

Downtown Summer Cup 2019

Tournament Rules

Classification and Age Division:

Downtown Summer Cup at August 24th & 25th , 2019 . Open to all club and teams that are in good standing. is open to all eligible boys and girls U6 though U19 teams. The current Laws of the Game (as published by USYSA), will apply to this competition.

Schedules will be posted on the webpage on Wednesday or Thursday prior to the event and maybe subject to change, but the final schedule will be posted by the Friday morning. Once the schedule are posted a week before the tournament, NO REFNDs WILL BE GIVEN.

| Check In Details | |
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| Check In Location | SPORT CREEK DOWNTOWN HOUSTON |
| Date and Time | Saturday August 24th, 2019 One hour before a game |

All teams' representatives must provide the following upon Tournament Check-In:

1. Official Roster with uniform numbers (Signed by the coach)
2. Organization approval and laminated photo ID Cards for all roster players, including the Guest Players (number of Guest Players depends on age group).
3. Tournament Wavier Form (each Player)
4. Guest Player without ID Cards. Please present birth certificate and official school ID or Passport

| Age Group | Play Format | Roster Sizes | Guest Players | Game Day Roster Sizes |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| U5 - U6 | 4v4 | 8 | Unlimited | 8 |
| U7 - U8 | 4v4 | 8 | Unlimited | 8 |
| U9 - U10 | 7v7 | 12 | Unlimited | 12 |
| U11- U12 | 7v7 | 16 | Unlimited | 16 |
| U13-U20 | 9v9 | 18 | Unlimited | 18 |
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Team and Player Credential Check:

Each team must be able to present their validated roster and laminated photo ID Cards to either a Tournament Official or to the Referee before the start of the each match, if required. A player may play for only one team in the tournament, and must be listed on the approved roster. If a player plays in a game and may face further penalties, as determined by the tournament Director.

It is a violation for players to wear a hard cast, weather padded or not. Wearing a hard cast will not be permitted at any time.

Game Information:

It is guaranteed that all teams will play a minimum of three games. In the event of a match resulting in tie at the end of regulation time the ties will stand.

For championship games, ties at the end of regulation time will be broken by penalty kicks.

Game Times, Ball Size, and Number of Referees:

| Age Group | Ball Size | Regular Game Length | Final Game Length | Number of Referees |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| U5 - U6 | 3 | 2 X 15 Min | No Final | 1 |
| U7 - U8 | 3 | 2 X 15Min | No Final | 1 |
| U9 - U10 | 4 | 2 X 20 Min | 2 X 20 Min | 1 |
| U11-U12 | 4 | 2 X 20 Min | 2 X 25 Min | 1 |
| U13 - U20 | 5 | 2 X 25 Min | 2 X 25 Min | 1 |
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All teams are required to be present at the scheduled game field and ready for the pregame inspection by the referee at least 15 minutes before the schedule game time. Each team must be ready to play at the schedule time, or if there is a delay in the previous game, immediately after the game ends as determined by the referee. If not, the team is subject to forfeit the match.

Each team must present a game ball to the referee before the start of the game. The referee and captains will then select which ball will be used to play the game.

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Player Substitutions:

Free substitutions and re-entry are permitted in all ages.

Players may be substituted with the consent of the center referee at the following times:

1. Before a throw-in in your favor, or if the other team is making a substitute.
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team
3. After a goal is scored by either team
4. When the referee approves an injury substitution by one team, the other team may substitute an equal number of players
5. At halftime
6. At discretion of the referee.

No player shall enter or leave the playing field without the consent of the referee

Playing Conditions:

The home team is listed first or on top of the schedule. Both teams shall occupy the same side of the field, as identified by the Tournament Director or by the Site Coordinator. All games spectators, including parents and unrostered visitors for both teams, will occupy the opposite side of the field. No one is allowed to stand behind the goals. A coin toss to decide which team kicks off and/or picks sides first. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director or the Site Coordinator will determine if the game is played.

Once the game has started, the decision to continue or stop the game rests with the referee. If the game is cancelled, it is up to the coaches of the team to check with the Tournament Director for information on rescheduling the game. Games shall be considered complete in one half of the game has elapsed. The score at the stoppage time of play will be the final score of the match. If one half of the game has not elapsed and the game is stopped, the game will be rescheduled if it affects the outcome of the tournament and if the conditions permits, as determined by the Tournament Director.

Player Equipment:

- Shinguards – Required for all players (No Exceptions)
- Cast: No hard casts are permitted. Soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.
- No metal cleats will be permitted

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Uniforms :

As a convenience to both teams, it is recommended that the Home Team wear their white uniform and the visitors wear their “colored” Uniform. Should there be a conflict in uniform colors. The home team will be required to change uniforms. Each player’s uniform should have an easily identifiable number. The shirt number of each player must be same as the player’s shirt number on the daily match report or roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to tack part in the match until the numbers are the same. Teams without two sets of uniforms will be allowed to use “pennies” to ease team identification.

Schedules and Standings:

Schedules and standings will be available for the teams to see at:

www.houstoncitysocceracademy.com

THEY WILL BE FREQUENTLY UPDATED

Team Standing and Tie Breakers:

During the preliminary stage of the Tournament matches will not have overtime periods team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

| Scoring System | |
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| Win | 3 Points |
| Tie | 1 Points |
| Loss | 0 Points |

Each team total points from all first-round games will determine the placement of the teams in each bracket. The two teams earning the highest total points will face each other in the finals. There will be one champion team per bracket and per age group, with the exception of those teams in the U5 through U6 brackets. If a team forfeits a match, all points earned by the team will be dropped from the calculation of the final standings.

In the event that two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the qualifying games, the following tiebreakers shall be applied in order given until a winner is determined. Never revert back to the top of the list even after a team has been eliminated from the tiebreaker.

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| Ties in the standings will be resolved in the following order: | |
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| Qualifying Games (3 Game Minimum) | 1. Winner of head- to- head competition |
| | 2. Net goals (Goal difference) |
| | 3. Goals against |
| | 4. Most goals scored |
| | 5. Most total wins |
| | 6. FIFA Penalty Kicks |
| Championship Games | <u>For championship games, ties at the end of regulation time will be broken by penalty kicks.</u> |

Tournament officials will be responsible for collecting the match results, but each coach is responsible for verifying the posted scores prior to the team's next game.

Awards:

| Age Groups | Who will Receive? | Medals | Trophie |
|------------|---|--------|---------|
| U9 – U19 | 1 st Place Team | Yes | Yes |
| | 2 nd Place Team (All Players) | | |
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| U6 – U8 | 1 st Place & 2 nd Place | Yes | Yes |

For the U9 through U19 age groups only, the team in each bracket that advance to the age group final will receive a first place prize. All players on the First place team will receive an award. Awards will be presented immediately after the final game in the group.

Team and Spectator Discipline

An ejected player is ineligible for their next schedule game. An ejected coach or trainer is ineligible for the next schedule game, regardless of the team. A second read card to the same player, coach, or trainer will result in that person being expelled from the tournament. Any ejected player, coach, or trainer must report to the main tent immediately. Violations could result in further game suspension.

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In addition, any player or coach receiving a second caution in the tournament will be ineligible to participate in the next schedule game. All red cards will be reported to your State Association. The coach is responsible for the actions of verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated. Violations may result in termination of the game and further sanctions by the tournament director. Any individual that has been sent off must leave the field area within two minutes of the ejection, or the game could be terminated by the referee with further sanctions added by the tournament director. Any coach who removes his/her team from the field during a game will cause the match to be abandoned and further sanctions will be added by the Tournament Director. If any player refuses to give his or her correct name when requested by the referee or the Tournament Official, the referee will terminate the game and additional penalties could be imposed by the Tournament Director. Teams exhibiting poor sportsmanship will not be allowed to participate in subsequent Downtown Summer Cup 2019 . Physical confrontation (fighting) will not be tolerated. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on tournament ground is prohibited. If any team engages in any of the violations stated above, that team will be disqualified and may be subjected to further sanctions as determined by the Tournament Director.

Team Protest and Appeals:

Protests and appeals will be allowed only in the event a team is believed to have used ineligible players. No other protest will be considered. The Tournament Director must determine that the violation defined by the written protest directly affected the outcome of the game. All decisions made by the Tournament Director are final.

- Judgement calls by referees may not be appealed
- Disciplinary committee decisions may not be appealed. Decisions are final.

Rainout Policy:

In the event of a total rainout or the cancelation of the tournament due to an act of God prior to the first game of the tournament, a backup date has been established for your convenience.

| Tournament Rainout Location | Date |
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| SPORT CREEK DOWNTOWN HOUSTON | TBA |

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In case of a total rainout on both dates, the tournament will be canceled and will be refunded all but \$100 which will go towards administrative costs. In the event of a partial rainout, the game will be rescheduled if possible. First and second place teams will be based on the number of games completed. No registration fee refund will be given. A reimbursement will occur within 30 days of the completion of the tournament.

Matters No Provided For:

Any situation or question on the rules of competition not covered herein will be governed by USYSA Administrative Rules Book. Any matter not provided for in the Tournament Rules, USYSA rules shall be determine by the Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final. Tournament Directors reserve the right to revise these rules prior the team Check -In on the date stated above.