

Tournament Rules – 5-6 Division 2 8 Team Pool Play + Championship

1. Format

- **8 teams** are divided into **2 pools of 4 teams each** (Pool Purple & Pool Orange).
- **Group Stage (Pool Play):**
 - Each team plays every other team in their pool once.
 - 4 teams per pool = 6 matches in each pool (12 total group stage matches).
 - Each team plays **3 matches**.
- **Championship Game:**
 - The **1st place team from Pool Orange** plays the **1st place team from Purple** to determine the champion.

2. Match Rules

- FIFA Laws of the Game apply, except where modified by SSSL Rules
- No overtime or penalty shootouts in the group stage—matches may end in a draw.
- **Seeded games must have a winner:** If tied at the end of regulation → Penalty kicks (no extra time).

3. Points System (Group Stage)

- **Win = 3 points**
- **Draw = 1 point**
- **Loss = 0 points**

4. Tiebreakers (Group Stage Standings)

If two or more teams in a pool are tied on points:

1. **Head-to-head result** (between tied teams)
2. **Goal difference** (goals scored minus goals conceded)
3. **Goals scored**
4. **Fewest goals conceded**
5. **Coin toss**

5. Final Standings - Winner and Runner Up Determined by Final