

TOURNAMENT RULES – CHALLENGE BROSSARD 2018

1. Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee is responsible for the total organization of the Tournament. Its decisions, concerning the interpretation of its rules, are final.

2. Teams Categories

The maximum number of players who can **register and play in a team** is fifteen (15) for categories U-9 and U-10, and eighteen (18) for categories U-11 to U-18.

No player can register and play for more than one team during the tournament.

A boys team **may** have girls on its lineup, whatever the category. On the other hand, a girls team **may not** have boys on its lineup.

3. Eligibility of players

All players must be registered with their respective Federation or Association and, when registering, must possess a valid Passport*. For proof of eligibility, the Committee reserves the right to ask for a player's Passport* at any time during the tournament. It is possible to **modify** the Roster Sheet until **Team Registration Day**, on Friday August 3rd, 2018. After this date, the Roster cannot be modified.

A team may have up to **five (5) players from another club** that play in the same level of competition (A or AA) or lower on its lineup. Every player must respect the maximum age for the category in which their team is registered.

4. Eligibility of teams

All teams must be registered with their respective Federation or Association. Teams that are not part of the Association Régionale de Soccer de la Rive-Sud (ARSRS), on the south shore of Montreal, must possess a valid **travel permit** and present it at time of team registration.

5. Eligibility of coaches

A maximum of three (3) coaches and manager is allowed **on the bench**, and all of them must have a valid Passport* issued by his/her Federation or Association. Please note that all team officials must wear their **bracelet** to be allowed to sit at their team's bench.

6. Laws of the game

Categories **U-9 and U-10**: the FSQ rules of the **7-a-side** game are applied**

Categories **U-11 and U-12**: the ARSRS rules of the **9-a-side** game are applied**

Categories **U-13 to U-18**: the FIFA rules of the **11-a-side** game are applied**

** except when otherwise specified in the present tournament rules.

7. Referees

The Committee assigns all Referees. Their authority starts once they enter the field. In addition, for categories U-11 to U-18, there are Assistant Referees.

8. Substitutions

There are no limitations to the number of substitutions. They are permitted after having notified the Referee, and been authorized by the Referee, in the following situations:

- on a goal kick;
- after a goal is scored;
- at half-time;
- to replace an injured player;
- on **your own throw-in (EXCEPT during the last 5 minutes of the game in 9-a-side and 11-a-side soccer)**.

Please note that if one team makes a substitution, the other team is also allowed to at that time. The Referee may also give a water break following his/her judgement.

9. Ejections

Players (red card) and/or coaches who are ejected are automatically suspended for the following game and the Committee reserves the right to suspend them for additional games or the rest of the tournament.

10. Outfits

If, in the opinion of the referee, both teams are wearing similar coloured jerseys, the away team must wear a different colour, whether by changing jerseys or by wearing bibs. Teams must provide their own 2nd jersey. The goalkeeper must have clothing that sets him/her apart from the other players.

11. Soccer balls

The receiving team provides the game balls:

- For categories U-9 to U-13, # 4 size balls are used.
- For categories U-14 to U-18, # 5 size balls are used.

12. Games duration

U-8 to U-12: Two 25 minutes halves with a 5 minutes half-time

U-13 to U-18: Two 30 minutes halves with a 5 minutes half-time

In any given game, a six (6) goals difference automatically terminates it.

All teams must report at the playing field 30 minutes prior to the game. Moreover, a team that does not show up for a game could forfeit the game and even be disqualified from the tournament. All such incidents will be reported to the Organizing Committee whose decision will be final.

13. Minimum number of players on the field

Categories U-9 and U-10: 5

Categories U-11 and U-12: 6

Categories U-13 to U-18: 7

14. Protest

NO PROTEST IS ACCEPTED.

15. Qualification rounds

Qualification rounds are played as a Round Robin within the groups of a given category. If groups do not have the same number of teams, cross matches could be played.

Points are allocated based on the following:

Win:	three (3) points
Tie:	one (1) point
Loss:	zero (0) point
Forfeit:	minus one (-1) point

If **two (2) or more teams have the same number of points** at the end of the qualification rounds, the standing of these teams is determined in the following order:

1. The largest number of points when considering only the games between the teams in a tie
2. The largest goal differential when considering only the games between the teams in a tie
3. The largest goal differential in all games
4. The smallest number of goals against in all games
5. The largest number of goals scored in all games
6. Shoot-out (penalty kicks)

16. Playoffs

The qualification method depends on the number of groups in the category (see the category's schedule). For clarification, in a **three (3) groups category**, the team with the most points from each group and **THE BEST 2nd PLACE FROM ALL THE THREE (3) GROUPS** in terms of points are going to the semi-finals.

All playoff games must determine a winner.

In a **semi-final** game, when there is a tie, there is an immediate **shoot-out** (penalty kicks) according to the rules prescribed by FIFA.

In the case of a **final** game, there is two (2) overtime periods, of 5 minutes each. The game ends as soon as a goal is scored. Therefore, the rule of the **golden goal** applies. If, at the end of the overtime periods, a tie still persists, then the winner is determined by a **shoot-out** (penalty kicks), according to the rules prescribed by FIFA.

17. Miscellaneous

In any given game, the players on the bench must **remain seated** at all time. Any person present, whether playing or not, and disturbing in any way the game being played, will be excluded from the field of play by either the referee or any person responsible for the tournament.

Each team will be held responsible for the behaviour of their fans. The referee may **TERMINATE THE GAME** if fans, coaches, or players enter the field of play, without the referee's prior authorization. **The team at fault could forfeit the game and could be disqualified for the rest of the tournament.** The Tournament Organizing Committee reserves the right to expel any team whose behaviour is deemed unacceptable and/or unsportsmanlike.

18. Responsibility of the Organizing Committee, ARSRS and FSQ

The Organizing Committee, the ARSRS and the FSQ cannot, in any way, be held responsible for objects stolen or lost, or for injuries incurred during the tournament.

*A Passport (or License or Book) is an official soccer document with photo allowing to verify the name and the date of birth of a player or a coach.