

24th Annual Millet Classic Tournament

U7 and U9 Age Groups

Rules and Information Sheet

U7 Tournament will be held on one day only, **Saturday June 8th 2019**. U9 Tournament will be held on two days, **Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 8th, 2019**. All games will be played at Paul Pay Soccer Fields, where Tournament Headquarters will be.

1. All U7 and U9 teams shall play in a Mixed Team format (i.e. Boys and Girls combined)

2. **Entry Fees** for all U7 and U9 teams are as follows:

\$275.00 per team before the **Deadline Date**. **\$325.00 per team** if **registered** after the **Deadline Date** (but see also possible restrictions re: *late registrants* under item 3. below).

Included in entry fees are the following:

- A.S.A certified Referees.
- All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games.
- Team trophy to be engraved with name of the top team in each competing category.
- 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 all fees are received. **Cheques or money orders** are to be made out and sent to:

**Millet Soccer Association
Box 530 Millet Alberta T0C 1Z0**

Further information can be obtained by contacting:

Tony Wadsworth Phone: 780-387-5483 Home
780-984-7631 Cell
E-mail: tonywads@telus.net

3. **Deadline Date** for entries is **Saturday May 25th, 2019**. Enter as soon as possible as entries may be limited in order to maximize the competition format in each Age Group. For instance, 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** – completed entries will be assigned numbered places of priority in chronological order of date received. *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 Coordinators. 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 Paul Pay Soccer Fields. Washroom facilities are located at game site.

8. Competing Age Group Categories:

U-7 Mixed (born 2012 or 2013)

U-9 Mixed (born 2010 or 2011)

9. **Officials:** Referees (A.S.A certified) will be assigned by the Tournament Coordinators. Officials’ decisions on their interpretation of the Laws of the Game are final.

10. **Substitutions:** Unlimited substitutions will be allowed.

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). Referees will be asked to ensure that **players do not participate** in a game if they are:

i) **wearing jewellery or bobby pins** – if they are, they will be asked to remove it/them. This applies to anything “hard”, or “dangling” outside their shirts. **NOTE:** Alberta Soccer Association now says that jewellery cannot be taped down either – they have to remove it. If it cannot be removed (earrings/studs, nose-studs, bracelets etc.), the player cannot play!

ii) **not wearing the proper uniform** – this means socks must be over their shin pads, no long pants (except for goalkeepers) and no sweaters over jerseys/shirts (sweaters can be worn under the jerseys/shirts if it is cold – Referees will be notified by Tournament Officials if long pants will be allowed if it happens to be cold weather).

Please ensure that all Coaches, Players and Parents are aware of the above – we do not wish to see any player disappointed because they are wearing / not wearing something that prevents them from playing in a game.

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. **Teams:** It is the intention that Teams participating in the Tournament shall be “house league” teams that play together regularly as a single team/squad during the 2019 Outdoor Soccer Season. **NOTE:** Teams that draw different players from different house league teams/squads within their own town shall be designated as “Select Teams” and shall be declared as such to the Tournament organizers at the time of registration. Failure to notify Tournament organizers of a “Select Team” prior to the commencement of the Tournament shall render such Team to be disqualified with no refund of fees.

14. **Team Roster:** Rosters can carry up to fifteen (15) players per team (subject also to *Player Eligibility* requirements under item 15. below).

15. Player Eligibility:

The original Team Roster shall be “set” by submitting the Player squad listing that is on file with the Team’s home Soccer Association **at the time of registration.**

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

- a) Any pick up or guest player must already be registered with A.S.A. in an Age Group category that is not older 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 **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).
- b) A maximum of 2 players being added / changed from the same Age Group category and 2 players being added / changed from a lower Age Group category.
- c) A Player squad listing for a different House League Team is required for each player added to the original Team Roster. NOTE: in order to verify the eligibility of added players with A.S.A., evidence of the player(s) registration must be scanned and sent by e-mail to tonywads@telus.net **no later than 12 noon on Friday June 7th.**
- d) It is recommended that players of a stature/appearance that might reasonably prompt questioning as to their age eligibility should have available either i) their Birth Certificate or ii) some other written means of their Proof of Age in the event that their eligibility to participate in the given age group is brought into question.

NOTE: “Select Teams”, or any other Team not complying strictly with the 4 change maximum set out above, shall not be eligible to participate in the Tournament unless they have been declared to, and duly approved by, Tournament organizers prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

16. 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 Coordinators decide otherwise.
- b) Duration of Games – U7 games will be two Fifteen (15) minute halves with Five (5) minutes half time. U9 games will be two Twenty (20) minute halves with Five (5) minutes half time.
- c) **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.**
- d) Size of Teams – our field (and goalpost) sizes have been configured to conform to A.S.A. Guidelines. This means that the number of players allowed on the field at any one time for each team shall be:
 - U7 – 5 players per team (4 players plus 1 goalkeeper)
 - U9 – 7 players (6 players plus 1 goalkeeper)

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

- Win = 10 points (+ 1 additional point for a “shutout”)
- Tie = 6 points
- Loss by 1 goal = 4 points
- Loss by 2 goals = 3 points
- Loss by 3 goals = 2 points
- Loss by 4 goals = 1 point
- Loss by 5 or more goals = 0 points

NOTE: a “Bye” shall be considered as a 2-1 result – this means that the Team that shows up will be awarded 10 points for a Win; however, no points shall be awarded to the Team that does not show up.

Tie Breaking Procedure for teams tied on points shall be determined in the following order:

- 1) Result of game played between two teams
- 2) Lowest “Goals Against”
- 3) Goal Average (“Goals For” divided by “Goals Against”)
- 4) Shoot-Out (5 players each team)

f) 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be two Championship Games in each Age Category, as follows:

- Gold Medal Final – Winner receives Gold Medals, Loser receives Silver Medals
- Bronze Medal Final – Winner receives Bronze Medals

17. Mini-Soccer Tournament Game Rules: The following rules will be applied by Referees during game play:

- a) No Offsides.
- b) Kickoffs, Corner Kicks and Goal Kicks – goals **can** be scored directly from any of these kicks [but see also c) below].
- c) Free Kicks resulting from fouls – **all free kicks will be indirect.**
- d) Goal Kicks and Free Kicks - All opponents must be behind the **Retreat (Halfway) Line** when these kicks are taken and cannot move beyond the **Retreat (Halfway) Line** until a **2nd player from the team taking the kick touches the ball.** [**NOTE: this is a new Rule** as per ASA Directive issued in April 2017 applicable to Retreat Line for Mini Soccer]
- e) Teams shall throw the ball in after it leaves the field at the sidelines – referees should not unduly penalize teams for “wrongly-taken” throw-ins.
- f) **Goals can be scored from any position on the field** – this means that **attackers will not be penalized if they enter the goalkeeper area** (the goalkeeper area is a “box” 5 yards out from the goal line – it replaces the “old” semi-circle arc).
- g) **Goalkeepers can pick up the ball in their hands anywhere inside the goalkeeper area box** (the goalkeeper area “box” 5 yards out from the goal line).
- h) No penalty kicks shall be awarded – if a defender commits a foul **inside the goalkeeper area**, an Indirect Free Kick shall be taken from the spot where the offense occurred.

SPECIAL NOTE: Coaches should take special notice of the above Rules since these may be different from what their Team is accustomed to. In particular, **please note that goals can now be scored from both inside and outside the goalkeeper area** [see Rule 17. f) above].

18. Field Equipment: Corner flags will be provided by Millet Soccer. 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 Millet Soccer.

19. 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.

20. 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 use the seats / bleachers where provided or sit/stand on the opposite side of the field from the Team players.

Millet Soccer Association supports the goals of those organizations that have adopted a policy of “zero tolerance” toward game officials. The Tournament Committee shall appoint one person to act as 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.

21. Sanctioned by: Alberta Soccer Association

Millet Tournament Organizing Committee