



## SINGLE/DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Rules: All matches are played under Palatine Celtic Soccer Club House Rules of Play except as noted here.
2. Duration of games:
  - U-9- Two twenty minute halves
  - U-11- Two twenty-five minute halves
  - U-14- Two thirty minute halves
3. Substitution: Both teams may substitute players on ANY throw-in, goal kick or kick-off. This rule is intended to provide coaches with the maximum opportunities to ensure each player receives 50% playing time, a requirement of the tournament.
4. Each game will be played to confirm a winner. No games shall end in a tie/draw.
5. Tournament Elimination
  - Single Elimination Format: After a loss the team is eliminated from the tournament.
  - Double Elimination Format: After two losses the team is eliminated from the tournament with the following exception. In the double elimination format, the bracket is set up to identify the two teams that will play in the final. One team will have zero losses and the other will have one loss. The tournament final is a winner take all format. The team with one loss does not need to beat the team with zero losses twice to be tournament champion.
6. Overtime: In the event of a tie after regulation time in a **single elimination** tournament, the following will apply:
  - Teams will play two full five-minute overtime periods (no golden goal/sudden victory).
  - If the game is still tied, Kicks from the penalty spot will be undertaken. In the process, each team will designate five roster players that have played during the game (not limited to players on the field at the end of the game) to take alternate penalty kicks under FIFA procedures except as altered here.
  - If still tied, the remaining rostered players who played in the game will take alternate penalty kicks. Kicks will be taken in the same alternating fashion until one team outscores the other team.
  - Teams will not “reduce to equate”, as called for under FIFA rules, should the teams have different numbers of players for the game. The team with fewer players will have players chosen to shoot twice to equal the number on the opposing team via random draw.

7. Overtime: In the event of a tie after regulation time in a **double elimination** tournament, the following will apply:

- Teams will not play extra periods, the game shall remove directly to a shootout.
- In the shootout process, each team will designate five roster players that have played during the game (not limited to players on the field at the end of the game) to take alternate penalty kicks under FIFA procedures except as altered here.
- If still tied, the remaining rostered players who played in the game will take alternate penalty kicks. Kicks will be taken in the same alternating fashion until one team outscores the other team.
- Teams will not “reduce to equate”, as called for under FIFA rules, should the teams have different numbers of players for the game. The team with fewer players will have players chosen to shoot twice to equal the number on the opposing team via random draw.

6. Forfeits/Byes: In the event of a forfeit or bye, the winning team will move to the next round.

7. Protests: Protests will not be allowed. Referee decisions are final.

8. Yellow Cards: Any player accumulating three yellow cards will be disqualified from the next game of the tournament. Any coach or parent receiving three yellow cards will see their team removed from the tournament.

9. Red Cards: Any player who receives a red card will be disqualified for the remainder of that game as well as the next game. Any player accumulating two red cards will be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament. Any coach or parent receiving a red card will see their team removed from the tournament.

10. Official Scoring: Coaches should confirm the final result with the referee before leaving the field after each game and immediately submit a match report to their division director via the website, or text, for posting. Referees will submit their own evaluation of the score for comparison.

11. THE CELTIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES IS FINAL.