the next following Tournament game.
- d). Violent conduct offences will result in a player being removed from the Tournament.

NOTE: Referees will be instructed to enforce "fair play" regulations as prescribed by FIFA. Copies of specific instructions issued to Referees officiating in the Tournament are available at Tournament Headquarters.

13. **Team Rosters:** subject to all players being registered with A.S.A and to *Player Eligibility* requirements under item 14 below. Team Rosters can carry up to 20 (twenty) Players per team.

14. Player Eligibility:

All Teams should submit an original Team Roster at the time of registration so that Tournament Officials are able to subsequently verify with each Team – by providing supporting documentation, if necessary – that *the above stated intention* has been satisfied.

A maximum of **4 changes** to the original Team Roster will be allowed subject to:

- a) An added player must already be registered as a Tier IV player with A.S.A.
- b) An added player cannot be registered in an older Age Group category than the Age Group of the team playing in the Tournament. This means that a player who is registered to play in an older Age Group category for League play cannot be added to the roster of a lower Age Group category for Tournament play (even though the player may qualify for that Age Group by virtue of his/her birthdate alone)
- c) A maximum of 2 players being added/changed from the same Age Group and 2 players being added/changed from a lower Age Group category.
- d) Any changes to the Game Sheets must be e-mailed to tournament@wetaskiwinsoccer.org **no later than 12 noon on Monday June 11th, 2018.**
- e) All players are required to carry or produce upon request their ASA Player Identification Cards in order to be eligible to participate in the Tournament.

15. Games:

- a) Teams are guaranteed three (3) games. These will not be cancelled due to weather, although games in progress may be “suspended” for periods during severe storms with thunder / lightning activity. Games suspended due to severe storm conditions will be continued immediately upon cessation of the severe conditions unless the Tournament Coordinator decides otherwise.
- b) Game times that are scheduled for kick-off after a period of cessation due to severe storm conditions may be revised in order to accommodate the loss of playing time caused by the “suspension in play” of earlier games.
- c) **Duration of Games**
U11 - two thirty (30) minute halves with five (5) minute half time.
U13-U19 - two thirty-five (35) minute halves with five (5) minute half time.
- d) **All teams must be ready to start play on time. Any opponent that is 10 minutes later than the scheduled start time will forfeit their game.**
- e) For each game, the first team listed in the Tournament Schedule shall be designated as the Home Team and the second team named shall be designated as the Away Team.
The Home Team Coach shall be responsible for providing an official Game Sheet to be completed and handed to the Referee prior to the kickoff and for handing in the completed Game Sheet to Command Centre after the completion of the game. In the event that the jersey colours of any two competing teams are deemed by either Coach to be indistinguishable, the Away Team shall be responsible for changing their jerseys or wearing "pinnies".

e) Points shall be awarded for games played in the Round Robin portions of the Tournament as follows:

- Win = 3 points (+ 1 additional point for a “shutout”)
- Tie = 1 points
- Loss = 0 points

NOTE: a “Bye” shall be considered as a 2-1 result – this means that the Team that shows up will be awarded 3 points for a Win; however, no points shall be awarded to the Team that does not show up.

f) Tie Breaking Procedure : Tie games in round robin play will stand. If teams are tied on points after round robin play, placement will be determined in the following order:

- 1) Head to Head - Result of game played between two teams
- 2) Goal Differential (“Goals For” minus “Goals Against”)
- 3) Lowest “Goals Against”
- 4) Shoot-Out (5 players each team)

g) Championship Games – if tied after regulation time, winner will be decided by two Five (5) minute Overtime halves, and then shots from the spot (FIFA), if necessary.

16. Field Equipment: Corner flags will be provided by Wetaskiwin Soccer Club. The team designated in the Tournament Schedule as the Home Team shall have the option of providing the Game Ball or deferring this to the Away Team or to the Wetaskiwin Soccer Club.

17. Dealing With Blood Wounds

If bleeding occurs to a player during a game where other players may be exposed to Blood, that individual shall be asked to leave the field of play until the bleeding has stopped. The wound must be cleansed and securely covered before the player may resume playing. The player can only resume playing with the permission of the Referee.

18. Player Equipment/Uniform: please note that Referees are asked to enforce the following

- inspect the teams to make sure no one is wearing jewellery or bobby pins - these must be removed before play. This also includes anything "hard" or "dangling" outside their shirts. NOTE: ASA now states that jewellery MUST be removed, and cannot be taped down. If it cannot be removed, the player cannot play.
- ensure that all players are wearing the proper uniform - socks over shin pads, no long pants (except goalkeepers), and no sweaters over jerseys/shirts. (Sweaters may be worn under the jersey if it is cold - referees will be notified by Tournament Officials if long pants will be allowed if there is cold weather.)

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18. Players and Spectators must be on separate sides of the field. Referees are asked to remind each Coach that

- a) their Players should be on their side of the field, and
- b) their Spectators should not co-mingle with Players on the sidelines.

Spectators are asked to sit / stand on the opposite side of the field from the Team players.

19. Bench Parents: All mixed gender teams must have representation from both genders on the coach sidelines.

20. Conduct of Spectators: The Wetaskiwin Soccer Club supports the goals of those organizations that have adopted a policy of “zero tolerance” toward game officials. The Tournament Coordinator shall appoint a Field Marshall who shall be present at all times to:

- Monitor the behavior and deal with inappropriate comments, gestures and/or general unsporting behavior directed at the referees, players, or any other individual by their teams’ spectators.
- Be visible and available to diffuse potential problems, speak with the individual(s) involved and assist the referee particularly at half time and full time.
- Be available and willing after a game to give a verbal account to Tournament Officials of any incident that may, or is alleged to, have occurred during play/at a game location.

Sanctioned by: Alberta Soccer Association