

GEORGIA WOMEN'S SOCCER CLASSIC

GAME (PLAYING) RULES

The tournament will abide by the laws of FIFA except for the following changes:

FIELD:

- Coaches should check-in at the Tournament Headquarters tent 30 minutes prior to each match to ensure no scheduling changes have occurred
- Teams must present a match roster (include player's numbers) prior to the start of the match
- Teams must fill out a match roster prior to every match
- Both teams will be required to be on the same side of the field during the match
- Spectators are required to be on the opposite side of the field from the team bench area
- No one will be allowed behind either end line

PLAYER PASSES:

- All teams must be prepared to produce player passes if requested by tournament officials

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

- Shin guards are mandatory and must be covered by socks
- When colors of jerseys are similar or identical, the designated home team shall change color
- All players must have uniform colored jerseys with discernable unique numbers on the shirts
- Back-up jerseys must have numbers
- Players will not be permitted to wear any type of cast. All braces must have the referee's approval at each match

BLOOD RULE:

- No player may enter the match with an open, un-covered wound
- A player must leave the field if she receives an injury that involves blood and may not re-enter the match until all bleeding has stopped and no blood, dried or otherwise, is visible
- Any player who has blood on the uniform must leave the match and change into a clean uniform before returning to the match
- Players changing uniforms must notify the referee of their number change before participating in play

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Either team may have unlimited substitutions:

- During a goal kick
- After a goal is scored
- When in possession of a throw-in
- Between playing periods
- A team may also substitute for injured players; the opposing team may make the same number of substitutions

MATCH DURATION:

- The duration of all matches shall consist of two 35-minute halves, with a 5-minute half time
- To ensure the safety of all players, referees may allow a water break near the 17-minute mark of each half, if a heat advisory is in effect. The referee's clock will continue to run during this break
- All play-off matches must have a winner. If the score is tied at the end of regulation in a play-off match, two 10-minute overtime periods will be played
- If the match is still tied after the overtime periods, penalty kicks will determine the winner
- For the purpose of the Final matches, the two 10-minute overtimes and PK's to determine a winner will apply

MATCH TERMINATION:

A match is considered official if one half has been completed. However, should a match be terminated for any reason other than inclement weather or poor field conditions, the official Tournament Committee will review the referee's report and any other information available in order to render a decision.

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS:

Please check with 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