



2024 RED DEER WINTER CLASSICS INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Sanctioned by the Alberta Soccer Association)

The current "Rules of Indoor Soccer", as set out by the Alberta Soccer Association, with the following local rules will govern this tournament:

- Groups/divisions/tier placement and scheduling of the teams is at the discretion of the Tournament Organizers and will be largely based on home league standings as of January 12, 2024.
- Tournament Organizers reserve the right to change the schedule.
- Changes after the start of the tournament will be posted beside the tournament draw board. It is the team's responsibility to note any changes.
- **All final team rosters and guest player forms must be submitted to the Tournament Organizers by February 7, 2024. There will be NO changes to the roster accepted after February 14, 2024.**
- **All final games must be PLAYED in order to receive any payout.**
- All playing and non-playing personnel (coaches, etc.) must be included on the team roster. Be sure to include any players and/or team officials who may show up late and participate in the tournament.

Player Eligibility

- All players must be **over the age of 30 years at the start of the tournament** (eg. 30th birthday is on February 24, player is not eligible). No players under 30 are allowed.
- Players aged 30 to 39 cannot play in the over 40 division, unless they are grandfathered on the registered team. Each team in the Over 40 division is allowed a maximum of three (3) players between the ages of 35 and 39 to be grandfathered on their roster for the tournament. The grandfathered player **cannot** be a guest player from another team – they must be registered to the roster of the team entering the tournament for the current indoor season.
- Alberta Major Soccer League players are not eligible.
- The tournament will only allow registered players who are:
 - a. Registered through 1 of 23 Alberta Soccer's Regular Members for the current indoor season;
 - b. Approved by a registered Provincial, State or National Association to travel to Alberta; or
 - c. Have paid Alberta Soccer's temporary Registration fee direct to Alberta Soccer or through the Tournament Organizer.
- For the Over 30 divisions, unlimited guest players from any registered sanctioned team are allowed provided the guest player is 30 years old or older. For the Over 40 divisions, unlimited guest players from any registered sanctioned team provided the guest player is 40 years old or older.
- All guest players must be identified on the team roster when submitted with a "Guest Player Form".
- Teams with guests must submit a "Guest Player Form" with the roster; forms must be submitted with rosters and completed properly with appropriate signatures from guest players teams and district, if player does not play in the same district as your team.
- All players are required to provide proof of age to the Tournament Organizers, if asked. No proof, no play.
- Any team, which plays an underage player, will be suspended from the tournament immediately and all previous match results will be scored as a 1-0 loss.
- No player shall participate in the tournament that is under suspension from their home league (i.e. any player serving a suspension for a red card during home league play is ineligible).
- Rosters may not exceed 20 players.
- Player cards are required for all players and coaches. If there is an issue providing card, please contact the Tournament Organizers in advance of the tournament. Refs will be checking cards prior to each match, so please be prepared to share your cards in a timely manner.

Games

- Stop time will occur in the last minute minutes of each half unless there is a goal difference of four (4) or more.
- For **non-round robin** divisions, if a match is tied at the end of 50 minutes, kicks from the penalty spot will determine the winner (3 shooters from each team). Home team kicks first. *Game remains a tie for any groups playing in a round robin other than semi-final or final games.*
- A maximum of 18 players can be dressed for the match, one of which must be a goalkeeper.
- A team must have a minimum of four (4) players dressed to start the match at the scheduled time.
- All games are to start as scheduled (clock will be started). There will be a five(5) minute grace period for a team not prepared to start on time and the late team may be issued a two (2) minute time penalty for delay of game.
- For any groups playing a round robin, the tiebreakers are: 1) head to head result, 2) goals for, 3) goals against, 4) goal differential, 5) coin toss.

Uniforms

- If, at the referees discretion, team colours clash the home team must change uniforms.
- ABSOLUTELY NO jewelry is to be worn as per FIFA/CSA/ASA.
- Taping of jewelry will NOT be permitted.
- Bobby pins or other hair clips are NOT permitted.

Game Sheets

- All players participating in the match must be on the game sheet.
- A maximum of three (3) non-playing personnel may be on the bench during a match and they must be included on the game sheet. This includes (coaches, trainers, managers and injured or non-playing players).
- Personnel on the bench must be on the team roster or a forfeit may occur.
- No children are allowed on the bench (insurance purposes).

Discipline

- A Discipline Committee will be established should a hearing be required.
- The Discipline Committee's decision is final.
- A coach/manager may request a hearing within one hour of the completion of the match.
- The following discipline table will be a guideline, but not binding for sanctions regarding red cards:
 - ☐ Two (2) yellow cautions in a match: duration of match plus following match suspension
 - ☐ Three (3) yellow cautions in the tournament: following match suspension
 - ☐ Violent conduct: duration of tournament suspension
 - ☐ Serious foul play: duration of tournament suspension
 - ☐ Boarding: duration of tournament suspension
 - ☐ Offensive, insulting, abusive language/gesture: 1 game suspension
- The tournament Discipline Committee reserves the right to adjust sanctions accordingly at their discretion.
- All other red cards or misconduct reports will be dealt with by the Discipline Committee on a case by case basis.
- Any abuse directed or implied by a team official/player/fan, towards any game or tournament official, before, during or after a match will be suspended for the duration of the tournament.
- Any red card infraction or misconduct deemed serious enough will have details forwarded to the team/players district and to Alberta Soccer Association for further review and possible additional sanction.

Protests

- All referees decisions are final and cannot be protested.
- Protests of discipline must be submitted in writing, describing all relevant details to the Tournament Organizers.
- Protests must be made within 1 hour of the completion of the match in question.
- All protests must be accompanied with a \$50 fee.
- The fee will be returned if the protest is successful for the protesting team.
- A decision will be delivered within one (1) hour of the receipt of the protest.
- The Tournament Organizers' decisions will be final.

- The Tournament Organizers will take every effort to directly inform the parties involved of the result in the protest directly.