



## **Beantown Cup**

### **Rules and Regulations**

Games will be governed according to the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

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#### **Balls**

U10 and U12 will use Junior Match Balls (Size 3), while all older divisions - U14, U16, U18 will play with Senior Match Balls (Size 4). The specifications of the balls will be determined by our Sponsor/provider.

#### **Game Duration**

All age groups play two halves of 22 minutes and a 3 minute break period for half time. These will be running clock except for extreme injuries/extreme situations when the clock will stop.

Every team has the right to ask for one timeout per half time. The timeout will last 1 minute.

#### **Competition Structure**

The tournament structure will be an initial group phase (unless age category has fewer than 4 teams). Each team will play every other team in the group.

After the group stage there MAY be a knockout phase, starting at the semi-finals or finals stage. The knockout phase will have up to four level of competitions: Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper (depending on number of teams in the category).

The final group standings will determine which teams will make up each division. For example, in a category with 16 teams, the first team in each of the four groups will go to the Gold Division Semi-Finals, the second team in each group to the Silver Semi-Finals and so on. Teams must wait until the schedule is released in order to know their specific bracket.

### **Tie-breaker structure**

The final group positions will be decided in the order of points, head to head record, goals difference, goals scored, goals against, coin toss. This will apply across groups when necessary to determine final knock-out matches.

### **Ties in knockout stages**

If, at the end of normal time, the scores are tied between two teams in the knockout rounds then the game will be decided by Penalty Shootout - with Best of 3 penalties from the 6m spot (or free throw line on basketball court), followed by sudden death penalties if scores are still tied

### **Pre-Match Check In**

All teams **must check in minimum of 30 minutes** before their match kick-off time, which is to ensure games start on schedule for everyone's convenience. Teams failing to check in or arriving late for their games risk having their game forfeited and the points being awarded to the other team.

### **Roster**

A match day squad can consist of up to 14 players. **Strictly NO players older than the age parameters are permitted to play.** Any teams found to be using "overage" players risk disqualification from the tournament without appealing for compensation or refund.

### **Staff**

Every staff member should be rostered in order to be allowed on the bench. No exceptions.

**ONLY THE HEAD COACH IS ALLOWED TO BE STANDING AND GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS/HER PLAYERS DURING THE MATCH;**

In case the head coach is expelled from the game and court area, only the assistant coach can take his/her place, stand and conduct the team.

All players substitutes **MUST** be seated during the match and **MUST** wear bibs. They are **ONLY** allowed to be standing at the warm up area - area between the substitutes bench and the corner of the court.

### **Uniforms**

The team listed first on the fixture schedule (home team) will wear its home colors and its opponent will wear its away colors or colors that do not clash with the home team. It will be at the discretions of the referees to request teams to wear a different color in case of a clash.

### **Dress code**

All staff members that are assigned to the matches are obligated to wear the club's uniform for staff with the team's shield/logo/brand or the uniform provided by the sponsor. The colors **MUST NOT** clash with your team's home or away player's uniforms. All players **MUST** wear the same uniforms except from the goalkeeper whose uniform colors **MUST NOT** clash with his/her team's uniforms or his/her opponent's uniforms. All players **MUST** wear shin guards at all time during his/ her match time and the shin guards **MUST BE** covered by his/her team's soccer socks.

### **Automatic Suspension**

A player receiving a direct red card or two yellow cards in the same game will face an automatic **minimum** 1 match suspension.

The tournament committee has the authority to apply additional sanctions for any other disciplinary issues referred to it by the referees.

### **Tournament Committee**

The tournament committee will have the final decision on any disputes or disciplinary matters and reserve the right to sanction any team which could include disqualification from the competition without a right to receive any financial compensation.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS**

### **Coaches and Staff**

Responsible for your team's registration and to provide the tournament's organization all requested documents, pictures and data BEFORE the stipulated deadline.

Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.

Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee.

During the game you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him or her to calm down.

During the game you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behaviors in a preseason meeting as well as reinforce it during a game if necessary.

Your players and staff can only be in the game area when it is your time to warm up and play.

You are responsible for your schedule and match hours, be punctual.

Conduct your game watching your language and posture. Foment sportsmanship and individual and team performances.

Take to all your matches both home (first), away (second) uniforms and bibs in case of clash colors.

You are responsible for your team during ALL THE TOURNAMENT, including during the stay at the hotel.

Attend to all meetings that can be requested by the Board of Directors of the Tournament.

Communicate to the Tournament Staff any personal, technical or collective difficulty, so we can help you in the best way.

Care and ensure compliance with these rules, to maintain discipline, responsible work and the enthusiasm of the team.

### **Players**

Respect and take care of the Tournament facilities.

Respect the courts' area during other matches, it is not allowed to stay INSIDE the courts if it is not your court time.

Control your reactions, language and behavior during the entire Tournament. Use respectful manners to encourage other players.

During the matches, do not insult, scream or treat with disrespect the referees, players, staff members or public.

### **Supporters**

Control your reactions, language and behavior during the entire Tournament. Use respectful manners to encourage players and team members.

During the matches, do not insult, scream or treat with disrespect the referees, players, staff members or public.

Inappropriate language has no place in a youth game and will result in immediate expulsion from the facilities.

### **SANCTIONS**

#### **Minor**

- 1- Private warning.
- 2- Written warning to be addressed to the Board of Directors of the Tournament.

- Lack of punctuality.
- Forget the game bibs. Unsportsmanlike behavior.

#### **Serious**

1. Suspension from a match or a period during the Tournament, according to the decisions of the Board of Directors.

- To not show up for a game.
- Abandonment during the match.
- A sanctioned player participates in a match. Violent behavior.
- 3 "minor" sanctions equals 1 "serious".

Any other infraction not listed in this document will be judged by the Board of Directors of the Tournament which will sanction the final decision about the infraction.

If you are participating in the Beantown Cup, we, the Board of Directors and Organizers of the tournament, understand that you have read and agreed with all the rules and sanctions to be applied in case needed.

Thank you for your participation!