



★ General

- Tournaments hosted by the Harbor Soccer Club (HSC) will be sanctioned by the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) and will have a Tournament Director appointed by the HSC Board of Directors. Games will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except where noted.
- All Referees in these rules to the Tournament Director appointed by HSC mean either the Tournament Director or an appointed representative(s) of the Tournament Director.
- Questions and inquiries about the Harbor Cup Tournament Rules should be made to the Tournament Director, Brian Hallberg (206.235.7935)

★ Registration and Check-in

- Tournament Headquarters are at Sehmel Homestead Park, which is located at 10123 78th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332.
- Check-in: Teams must check in online before Friday. Failure to do so may result in a disqualification from the tournament without a refund.
- Requirements at Check-in: Each team must provide a roster signed by the club's Registrar. All players are required to have a medical waiver form signed by the player's parent or legal guardian. These should be available at every game.
- After check-in, each team will receive their tournament packet. Please read the material as it may contain schedule revisions.
- No roster changes will be allowed after the start of the first game.
- No player may compete for more than one team in the tournament (unless permission is given by the tournament director).

★ Player Age and Eligibility

- The tournament will be offered for the following age groups
 - U-9 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2017
 - U-10 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2016
 - U-11 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2015
 - U-12 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2014
 - U-13 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2013
 - U-14 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2012
 - U-15 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2011
 - U-16 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2010
 - U-17 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2009
 - U-19 Boys and girls born after 12/31/2008
- A maximum of 4 guest players shall be allowed. All guest players must be noted on the roster with an asterisk. (unless permission is given by the tournament director).

- Roster size including guest players shall be limited to 18 players for teams playing 11v11, 14 players for teams playing 9v9 and 12 players for those teams playing 7v7, (unless permission is given by the tournament director).

★ Format

- Age groups may be combined depending on the number of teams entered.
- Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games during the tournament, unless partially canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Two or more Divisions may be established within age groups due to the number of teams entered. The Tournament Director will create the divisions based on such criteria as (but not limited to) a team's fall league level and record, the overall balance of skill levels of teams entered in the age group and field availability,
- Divisions and brackets will be dependent upon entries. Standard tournament brackets will be applied based on the number of entries at each age. Brackets will be shown on the website prior to the tournament. The Tournament Director will try to communicate any changes or alterations prior to the tournament to all teams.
- The tournament will follow Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) format. U9/U10 (7v7); U11/U12 (9v9) and U13 and above (11v11).

★ Games

- All match scores will be reported to the tournament officials by the winning coach or home coach in the event of a tie
- Home team will choose a side, Away team will kick-off - no captains/coin-flip will occur.
- All prelim games will consist of:
 - 2x25 minute halves (U9 and U10) with a five minute half time
 - 2x30 minute halves (U11 and U12) with a five minute halftime
 - 2x30 minute halves (U13 and above) with a five minute half time.
- Scoring
 - Preliminary Round Games U9 7v7 and above
 - There is a maximum of 10 points awarded per game.
 - Preliminary games will be scored as follows:
 - 6 points for a win
 - 3 points for a tie. A 0-0 tie will be scored as 4 points for each team
 - 0 points for a loss
 - 1 point for a shut-out
 - 1 point for each goal scored. Maximum of 3 points per game.
 - 8 points awarded to a team when the opponent forfeits a game. Teams forfeiting a match may be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.
 - 1 point subtracted for each red card
 - 1 point subtracted for each coach or other official ejected.
- Tiebreakers: The following rules are used to determine advancement from the preliminary round to the next round when teams' point totals are equal:
 - Head-to-head competition
 - Most number of wins
 - Least number of total goals allowed= Best difference between total goals scored and goals allowed (max 3 per game)

- The team which posted the most opponent shut-outs
 - Penalty kicks from the mark
 - Final Games
 - Tiebreakers: Final games that are tied at the end of regulation will go directly to penalty kicks from the mark. No overtime periods will be held.
 - All games are final. NO protests will be accepted. Decisions on the field are final.

★ Playing Rules

- Responsibility
 - The referee shall have total control of their fields during their assigned matches.
 - Each coach will be personally responsible for the proper conduct of players, parents, guests and staff, as well as himself or herself. Abusive behavior toward referees, opponents or tournament staff will not be tolerated. Such misconduct and breaches of sportsmanship shall be turned over to the Tournament Disciplinary Committee for immediate action. Abusive behavior is grounds for immediate removal from the tournament facilities.
- Uniforms
 - Every team must have two sets of uniforms: dark and light jerseys. When the color of shirts is the same or very similar, the home team must change to an alternate color.
 - Home teams are asked to wear light jerseys. Away teams are asked to wear dark jerseys.
 - Each player will have an identifiable, unique number on his/her jersey.
- Game balls will be provided by the Harbor Cup Tournament.
- Substitution Rules per WYS rules.
- Any player wearing an orthopedic device must have it checked and approved by the tournament officials prior to their first game. Consent of the referee is required for participation in any tournament game. No protests of the referee's decision will be allowed. WYA allows soft casts at the discretion of the center referee.
- Small sided games (U9-U12) will have a build out line. Build out line is half-way between the top of the goal box and mid-way line. Once the ball has been touched from a goal kick as well as once the GK has dropped the ball from their hands in live play, the ball is live. The half line will serve as the offside line.
- No heading will be allowed for U12 and younger.

★ Disciplinary

- The Tournament Director and his/her designee shall adjudicate all disputes or abandoned games. The Tournament Director is empowered to issue appropriate penalties necessary to obtain compliance with the spirit and purpose of the tournament, including the disqualification of any offending player, coach or team from further participation. The Tournament Director may designate a Disciplinary Committee for this purpose.
- Any player receiving two yellow cards or one red card in a game will be sent off from that game. A red carded player or ejected coach must appear before the Disciplinary Chairman for a hearing within 3 hours after the end of the game that he/she received the card or ejection to determine the number of game suspension

- to serve. Unless determined otherwise by the Disciplinary Chairman, at a minimum, said player(s) or coach(es) will not take part in his/her next tournament game. The Disciplinary Chairman will base any decision on input from the game's center referee as well as the tournament Referee Assignor. Failure of a player or coach to report will mean the automatic suspension for any further tournament play or forfeiture of games participated in after the red card.
- All matters involving referee assault shall be referred immediately to WSYSA.
 - Disciplinary measures imposed by the tournament director or disciplinary committee will be limited to placing restrictions on an individual's participation in the Harbor Cup.
 - All disciplinary matters will be reported to the offending teams home state association and home club/league who will have responsibility for imposing any additional penalties within their jurisdictions as warranted.

★ Field Rules

- No pets are allowed at any of the tournament fields
- No alcoholic beverages of any kind or weapons are allowed on any of the fields involved in the Harbor Cup Tournament
- Each team is responsible for clearing its sidelines of debris after each game.
- Turf fields: Please, no food, drinks, or gum on the fields. Water only!
- Peninsula High School Stadium: Only players and coaches are allowed on the field.
- Gig Harbor High School: Only players and coaches are allowed on the sideline between fields 1 and 2. Parents are to remain on the opposite sidelines.
- Sehmel Full field turf: Only players and coaches are allowed on the back (team) side of the field, parents and spectators restricted to the side of the field with the bleachers.

★ Cancellation and Refund Policy:

- If the tournament is canceled in its entirety, registered teams will receive a full refund.
- If the tournament is partially canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstance, refunds, if any, to affected teams will be determined by Harbor Soccer Club, based on the circumstances and portion of the tournament canceled.

★ Tournament Director Authority:

- The tournament director is the final authority on the interpretation application and when necessary to ensure the best tournament experience for participants, the modification to these rules.