



# BRSC + DUNHAM HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF TOURNAMENT RULES

30 min halves.; NO Quarter-Finals or Semi-Finals; Maximum number of games played in a day will be 2.

## TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Four (4) Team Bracket: Each team plays in a round-robin format (3 games total). The team placed in 1st will be crowned Winner via points. NO FINAL.

Six (6) Team Bracket: Two groups of 3-teams. Each team will play two games with the other Group. The two teams with the most points will play in the Championship Game (both teams could come from the same Group). The remaining 4 teams will play consolation games (cross-bracket).

## DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

In-group play there will be no overtime periods. Standings will be determined as follows:  
10-Point System: 6-points for a win, 3-point for a tie, and 0-points for a loss. 1- point for every goal scored (maximum 3) and 1-point for a shutout.

In a Championship Game, teams who remain tied at the conclusion of the regular time will proceed directly to Penalty Kicks per High School rules. The referee's decision is final, there are strictly no protests allowed. The decision of the Tournament Director and Committee is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.

## FORFEITS

Forfeited Games: 3-goals for, 0-goals against.

- 10-points awarded in bracket play. 6-points for the win, 1-point for every goal (3- points), and 1-point for a shutout = 10-points.
- Any team that forfeits any bracket play game, cannot advance to the Final game, and their place will be awarded to the next highest-ranked team.
- A team that leaves the field of play prior to the completion of the game shall automatically forfeit that game to the opposing team. (After review of the circumstances, the Tournament Director will designate the score).
- If a Team forfeits due to a faulty schedule provided by the tournament, the Tournament Director has the right to reschedule the game at a time that is acceptable for both coaches. The forfeit will be nullified, and the game will be played as previously intended.
- The referee's decision is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.
- The decision of the Tournament Director and Committee is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.

## GRACE PERIODS

- Teams will be allowed a 5-minute grace period from the scheduled game time before awarding the game to the opposing team.
- (11v11 Games): a minimum of five (7) players are required for a team to begin play.
- The referee's decision is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.
- The decision of the Tournament Director and Committee is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.

# BRSC + DUNHAM HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF TOURNAMENT RULES (CONT.)

## TIE BREAKERS

In the event that teams are tied on the basis of points, the following tiebreakers will be considered in order, until the tie is broken: 1. Winner of head-to-head competition. (This criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied). 2. Most wins. 3. Team with the greatest net goal difference (NGD), which is computed as 'goals for' minus 'goals against' with a maximum of 3 NGD in each game. 4. Team with least goals against (there is NO limit on the number of goals that will be counted to determine this tiebreaker). 5. Team with the most goals (maximum of 3 goals in each game). 6. Kicks in accordance with High School rules "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark" 7. Coin toss. 8. If more than two (2) teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence above until the tie is broken. 9. If three (3) teams are still tied after computing the listed tiebreakers and Kicks from the Mark have to be taken, there will be a draw by the Tournament Director. The first team drawn will receive the bye. The next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of FIFA Kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in Kicks from the Mark to determine the winner. The bye team will be the home team.

## UNIFORMS

- Teams will wear uniforms of matching design and color, with numbers affixed to the back of the uniform jersey.
- The uniform jersey of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from the uniform jersey colors of both competing teams and referees.
- No two (2) players may have identical uniform numbers.
- In the event of similar team colors, the designated VISITING team (the SECOND team listed on the schedule) will be required to change to an alternate color and be accepted by the referee.

## PLAYER EQUIPMENT & SAFETY

- Shin guards are mandatory to participate in any game, with the sock fully covering the shin guard.
- No hard casts are permitted.
- All items including earrings, facial piercings, rings, watches, bracelets, neckless', chains, metal hair clips and any other items deemed dangerous by the referees are not permitted.

## CONDUCT OF PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS & SPECTATORS

- Team Parents/Guardians and/or Spectators must sit facing their team bench on the opposite sideline.
- Coach(es)/Officials are responsible for the conduct of their sideline. Misconduct from either team's sideline, will result in the Coach(es) receiving a warning or caution and if the misconduct persists a Coach(es) may be dismissed and the game being forfeited.
- A player who receives a red card by either receiving 2-yellow cards or a 1-straight red card must leave the field immediately and will serve an automatic 1-game suspension. This includes no sitting at the sideline or with their team until their suspension has been served.
- Depending on the severity of the misconduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension for up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate state or national associations.
- The Discipline Committee recommendations must be available to the affected parties no later than or prior to their next scheduled game.
- Abuse of Referees will not be tolerated, any referee that is subjected to abusive behavior by a player, coach(es), team officials, parents/guardians, or spectators have the authority to stop the game and a forfeit for the team in question will be served. Further action may be taken upon review of the Discipline Committee.
- The referee's decision is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.
- The decision of the Tournament Director and Committee is final, there are strictly no protests allowed.

# **BRSC + DUNHAM HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF TOURNAMENT RULES (CONT.)**

## **EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, HYDRATION BREAKS, ETC.**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. It may not be rescheduled, and refunds will be prorated based on the number of games played.

Lightning Delays: Upon the announcement from the PA Weather System, all players, coaches, managers, and patrons are required to leave the fields and:

Return to their vehicles until the all-clear.

When the announcement from the PA Weather System states the all-clear, games can continue at the tournament director's discretion.

If lightning delays continue, games will be pushed back allowing for time lost during the delays and integrity of the schedule remaining in place.

A second stoppage of the game will result in automatic termination. Terminated games shall be considered complete if one-half of the game has elapsed at which time the score at the stoppage of play shall be the final score.

**The Tournament Director's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.**