



Safa & Marwa Islamic School

مدرسة الصفا والمروة الإسلامية

SAM Soccer Tournament 2017 Rules and Regulations

1. **AGES:** Competitors must meet the following age requirements:
 - SECONDARY (Grades 9 to 12) born in 1999 or later,
 - SENIOR (Grade 7 and 8) born in 2003 or later, and
 - JUNIOR (Grades 6 and under) born in 2005 or later.

Team lists must be submitted with every child's birthdate. Students may play in older divisions, however, players can only play on one team.

2. **EVENTS:** There will be competition for a SAM Soccer Tournament secondary boys, secondary girls, senior boys, senior girls, junior boys and junior girls champion.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Junior teams may dress 14 players maximum and 5 players minimum. Secondary and Senior teams may dress 18 players maximum and 7 players minimum. Teams may not bring more than the maximum number of players. Teams that do not have the minimum number of players will forfeit the game. All players must appear on the game sheet. Players must be current students in good standing and good health. Injured students will not be allowed to play.
4. **ENTRIES:** Each school may enter up to two teams per division.
5. **RULE BOOK:** F.I.F.A. Rule Book rules will apply, unless otherwise specified.
6. **OFFICIALS:** A referee and two linesmen will be assigned to each game.
7. **UNIFORMS:** All players must wear school team jerseys with visible numbers on the back. All players must wear shin guards. Injured students wearing casts or braces will not be allowed to play. No hats are allowed.
8. **AWARDS:** For each division there will be:
 - a. Gold Trophy for the 1st Place team, gold medals for each member of the team.
 - b. Silver Trophy for the 2nd Place team, silver medals for each member of the team.
 - c. Bronze medals for each member of the 3rd Place team.

9. GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- a. Secondary and Senior teams will play 11 vs 11 format, including goalie. Junior teams will play 7 vs 7 format, including goalie.
- b. All games will consist of two 10-minute halves, with 5 minutes rest between halves.
- c. All Divisions will play in a Round Robin Format. 3 points are awarded for a win and 1 point for a tie. At the conclusion of the regular games, teams will be ranked according to points. Game point differentials will be considered in case of team ranking ties.

10. **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:** If a playoff, semi-final or final game is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will advance to penalty kicks. Each team will select five (5) players from those on the field at the conclusion of the game. These five (5) players shall take penalty kicks alternately. The team who wins the coin toss chooses who will kick first. The winner will be the team scoring the most penalty kicks. If still tied, the remaining players shall take penalty kicks, one from each team alternately, the winner being the team that is ahead after any pair of penalty kicks. Again, the winner of the coin toss will choose who will kick first.

11. **SCHEDULING:** Boys Secondary, Senior and Junior Division games will play on Monday, May 15, 2017. Girls Secondary, Senior and Junior Division games will play on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Schedules will be forwarded closer to the event.

12. **WEATHER:** Games will be played in all weather conditions, except in case of thunder and/or lightning. In some cases of heavy rain, the venue officials may deem the fields unplayable and games will be cancelled.

13. ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Team lists must be submitted by **Wednesday, May 10, 2017**. Team lists must include each player's name, birthdate and School Grade currently enrolled in. All teams must be accompanied by a designated coach.
- b) Senior Division will play with ball size #5, and Junior Division will play with ball size #4.

14. DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- i) A player who receives a red card or 2 yellow cards is removed from the game.
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 1. A player who accumulates his/her third yellow card of the tournament in a game must sit out the following game.
 2. A player who receives a red card or 2 yellow cards in a game must sit out the following game.
 3. Cards given for the following reasons will not result in an additional game disqualification: illegal substitution; delay of game; fails to provide required distance, handling the ball.

- iii) If a player receives a game suspension for receiving 2 yellow cards in a game, or for accumulation of 3 yellow cards, he/she will receive a suspension for the remainder of the tournament for accumulating 3 additional yellow cards.
- iv) Any player who receives a yellow card must immediately be substituted (“Cooling Off Period”). He/she can return to the game on the next stoppage of play.

15. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Player substitutions will only be permitted after a goal, before a goal kick or before a team’s own throw-in. However, if a team chooses to substitute before their own throw-in, the other team may also substitute at this time.

16. RULES OF PLAY:

Our first priority is safety.

Referees: Referees will enforce all rules of play. The Referee is ALWAYS right. Any communication with the Referee must be done through the coach/captain.

Start of game: Teams must be ready to play on time on the field. Teams that are late may forfeit the game, and the win will be awarded to the other team. The Convenor will make the final call. Kick-off is taken at field centre and is determined by a coin toss. The ball must move forward to start the half. Each player must be in his/her half of the field and at least ten yards away from the ball.

Player Equipment: Soccer cleats are required. Shin guards must be worn with long soccer socks to cover the shin guards. No jewellery will be allowed. Girls must wear a one-piece hijab and no pins may be used. Goalies must wear goalie gloves for the safety and protection of all players. No gum, candy or any other item may be in the mouth of the players.

Goalkeeper: Harassment of goalkeepers is not allowed. Opposing players must move away from the goalie once he/she has taken possession of the ball. The opposing players may not play the ball until it has left the penalty area. The six-second rule still applies.

Fouls and Misconduct: If a foul is committed and to stop play would give an advantage to the offending team, the referee may continue play by calling ADVANTAGE. Fouls/misconduct are called for pushing, holding, slide tackles, handballs, charging or tripping and will result in a free kick. The Referee will determine fouls and misconduct. If a referee has to do a drop ball, the play resumes when the ball hits the ground.

Throw-In: When the complete ball passes over a sideline, either on the ground or in the air, it shall be thrown in from the point where it crossed the line. It can be thrown in any direction by a player of the team opposite to that of the player who last touched it. The

thrower at the moment of delivering the ball must be: facing the field of play, touching the ground with both feet outside the field of play, and delivering the ball from behind and over the head using both hands. The Referee will enforce this rule based on his/her discretion.

Free Kicks: An indirect free kick is signaled by a raised hand, which remains raised until the kick is taken. A goal may not be scored on an indirect free kick until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. Players can score directly from a direct free kick, penalty or a kick-off.

Penalty Kicks: Only Senior Teams will play with Penalty Kicks. Penalty kicks are awarded to the attacking team when a player commits a foul in their own penalty area. The penalty kick is taken twelve yards out from the goal.

Goal Kicks: When the complete ball crosses over the goal-line, outside of the goal (through the air or on the ground) and was last touched by a player from the attacking team, it shall be kicked into play by the defending team inside the goal area. The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has left the penalty area and been touched by another player on either team.

Corner Kick: A corner kick is awarded to the attacking team when the defending team kicks the ball over their own goal line. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

Ball In and Out of Play: The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the goal-line or side-line, either on the ground or in the air, or when play has been stopped by the Referee. The ball is in play at all times, except as listed above, and including: rebounds off of a goalpost, corner flag, Referee, or Coach, on all throw-ins, goal kicks, or free kicks when the action is taken.

Handball: When there is deliberate handling of the ball, carrying, propelling or striking the ball with the hands or arms.

Second Touch: A player putting a ball into play cannot touch the ball again until it has been touched or played by another player. Violations will result in a free kick for the opposing team.

Method of scoring: A goal is scored when the ball completely crosses the goal line into the goal.

Offside: Only Senior Teams will be playing with offside rules. Offside is when an attacking team member does not possess the ball and is nearer to the opponent's goal-line than the ball and the second-last opponent.