

GEORGIA WOMEN'S SOCCER CLASSIC

2009 TOURNAMENT POLICIES

TEAM APPLICATION AND ADMISSION:

- Teams must submit a completed application along with a check or money order for \$350.00 (address is on the application).
- Applications and fees must be received by November 28, 2009.
- Teams can apply on-line at: www.georgiawomenssoccerclassic.com
- Teams must be from an affiliated state league
- Traveling teams (those outside of Georgia) MUST have properly documented Travel Papers to participate
- Tournament officials reserve the right to move teams from one division to another in order to complete or combine divisions.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to accept or deny any team entry AFTER the declared deadline has passed.

TEAM REGISTRATION:

- Teams will be expected to check in one hour before their first scheduled match at the Tournament Headquarters tent
- At check-in teams will be expected to have their completed and signed Roster/Release form
- At check-in teams will be expected to present player passes matching the completed Roster/Release form
- At check-in teams will be expected to present their Travel Papers (if necessary)

PLAYERS:

- Teams may use up to a maximum of 18 players during the course of the tournament
- Players not listed on the team Roster/Release form once it is checked in by a tournament official will not be permitted to play
- Players can only play on one team in the tournament
- Teams may have up to 3 guest players on their roster

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:

- Any player accumulating 3 cautions during the course of the tournament shall be suspended from play for the remainder of the tournament
- Any player ejected shall be suspended from play for the remainder of the tournament

GROUP STANDINGS:

Group standings will be determined as follows (maximum points=10):

- Win = 6 points
- Tie = 3 points
- Loss = 0 points
- 1 point will be awarded for each goal scored up to 3 per game
- 1 point will be awarded for a shutout

If a tie in standings exists, the following tie-breakers will be used:

- 1) Head to head competition
- 2) Goal differential
- 3) Least amount of goals allowed
- 4) Penalty kick shoot-out

If necessary, next highest points will determine the wild card winner, after group winners are determined. Each teams' coach/manager will be responsible in finding out play-off information at the Tournament Headquarters tent before leaving the fields after their group matches.

FORFEITS:

- A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present to play within 15 minutes of their scheduled match time. The score will be 3-0 with the winning team receiving 10 points

PROTESTS:

Protests regarding discretion of the referee shall not be entertained. Any other written protest must be accompanied by a \$50.00 (cash) fee, which must be turned in to the Tournament Headquarters tent within ONE HOUR following the conclusion of the match in question. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Teams must appear on the field of play, ready to play as scheduled REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only referees and/or the Tournament Director can cancel or postpone a match. Should a match's progress be terminated due to weather conditions after one half has been completed, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand. If the match is terminated before the end of the first half or postponed due to inclement weather and it cannot be rescheduled, the tournament committee will render a decision. It is stressed that the coach/manager checks in at the Tournament Headquarters tent before every match to make sure no changes have been made. If the championship match cannot be played due to inclement weather, total points accumulated in the group and semi-final matches will determine the winning team.

CONDUCT:

Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit and letter of the Law. Displays of temper, dissent or violations of HCPRD rules are cause for dismissal from the field area.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS:

- No smoking is allowed at the fields
- No artificial noisemakers are allowed at the fields
- No pets are allowed at the fields
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the fields

REFUNDS:

- Refunds will be made in their entirety to all teams not accepted.
- Once entries close, the entry fee is non-refundable.
- If your team withdraws prior to the entry deadline, your entry fee will be refunded, minus a \$100.00 administrative fee.
- If the number of teams entered is insufficient to form a bracket, entry fees received will be refunded in their entirety.
- There are no refunds once the tournament has started due to weather or Acts of God.

PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS:

Please check at the Tournament Headquarters tent if you have any further questions or comments.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR:

All matters not provided for shall be determined by the Tournament Committee whose decision is final