

Central Queens Clipper Soccer Club Tournament Rules

1. ROSTERS:

All players must be a member of a registered club and must be listed on game sheet of first game played. The roster listed for the first game will be considered the official team roster for the remainder of the tournament. **NO ADDITIONAL PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER AFTER THE FIRST GAME.**

Teams are asked to provide five (1.5" X 3") stickers for use on game sheets to the tournament committee at the time of registration.

Players may play for only one team during the tournament. Violation of this rule will mean the expulsion of the player and a \$50 fine for a team that knowingly allows a player who is registered with another team to play.

The number of players that can be carried and or dressed for each game is 20 for Premier, and 25 for First.

2. TRAVEL PERMITS

Out of province teams must obtain travel permits and are asked to fax these to the Central Queens Clippers at 902-964-2692 prior to the start of the tournament.

3. RULES:

Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) rules are followed, except where overridden by these tournament rules. Tournament games are scheduled using a round robin format and played on regulation sized fields and goals. Players without shin guards and appropriate cleats will not be allowed on the playing fields. Play will be eleven a side for all Divisions.

Referees will be checking for jewelry, hair appliances, hard casts and other articles which may cause injury. Please remove these items before game time. Players wearing hard casts will not be permitted to play.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS:

Unlimited for duration of games at the referee's discretion. Substitutions will occur at center and the entering player players will not enter the field until the exiting player has left. Referees will be issuing cautions for wasting time on substitutions.

5. FORMAT:

Age Category	under 12	under 14	under 16
Ball Size	4	5	5
Duration of Play	30-min. halves	35-min. halves	35-min. halves
Overtime (crossover)	2 * 5 min, Golden Goal	2 * 5 min, Golden Goal	2 * 5 min, Golden Goal
Overtime (final)	2 * 10 min Golden Goal	2 * 10 min Golden Goal	2 * 10 min Golden Goal
If Still Tied	5 player shootout followed by sudden death if undecided after 5.	5 player shootout followed by sudden death if undecided after 5.	5 player shootout followed by sudden death if undecided after 5.

6. Readiness To Play

All teams should be at the field and ready to play 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. A team official will check in with the registration desk or field monitor at least 30 minutes prior to the start of a scheduled game indicating the team is present.

Every attempt will be made to have matches start on time. Officials will wait only 10 minutes for the arrival of a late team. Teams who are not at the assigned field 10 minutes after the scheduled start time will suffer a 3-0 loss. The team in attendance will be awarded a 3-0 win. If both teams fail to appear no points will be awarded.

7. SCORING:

Win - 3 points Tie - 1 points No overtime in Round Robin games

Crossover over and final games, if teams are tied at the end of regulation play, a maximum two sudden death overtime periods will be played. If teams are still tied the winner will be determined by penalty kicks taken from the penalty spot, in accordance with CSA rules.

The maximum goal differential for any round robin game will be 5 (five)

8. STANDINGS

Final standings will be determined by total points from games in the round robin.

Crossover or semi-final games will be populated as follows:

- If 2 Pools in a Division – the two pool winners plus the two teams with the next highest points total from the remaining teams.

- If 3 Pools in a Division – the three pool winners plus the team with the highest point total from the remaining teams.

9. TIE BREAKING FORMULA:

1. Head to head competition result between teams
2. Goal differential (maximum goal differential for any single game is 5)
3. Least goals against
4. Least points based on cards (Yellow - 1, Red - 3)
5. Penalty Kick Shoot Out (5 player) If still tied after this sudden death using different shooters.

10. CAUTIONS/EJECTIONS:

- I. **ONE RED** card will mean a one game suspension and an ejection from the game.
- II. **TWO YELLOW** cards will mean an ejection and a one game.
- III. **TWO RED** cards or **FOUR YELLOW** cards will mean a Tournament suspension
- IV. A red card for violent conduct will be cause for ejection from the tournament. **THESE RED CARDS WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER DISCIPLINE.**

This is a sanctioned tournament. All card fouls will be tracked and sent to the respective provincial associations. As a sanctioned tournament cards issued will carry over into league play

11. VERBAL ABUSE –ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Central Queens Clippers Soccer Club will not tolerate any type of abuse from players, coaches or spectators, either verbal or physical that is directed toward officials, players or coaching staff. Instances may result on ejection from the match and/or tournament upon decision of referees or tournament committee members.

12. STATS:

Game results will be available on the club website <http://centralqueenssoccer.pe.ca/> . Results will be updated periodically throughout the day and at the end of each day but not after every game. Results will also be kept at the clubhouse in Hunter River. The phone number for the club house is 964-2692. Team officials should be the only people calling this

number for results. Field monitors at venues other than the Central Queens Complex will not have stats or results available.

13. AWARDS:

There shall be award presentations following each Championship game of the Tournament.

14. OFFICIALS

Certified referees will be used for every game.

Linesmen are only guaranteed for Championship games. Every attempt will be made to have linesmen for all crossover or semi final games as well however this is not guaranteed. If there are not enough linesmen for crossover games the priority will be to do the older divisions first then the lower (Priority is U-16 followed by U-14 followed by U-12). No lines will be done for round robin games.

15. COACHES

All coaches are asked to remain within the perimeter of their bench area. Coaching from outside of the immediate area of the bench or from the sidelines will not be permitted. All coaching staff are to be identified in registration materials. Communication of team issues with Tournament Officials or Volunteers must be done by a team official.

16. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A disciplinary committee is will be established, consisting of the three members of the Tournament Committee, and will deal with any situations brought before the tournament organizers. **Protests, including those involving a Referee's decision, will not be entertained.**

17. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Matches will proceed rain or shine. No game will proceed if there is lightening in the area. The 30/30 rule will apply.

- Games will be stopped by the referee if lightening is spotted in the area and thunder is heard within a 30 second count
- Games will not be restarted until 30 minutes after the last lightening is observed or the last thunder heard.

A match will be considered official if, at anytime into the second half, a match is terminated due to weather. **Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and teams must be at the field and ready to play at least 30 minutes before**

scheduled game. Only the Referee and/or the Tournament Committee may cancel or postpone a match. Referees or Tournament Directors will not consider commencing or continuing a match if a lightning storm exists. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten round robin and crossover games if inclement weather results in the tournament schedule becoming disrupted. An extreme disruption of the schedule might result in a team having to play up to 3 shortened games in a single day. If a Championship match cannot be completed, total points accumulated will determine the winning team.

17. SHORTENED MATCHES

Should a match be terminated for any reason other than lightning or inclement weather, the official Tournament Committee will review the referee's report and any other pertinent information in order to render a decision

18 FACILITY RULES

Please note that no dogs are permitted at any of the soccer facilities during the tournament.

The Central Queens Soccer Club wishes to promote healthy lifestyles so we ask you to refrain from smoking while at the soccer facilities. Please note that by Eastern School Board rules smoking is not permitted on any school property. This includes the soccer fields at Bluefield High School. Ask us. We can direct you to designated smoking areas.

Visitors to our soccer facilities are asked to respect all parking and driving rules either posted or stated. Please consult the parking rules for the Central Queens Soccer Facility to become familiar with them before arriving at the facility.