

**RIVER CITY JAMBOREE  
TOURNAMENT RULES**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Each team will play four games. All Tournament games will be scheduled for Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3, 2017. Every effort will be made to play the games on those days however it may be necessary to play games on Monday, September 4, 2017 due to inclement weather.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All Tournament games will be played under FIFA rules unless otherwise indicated in these instructions.

The tournament committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament. This includes, but is not limited to, rescheduling a match, duration of games, and cancellation of games. Neither River City nor any of its representatives will be responsible for expenses incurred by any team for any reason.

The tournament committee's interpretation of the rules and regulations shall be final. The tournament committee shall be comprised of the Tournament Director, the President of River City, the Games Scheduler/Referee Assignor and such other individuals the tournament director may appoint.

Coaches and players will be in the designated area for teams on the same side of the field; they are limited to a 10yard wide area 5 yards from midfield as the standard FIFA technical area. All spectators will be on the opposite side of the field, directly opposite their team; spectators may not be in an area opposite the penalty areas. Behavior of spectators remains the responsibility of the coach. The referees, field marshals and tournament officials are authorized to direct any spectator to leave, whose behavior in his or her sole discretion, is inappropriate or interferes with the game; if the spectator refuses, the game will be terminated and the team whose spectator refused to cooperate will forfeit the game. Coaches and/or team managers are responsible for the conduct of the players, supporters, fans, etc. at all times while on the tournament sites.

Each team should come with a first aid kit and is responsible for all medical care for its players. Each field marshal will have first aid kit, ice and is the contact for any emergency.

Severe misconduct will result in players or entire teams asked to leave the tournament without refund.

Please pick up after your team, particularly in the team areas, after every game; garbage receptacles are provided near all fields. Smoking, use of tobacco products and alcohol are prohibited at all tournament locations, meaning the fields, school and park grounds and parking areas.

Teams must be prepared to check with the field marshal prior to the game. Players will be checked for equipment/apparel. At the same time, team captains will meet with the field marshal for the coin toss; visiting team calls the toss and team winning the toss chooses which

side to defend. Home team selects which sideline half to use for its bench area during the game. Home team selects their jersey color; opposing team must choose a different jersey color. If there is a conflict, the away team will change jerseys.

#### **TEAM REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

An official state roster must be presented at registration (30 minutes prior to first game at field). A copy of the team roster will be kept by the tournament. There is a maximum of 15 rostered players for U9-U12 and 18 rostered players for U13-U15. There is no refund of money to those teams that drop out of the tournament.

Any team with mixed age players must play in the oldest applicable age bracket. It is a coach's responsibility to ensure that his / her team is entered in the correct age grouping. A girl may play on a team in a boys' flight but a boy may not play on a team in a girls' flight. Teams found to have an ineligible player will be disqualified from the tournament and any games played will be forfeited. Please be careful that you are placed correctly. A maximum of 5 guest players are permitted subject to the registration limits set forth (guest players should be written on roster)

#### **GAME DURATION**

7v7: 2 x 25 minute halves with a 5-minute half time  
9v9: 2 x 30 minute halves with a 5-minute half time  
11v11: 2 x 35 minute halves with a 5-minute half time

There will be no stoppage of time for injuries.

#### **GAME BALLS**

All tournament games will be played with a #4 Ball U9 thru U12 & #5 Ball U13 thru U14  
Game balls will be provided at the field.

#### **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

All players must have proper equipment including the wearing of shin guards. A player found on the field with illegal equipment or without required equipment will be sent off by the referee to correct the violation. The player will be permitted to re-enter the game at the next regular substitution, provided the illegal equipment is removed or required equipment is added.. Eye glasses and properly wrapped and/or padded casts will be permitted at the discretion of the referee. Alternatively, the team may present the player to the head referee for approval for all games, provided he same level of padding is used.

#### **DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS**

Every attempt will be made to complete the game schedule. Only the referee can stop play once a game has started. Games that are halted due to weather conditions will be resumed at the first opportunity. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the length of any game due to the weather or any other extenuating circumstances and to use Monday, September 5th as rain date.

In accordance with USYS regulations, if the entire tournament is cancelled prior to the start of play, registered teams will be refunded a minimum of 80% of their registration fees. If tournament is canceled after start of play due to mandatory field closures or other extreme weather conditions, no refunds will be given.

### **CAUTIONS (Yellow Cards)**

Any player / coach accumulating three (3) cautions will be dismissed from the tournament.

### **EJECTIONS (Red Cards)**

In keeping with FIFA rules, two (2) cautions to the same player or coach during a game constitute a red card and will result in an ejection. Any player / coach ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in their next scheduled tournament game and must report to the tournament officials who may impose additional penalties based upon the reason for the ejection. Referees submitting red cards will submit a USSF report for all Red Cards. These forms will be forwarded to the appropriate state association or team's league for imposition of further sanctions if the tournament deems it appropriate.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions should be up and ready at the halfway line. With the permission of the referee, substitutions will be unlimited before any goal kick, after a goal is scored, at half time, and for the team in possession during throw-ins. Team NOT in possession may substitute unlimited number of players at a throw-in IF the team in possession of the ball is also substituting AND provided the substitutes are up and ready at the halfway line. If a player is injured and is replaced on the playing field, the opposing team will be permitted to substitute one player.

### **PROTESTS**

No protests will be allowed unless the infraction involves the use of an ineligible player. The referee's decisions during the game will be final. All protests to be filed with the Tournament Director.

The River City Jamboree is a non-results oriented for all teams. We encourage teams to keep goal differentials to 6 or less each game. Standings and scores will not be posted.

### **FIELD ADDRESSES**

#### **7v7 Games**

##### ***Mary Snow School Field***

Physical Address: 435 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401

Field Address: Milford Street Extension off Essex Street.

#### **9v9 Games**

##### ***Reeds Brook Middle School***

28 Main Rd S # A, Hampden, ME 04444

#### **11v11 Games**

##### ***Dorothea Dix Field***

656 State St, Bangor, ME 04401

##### ***Hampden Academy Upper Field***

89 Western Avenue, Hampden, ME 04444

Enter Hampden Academy from Western Avenue

Park at track field and walk up to Upper Field