



KESA Rovers Classic Tournament Rules

1. Eligibility

Eligible teams must be comprised of properly registered youth players affiliated with the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA), or the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) provided such teams entering, and its member association, is in good standing with the CSA or USSF and that the team is in compliance with and has not violated the rules of the CSA or USSF.

2. Rosters

Players shall be registered to, and may compete for, only one team during the tournament. Certain exceptions ([ie roster sharing](#)) may [be granted](#) with tournament organizer approval. A team roster, including names, jersey numbers and dates of birth must be submitted at the time of registration/check-in. Check-in must be completed 30 minutes prior to a team's first match.

There is a maximum of 2 overage players permitted on each roster, and these players may only be registered with approval of tournament organizers. A maximum of only 1 overage player may be permitted on the field of play at any given time. Any non-compliance with this rule will be subject to a yellow-card.

Tournament organizers reserve the right to combine divisional age groups within competition play to encourage friendly and fair play and to increase opportunities for participation.

3. Match Play Rules

Match play rules for U10-U13 age groups follow *BC Soccer Small Sided Rules* and *BC Soccer Small Sided Soccer Development Policy**

Match play rules for 14+ age groups follow IFAB Laws of the Game, except where modified below.

*BC Soccer Small Sided Rules include the following

- retreat line 1/3 of the field for U10-U13
- kick-ins utilized for U10 age groups; U11 age groups get second attempts for throw-ins
- no offside for U10 divisions



Match Formats

U10: 7v7 50 minutes

U11: 8v8 50 minutes

U12: 8v8 50 minutes

U13: 9v9 60 minutes

U14+ 11v11 60 minutes

Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions will be allowed in all divisions. No substitutions will be allowed for a player who has been ordered from the field for misconduct.

4. Tournament Format

U10 – U12 divisions will not track scores or standing and will play a festival/[jamboree](#) format. [No medals will be awarded.](#)

U13-U18 divisions will track scores and standings and award championship medals.

All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three matches.

Points

3 points will be awarded for a win.

1 point will be awarded for a tie.

Tie-breaking procedure for Standing Placement (U13+)

- Results of head to head competition
- Goal difference between goals scored for and goals against*
- Least number of goals allowed during all tournament matches.

*All scored games will utilize a mercy rule of a 5-goal differential during match play. Play will continue for the full-scheduled match time, but final scores of each match will not reflect more than a 5-goal differential. For example, if the final score of a match is 8-1, the final recorded score will be 6-1.

Tie-breaking procedure for semi-final and final games (U13+):



- Golden Goal – 5 minutes of overtime
- Penalty Kicks

5. Weather

KESA Rovers Classic follows *BC Soccer's Extreme Weather Guidelines*

(https://www.bcsoccer.net/media/3ylet34e/bc-soccer-extreme-weather-guidelines_24.pdf and

https://www.bcsoccer.net/media/w1jehamp/csa_lightning_safety.pdf) and *Air Quality Safety*

Guidelines ([https://www.bcsoccer.net/media/f55onmgp/air-quality-guideline-bc-soccer-](https://www.bcsoccer.net/media/f55onmgp/air-quality-guideline-bc-soccer-updated.pdf)

[updated.pdf](https://www.bcsoccer.net/media/f55onmgp/air-quality-guideline-bc-soccer-updated.pdf)). For all matches that must be delayed, discontinued, or canceled, due to air quality or extreme weather, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) If matches must be delayed, discontinued or canceled due to air quality, extreme weather, or other unforeseen event, final decisions with respect to play at each Tournament site will be made by Tournament chairs, in consultation with the Head Referee.
- 2) All decisions to stop play will be communicated via 3 blasts of a fog horn, and/or via the Tournament App. Team officials are responsible for monitoring the Tournament App and communicating decisions to their respective teams.
- 3) For all games that have completed a minimum of 20 minutes of match play prior to final discontinuation of match play, the final score will be the score recorded at the time match play was stopped.
- 4) For all games that did not commence, or that did not complete a minimum of 20 minutes of match play, tournament organizers reserve the right to have match results determined by any of the following procedures, as appropriate:
 - Shortened duration of final play
 - Penalty kicks
 - Coin Flip

6. Discipline

All match play discipline decisions will be determined by the match referee. If a player or team official receives two yellow cards in a single match, or three yellow cards in the tournament, they will receive an automatic 1-game suspension. All red cards receive an automatic 1-game suspension.

Any infractions with respect to rosters must be reported to tournament organizers immediately following conclusion of any match play, and final decisions will be determined by KESA Tournament Chairs in consultation with the Discipline Chair. All decisions are final and may



include, but not be limited to: suspension of players, suspension of team officials, points penalization or forfeiture of future play.

Please see KESA's *Discipline, Complaint and Appeal Policy* and *Discipline, Complaint and Appeal Procedure* for further procedures.

All players, team officials, parents, guardians, tournament participants and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with *BC Soccer's Conduct and Ethics Policy*. Any reported conduct in breach of this policy may be subject to immediate discipline in order to ensure the health and safety of all tournament participants.

7. Uniforms and Player Equipment

Jewelry is not allowed to be worn during match play. Taping of jewelry is not permitted. This includes but is not limited to: rings, earrings, bracelets or any other jewelry, regardless of material. Any player in violation of this will receive a yellow card.

Plaster casts are not permitted, regardless of whether they have been wrapped in bubble wrap or not.

All jerseys must be numbered.

If teams have similar coloured uniforms, the away team is responsible for changing uniforms in order to ensure teams do not play with similar coloured uniforms.