

# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Express Beach Soccer Fest

June 27-28, 2020 @ McGee Beach, Texas

Sponsored by Corpus Christi Parks Department

# **Express Soccer Club**

# 2020 Tournament Format

## <u>General</u>

The Express Soccer Club and its Board, the Tournament Committee, or any sponsors of the tournament shall not be responsible for expenses incurred by a team or club if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.

All decisions of the referee are final and binding. The Tournament reserves the right to decide on all matters relative to the tournament and all decisions are final.

# **NO PROTESTS ALLOWED!**

# **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE SIDELINES!**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee may reschedule a match, change division structure, reduce match duration or cancel a match. No refunds of team registration after June 1 for an accepted team(s) that withdraws and not after the Tournament starts. If the Tournament is cancelled prior to Friday, June 26, 2020, refunds will be "considered" after all Tournament expenses have been paid.

## **Registration**

All Under 8 aged teams shall be allowed a maximum of eight (8) players on their roster and are required to have a minimum of six (6). All Under 10 thru Under 14 teams shall be allowed a maximum of ten (10) players on their roster and are required to have a minimum of seven (7). Under 15 thru Under 19 and Adult Co-Ed shall be allowed a maximum roster of twelve (12) players on their roster and are required to have a minimum of seven (7). Co-Ed Divisions require a minimum of two female players on the court at all times.

#### Players MUST BE at least 17 years or older to be rostered to an Adult Co-Ed Team. Under 15 thru Under 19 Teams WILL BE Co-Ed. (recommend minimum of 3 female players)

Players must be listed on the roster at registration to be eligible to play; no additions are permitted for injuries, late arrivals, other commitments, etc. A signed waiver from every player must be submitted with the final roster at team check-in or they will not be considered a member of the team and will not participate in the tournament.

A player's age group is determined on his/her age on December 31, 2019 (i.e., if the player is 11 years old on December 31, 2019, then he/she would be eligible to play in the Under 12 age division or older). Adult Co-Ed is determined by average age of players.

#### FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE (online or postmarked) JUNE 1, 2020

#### Entry Fees & Awards:

#### Early Registration Discount of \$25 for U10 and above if received by May 1, 2020.

Late Fee of \$50 required, if Application is received after June 1, 2020. Only Online Payment OR Cashier's Check/Money Order Accepted (after Director Approval). No Refunds for an Accepted Team(s) after June 1, 2020.

> Under 8 Teams = \$250 per team / includes Participation Awards. Under 10 Teams = \$375 per team / w / advancement rounds. Under 11-Under 14 = \$425 per team w / advancement rounds Under 15 – Under 16 = \$525 per team w / advancement rounds Under 17-Under 19 = \$550 per team w / advancement rounds Adult Co-Ed Teams = \$550 per team w / advancement rounds

1st and 2nd Place Awards will be provided in Under 10 and older age divisions.

## Start of Play

Coaches shall ensure that all players are on scene (near the Court) a minimum of twenty (20) minutes before a scheduled match. A team which cannot field <u>three (3) players</u> at the scheduled start time shall forfeit the match. The team forfeiting shall be declared the loser by a score of three (3) goals to none (0).

Home Team will kick off at start of first period and Visiting Team will select an end. If no referee is present within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start time, the match will be rescheduled unless both teams agree to proceed. If the match proceeds, the score shall stand as played without protest.

#### <u>Equipment</u>

## ALL TEAMS MUST BE PREPARED TO HAVE ALTERNATE JERSEYS OR PENNIES

#### Authorized footwear includes bare feet, socks, and sand socks. Shin guards are optional; but must be covered if worn. NO CASTS ALLOWED and Knee Braces MUST BE covered!

#### Game Format

All Teams are guaranteed three (3) games. Under 8s will play 4v4 w/o a GK. Under 10s and older will play 5v5 with a GK. Under 8s and Under 10s will play three 8-minute periods with 2 minutes between each period. Under 11s- Under 14s will play three 10-minute periods with 2 minutes between each period. Under 15s and older will play three 12-minute periods with 2 minutes between each period. A coin toss will be performed prior to the third period to determine kick-off.

## Forfeits

Only the Tournament Committee may declare a forfeit if a team fails to field the minimum number of players as outlined for their age division at game time; or if the Coach plays an ineligible, suspended or unregistered player in a match and/ or falsifies a game report. A player whose name appears on the game report is considered to have participated in that match. Teams that forfeit a round robin game will not advance to quarter finals, semi-finals and/or final matches.

#### **Tournament Standings**

Bracket standings to determine quarter-finalist/semi-finalist/finalists will be based on the following:

$$WIN = 6 PTS \quad TIE = 3 PTS \quad LOSS = 0 PTS$$

One (1) point per goal scored up to a maximum of three (3) per game (win, tie, or lose) and one (1) point for a shutout. A 0-0 score counts as four (4) points for each team (3 for the tie and 1 for the shutout). Forfeits count as ten (10) points.

Total points ties will be resolved by the following tie-breakers, in order:

- 1. Head to Head of two teams (disregard if more than two teams tied);
- 2. Team with highest goal differential per match, up to three (3) goals, positive only;
- 3. Total goals scored;
- 4. Least goals allowed;
- 5. If still tied, both teams will proceed to an available court at Field Marshall's discretion and determine winner by penalty kicks (see format below).

#### Tournament Overtime

Ties in preliminary games will remain a tie.

For quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final matches, ties will be resolved in the following order:

- 1. One three (3) minute" golden goal" overtime in which the winner shall be the first team to score a goal.
- 2. Penalty Kicks Shootout. First round to consist of five (5) players from each team kicking. Any player may kick. If tied after first round, kicks shall be taken one by one. Players cannot repeat until all eligible players have kicked.