

R3 8v8 Women's Tournament FIFA Laws of the Game

The FIFA Laws of the Game apply to all the competitions with the following modifications.

Women Only

This is a women's tournament, only female players aged 18 or older at game time may compete.

Uniforms

1. When the uniforms colors of the two competing teams are determined similar by the referee, the home team shall change its color.
2. A clear visible number at least 8 inches in height must be worn on the back of each player's jersey. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the numbers of the other players on the same team.
3. Each Goalkeeper must wear a jersey with colors that distinguish them from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees
4. Shin guards are mandatory

Player Passes

Each player must present to the referee crew USASA current player pass issued from the team's respective Organization Member prior to entering a match. The pass shall include the player's name and photograph, DOB, expiration date, team name, and be tamper-proof and indicate the Organization Member that issued the pass.

Match Procedures

1. General Scheduling Matters
 - A. the Regional Competition dates for each competition will be set by the Regional Cup Committee.
 - B. Regional/National Organization Members may participate in Regional National Cups with the Regional Cup Committee's approval along with the following guidelines.
2. Match Modifications
 - A. Slide Tackling: There will be no slide tackling in 8v8 play. An indirect free kick will be award at the spot where the slide tackle offense occurred. Slide tackling is defined as a player making a play by sliding feet first in an attempt to take the ball from an opposing player.
 - B. Off Side Rule: there will be no offside in 8v8 play.
3. Field & Equipment Requirements
 - A. Field size shall be 60 X 80
 - B. Goal size shall be 6.5 x 18.5
 - C. Ball shall be a size 5
4. Length of Match
 - a. Each match shall be comprised of two 35-minute halves with a halftime interval not to exceed 10 minutes.
 - b. In matches where a winner must be determined, if tied after regulation, 10 minutes of extra time will be played in two 05-minute periods. If still tied, then the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark as prescribed by FIFA.

c. For competitions played in a tournament format, where unforeseen circumstances arise, the length of the match and procedure to determine a winner in cases where a match is tied and a winner needs to be determined may be modified. Such modifications shall be made by the regional cup committee at their sole discretion.

5. Substitutions

A. Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.

B. Substitution shall be allowed goal kick's, during own possession throw in's, injuries and at referee discretion.

6. Match Play Format for Tournament Competition

A. The regional cup shall determine competition groupings based on the number of entries received, the geographical distribution of teams, and the timeliness of applications received, as the priorities.

B. Each team will play the other teams in their designated group as scheduled.

C. The points for bracket standings are as follows: Total of 10 points - 6 points for the win, 3 points for a tie, 0 points for the loss, 1 point for a shut, 1 point for each goal scored up to three goals.

D. Forfeits will be scored as 6 points, in favor of the non-forfeiting team.

E. Tiebreakers – For all competition, the following tie breakers will be used, in this exact order; Head to Head, Goal Differential, most goals scored.

F. Group Tie Breakers – 1. Head to Head, 2. Greatest Goal Differential, 3. Most Goals Scored, 4. Kicks from the Mark (or coin toss if circumstance dictates)

G. Second Place Tie Breakers – 1. Most Points accumulated, 2. Greatest Goal Differential between teams, 3. Most Goals Scored, 4. Kicks from the Mark (or coin toss if circumstance dictates)

H. In the event that there is a Three-Way tie in the Group or for the Wildcard Position

1) Three Way Tie Breakers to determine placement- 1. Greatest Goal Differential, 2. Most Goals Scored, 3. Kicks from the Mark. Once the 3-way tie is reduced to two teams, the tie breaker returns to the beginning of the Three-Way Tie Breaker sequence.

2) If there needs to be a Three-Way "Kicks from the Mark" – 1. All three team's names will go into a hat, 2. First team drawn will receive the "by" and be considered the home team, 3. The next team drawn will kick in the first round of "Kicks from the Mark" and be considered the home team, 4. The remaining team will be considered the visitor and will call the coin toss, 5. Second and Third team will compete in "Kicks from the Mark", 6. Winner competes with First Draw

7. Match Not Completed in its Entirety

A. A match shall be considered a full game, once the second half has started.

B. A match terminated before completion of regulation shall be replayed in its entirety with the exception of the following two circumstances:

1) If the match is terminated clearly as the result of misconduct of one of the teams, its management and/or its followers, then the match shall be determined a forfeit by the offending team and awarded to the opposing team. Review and disposition of such a situation shall be conducted by the Regional Cup Committee for that competition.

2) If the match is terminated due to one of the teams no longer able to field the minimum required five (5) players to continue the match, then the match shall be determined a forfeit by the team that no longer could continue with the minimum required and awarded to the opposing team. b. For matches played in a tournament format where the match was terminated due to weather conditions or other extenuating circumstances that no longer allowed the match to be playable, the Regional Cup Committee shall determine the outcome for that competition and any scheduling changes.

8. Technical Area

Teams will be permitted to have no more than two team officials (coaches, assistant coaches and/or trainers) along with the players listed on the Match Day Roster in the team's technical area.

15 Player Dress Squad and 2 Team Officials only allowed.

9. Spectators/Supporters

Spectators/supporters must be seated on the opposite touchline from the team benches or designated seating areas in the stands. Spectators are not permitted on the field or technical area. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their supporters. If it is determined that a match is disrupted or terminated due to the conduct of a team's supporters, sanctions may include forfeiture of match, disqualification from future cup matches and a fine not to exceed the teams participation bond.

10. Match Officials

The Regional Cup Committee shall be responsible to assign all match officials and determine the amount of compensation for the officials for all Regional rounds.

Player & Team Official Discipline

1. Team officials (coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and others allowed to be in the technical area) are expected to behave in a responsible manner. A team official may be expelled from the field by the referee, in which case the team official must leave the technical and playing area of the field entirely and no longer participate directly or indirectly in the match. The dismissed team official will also be suspended from participating in the next scheduled match of the official's team. The Regional Cup Committee reserves the authority to impose further sanctions necessary to uphold the integrity of the game.

2. Player Suspensions

A. A player issued a red card, including as a result of being issued two (2) yellow cards in the same match, shall be suspended at minimum for one (1) game in that competition.

B. A player issued a red card for violent conduct due to fighting or striking another player shall be suspended a minimum of two matches.

C. A player issued a red card for violent conduct due to fighting or striking a game official shall be suspended a minimum of two matches.

D. A player may be expelled from the field by the referee, in which case the player must leave the field entirely and no longer participate directly or indirectly in the match. The player may be escorted to the administrative tent until the end of the match. The dismissed player will also be suspended from participating in the team's next scheduled match.

E. If the suspended player refuses to leave the technical and playing area of the field entirely, after notifying both team officials, and then the referee shall abandon the match. The match shall be awarded in favor of the opposing team.

F. the Regional Cup Committee shall review the circumstances concerning all red cards issued. If the Committee determines that the actions of the player warrants greater penalty than the minimum penalties imposed, then it reserves authority to impose further sanctions necessary to uphold the integrity of the game.

G. A suspension shall be served by the player at the next match of that competition. If the team has been eliminated from that competition, the player shall serve the suspension in the following season.

Withdrawal from the Competition

1. Any team withdrawing from the competition must give notice of its intention to withdraw to the Regional Cup Committee. Notice must be given 72 hours in advance of the schedule match and must state the reason for the withdrawal.

2. A team that has withdrawn from a competition is subject to losing its participation bond, removal from any other competition it has entered and participation from any competition in the following year. The Regional Cup Committee shall review the circumstances of the withdrawal and make a determination of any sanctions to be applied.

Disqualifications

A team found to be ineligible to participate in competition or is found to be using an ineligible player may be disqualified from the competition as determined by the Regional Cup Committee. Sanctions may also include loss of participation bond, removal from any other competition it has entered and participation from any competition in the following year.