

Alaska Amateur Soccer Association Rules and Regulations for the Alaska Amateur Soccer Tournament 2007 (Rev 1)

The Alaska Amateur soccer Association (AASA) will hold a soccer tournament each year. This tournament will be called the Alaska Amateur State Soccer Tournament, although sponsor name recognition is available.

1. Eligibility

The Alaska State Amateur Soccer Tournament is open to the first 16 (16) teams per division, registered with the tournament Director. All teams and players must be USASA and AASA registered for the current playing season. Players may pay a guest fee of \$15 for this event, if they are not registered. Or, a team may register all non-members for \$25 each which will be applied to the next year's playing season. Each team must pay a \$350 entry fee.

2. Organization

The Tournament Director shall be appointed by the AASA President and approved by the AASA Board of Directors. The Tournament Director, working with the tournament committee, is responsible for the tournament organization.

3. Format

The choice of format will be determined annually, at the discretion of the tournament committee. Divisions may include, but not limited to, men's premier, men's open, men's A, men's B, men's recreational, women's premier, women's open, women's A, women's B, women's recreational, coed premier, coed open, coed A, coed B, and coed recreational

4. Rules of Competition

All games and competition shall be conducted subject to the "Laws of the Game" as published, or authorized by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) and those additional rules contained in this document.

A) Game Duration

All preliminary games played shall consist of two 35 minute halves, with a 5 minute halftime interval, or as set by the Tournament Director.

B) Players

- 1) Players must be registered with USSF and AASA
- 2) Players registered in one tournament division are not eligible to participate in any other tournament division, on the same weekend.

C) Eligibility Guidelines

The guidelines below are based on a player's highest level of participation in their respective leagues. These rules do not apply to goal keepers.

- 1) Recreational teams may not roster Premier or A league players.
- 2) Coed B teams may roster a maximum of 3 Premier and A league players combined (no more than 2 men).
- 3) Men's B teams may roster a maximum of 3 Premier and A league players combined.
- 4) Women's B teams may roster a maximum of 3 Premier and A league players combined.

D) Number of Players

Each team shall present a roster of up to 22 players maximum. The roster is due one week

before the tournament. Roster additions and deletions can be made up to one hour before the start of the team's first game.

E) Player Substitutions

- 1) Unlimited substitutions will be allowed for all divisions
- 2) Coaches must have substitutes ready prior to the stoppage in play

F) Player Equipment

- 1) All players on the field must be attired in matching uniforms to the satisfaction of the game official. A proper uniform consists of shoes, socks, shin guards, shorts and shirt. In case of a color conflict, the designated home team will change colors, or distinguish themselves otherwise. The designated home team shall be the first named on the game assignment list.
- 2) All players must have a number on the back of their shirt/jersey . It should be readily discernable from the touchlines and securely attached so as to not create a playing hazard.
- 3) No player shall be allowed to play with an injury that could be aggravated by playing or that constitutes a danger to themselves or others. No player wearing a hard cast, splint, or other orthopedic device shall be permitted to play. Knee braces, if sufficiently padded to the satisfaction of the referee, shall be allowed to play.

G) Scoring for Semi-Finals Seating

The winning team will receive 3 points.

For tie games, each team will receive 1 point.

H) Tie Breaking for Games

(Tournament Director may change the following depending on the tournament format selected, number of games, etc. Announcement will be made prior to the start of the tournament.

- 1) In **preliminary rounds of competition**, in the event of a tie at the end of regulation play, the tie will stand. Each team will receive one point in the standings.
- 2) In a **semi-final game**, in the event of a tie at the end of regulation play, teams will go directly to the FIFA recommended penalty kick format.
- 3) During a **championship game**, in the event of a tie game at the end of regulation play, there will be two ten minute overtime halves with a five minute halftime between them. If the game is still tied at the end of the two overtimes, the FIFA recommended penalty kick format will be used to determine the winner. In a tie game decided via penalty kicks, the winning team will have one point added to their game score as the final score.

I) Tie Breaking for Semi-Finals Standings

Ties in the standings will be resolved using the following:

- 1) Head-to-head winner (cannot be used if more than two teams are tied).
- 2) Greatest goal differential overall. (Maximum differential of four goals per game)
- 3) Fewest goals allowed overall.
- 4) Coin toss.

If more than two teams are tied, one tiebreaker must break the tie for all teams. (Example: Team A's differential is 6, Team B's differential is 6, & Team C's differential is 4. This goes to the next tiebreaker where Team A allowed 2, Team B allowed 3, and Team C allowed 1. In this case Team C receives the top ranking, Team A receives the second ranking, and Team B receives the third ranking among the three tied teams.)

J) Officiating

- 1) A minimum of 3 USSF-certified referee shall be appointed to officiate each game with the authority assigned to him as specified in the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA, and modified by USSF and AASA.
- 2) **The referee must return game rosters and scores to the tournament director after each game.**
- 3) In the event a referee does not show after accepting an assignment to officiate a game, said referee shall be penalized double the game fee. This penalty can be reviewed by the tournament director.

5. Additional Rules

- A) No player will be permitted to participate on two different teams or in more than one division during the same weekend. The underlying philosophy: **One player, one team.**
- B) The “club” concept cannot be used in this tournament.
- C) Players from teams not participating in the tournament may play with a team registered in the tournament. Names of guest players must be included on the roster.
- D) Participants are reminded there is a municipal ordinance prohibiting alcoholic beverages in Anchorage parks and at Alcantra Fields.
- E) No more than four players under the age of 18 will be allowed on any team, unless those players are normally on that adult league team. Youth teams that play in adult divisions during the summer leagues may participate in the tournament. However, those teams need to recognize that such participation may affect their youth state cup eligibility.

6. Scheduling of games

- A) The tournament director is responsible for scheduling all tournament games.
- B) If both teams have been properly notified, and one team fails to show up following a ten (10) minute grace period, the game will be forfeited in favor of the team that is present, with a score of 1-0. The tournament director shall consider extenuating circumstances.
- C) If both teams have been properly notified and both fail to show up, both teams will no longer be eligible for tournament participation. The tournament director shall consider extenuating circumstances.
- D) The tournament director will not entertain or uphold any protest based on a properly decided forfeiture.
- E) In the event of an “abandoned” or “terminated” game, the decision to replay or play-out the game, or let the current score stand, is at the discretion of the tournament director.
- F) Any team that voluntarily forgets or “no-shows” a game shall be eliminated from further participation in the tournament subject to review by the tournament director.

7. Responsibilities of Coaches/Managers

- A) It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper team/spectator conduct. Each coach/manager and team, club, or league official shall encourage team members to behave in an appropriate manner. At no time shall foul or abusive language be allowed on the field.
- B) Coaching from the touchlines, giving directions to one’s own team on points of strategy and position, is permitted providing:
 - 1) Neither mechanical nor electrical devices are used;
 - 2) The tone of voice is informative and not harangue;
 - 3) Each coach, player, or substitutes remains within the coaching area (Two yards from the touchline and 18 yards from the goal line)
 - 4) No coach, player, or substitute makes derogatory remarks or gestures towards referees, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators.
 - 5) No coach, player, or substitute uses profanities or obscenities.
 - 6) No coach, player, or substitute incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
- C) The penalty for violation of the above shall be ejection from the tournament. Further disciplinary action may be taken by the tournament director, following a hearing.

8. Perpetual trophies

- A) All perpetual trophies are the property of AASA. These trophies are held by the tournament winners for one year. The tournament winners will be responsible for the maintenance and proper care of the trophies. The AASA may demand a financial guarantee of bond from the team, club, or

- member league during the possession of the trophy, without being obligated to pay interest on the sum deposited. All perpetual trophies shall be returned promptly to the AASA in good condition by the date requested.
- B) Should a trophy be destroyed, or lost while in the custody of a team, the team shall refund the AASA the value of the trophy (stated on the trophy receipt form). In case of any trophy damage, the team shall bear the necessary repair cost in full.

9. Violations and Penalties

Any infraction, or violation of tournament rules may result in any of the following penalties:

- A) Ineligibility of a player, or team from tournament play
- B) Forfeiture of games.
- C) The return to the AASA of the trophy(s) or awards.
- D) Revocation of all titles and rights associated with participation in the tournament.

10. Misconduct

- A) If any player, or coach/manager has been cautioned, or ejected by the referee for violation of the “Laws of the Game”, the referee shall deliver a written report to include the offenders name, team name and jersey number, if applicable, to the Tournament Director immediately following the game.
- B) One ejection during the tournament play will result in a minimum one-game suspension during tournament play. Two ejections during tournament play will result in the suspension from further play in the event. If a player accumulates 3 (three) cautions at any time during tournament play, that player will be suspended from the next game. Any coach/manager, player, or other team participant must leave the tournament area, if suspended, or ejected.

11. Judicial

- A) The AASA Tournament Director and/or tournament committee will rule on all questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, the interpretation of the “law of the Game”, the Rules of the Competition, all misconduct reports, disputes, and protests. The decision of the Tournament director shall be final in all tournament competition matters.
- B) Any action against a player, coach/manager, or team by individual leagues, clubs, or associations that could cause a player, coach/manger, or team to sit out tournament game(s) will not be considered, unless the AASA is notified in writing two weeks prior to the tournament.

12. Protests

- A) All protests must be submitted to the AASA Tournament Director in writing, containing all the particulars concerning the protest, accompanied with a \$100 fee, within one hour of the end of the game in question. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. The monies must be payable to AASA. The Tournament Director is responsible for advising the opposing party of the protest and of the decision of the AASA judicial committee, regarding the protest.
- B) Matters relating to the lining, goal post/bar or other field conditions will not be considered grounds for protest, unless such objections are brought to the immediate attention of, and endorsed by, the game official prior to the start of the match and no remedial action could be taken.

13. Regarding women playing on men’s teams

Women shall only play on women’s teams. They will not be allowed to participate in a player capacity on men’s teams in any division. The Board feels that allowing exceptions to this rule would not be for the greater good of the game and this tournament. In turn we will not allow a male player to compete in the women’s division for the same reason.

**These rules may be modified on an annual basis upon approval of the
AASA Board.**

The Tournament Director's decision is final regarding these rules.