



2023 Spring Fling Small Side Tournament

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Skiatook Sports Complex



Tournament Rules

The 2023 Spring Fling small side tournament is geared to be a fun, fast-paced competition for recreational players.

Tournament Location and Complex Rules

- Tournament Location - SSC recreational tournaments are held at the Skiatook Sports Complex, located at 3020 W 133rd St N, Skiatook, OK.
- Tournament Headquarters – The Tournament Headquarters (HQ) is located at the Check In tent near the concession stand. HQ is the location of all tournament operations including team check-in, field marshal check-in, scoring, award presentations, and lost and found.
- Complex Facilities – Free parking is provided in designated areas only. No roadside parking is allowed. Restroom facilities and concession stand and a covered pavilion are also available at the complex.

Standard of Conduct

- All visitors to the Skiatook Sports Complex are expected to maintain a high standard of conduct, keeping in mind they are a guest in a public area with children present. The use of foul, abusive, or threatening language will not be tolerated. Should it come to the attention of tournament officials any person, persons, or team has conducted themselves inappropriately, the Tournament Director reserves the right to take remedial action, which may include a deduction of team points, forfeiture of a game, expulsion of the person, persons, or team from the tournament, or banning of a team or club from future SSC tournament events.

Team Eligibility Criteria

- This SSC recreational tournament is open to all boys and girls recreational teams in the U6-U16 age groups. No select, competitive or tournament teams will be accepted.
- Teams may be made up of players of proper age for the registered age group only. Teams will be required to register, and play, in the age group for which they registered. Teams may request to play up one age group. Play up requests will be evaluated by tournament officials with the final decision to grant such requests falling to the Tournament Director. Playing down will not be allowed.
- Age verification must be provided at check-in for each player.
- Players may not play for more than 1 team during the tournament.

Groups and Game Format

The following team and game formats will be used for this tournament:

Age Group	Format	Roster Max	Ball Size	Offside	Game Time	Awards
U6 coed	4v4	8 (No GK)	3	No	(2) 10 minute halves	All

U8	4v4	8 (No GK)	3	No	(2) 12 minute halves	1 st , 2 nd
U10	5v5	10 (With GK)	4	No	(2) 15 minute halves	1 st , 2 nd
U12	6v6	12 (With GK)	4	No	(2) 20 minute halves	1 st , 2 nd
U14 - U16	7v7	14 (With GK)	4	No	(2) 20 minute halves	1 st , 2 nd

*Tournament Director reserves the right to combine groups where necessary to create brackets.

Tournament Rules and Policies

- Teams are required to check-in at Tournament Headquarters at least 45 minutes prior to the start of their first scheduled match.
- The following documentation must be provided at check-in to the Tournament Committee for their review:
 - Age Verification - Birth certificates must be provided for each player to verify correct age group placement. These will not be retained by tournament staff, only checked against the provided roster.
 - Medical Release Waivers - A copy of each player's medical release form/waiver, signed by the player's parent or guardian must be presented and kept on hand by the coach or manager throughout the tournament. Medical Release forms do not need to be notarized.

Game Schedules

- Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of three (3) games. Scheduler will attempt to avoid conflicting games for coaches who identify that they are coaching multiple teams. Schedules are published as early as possible to allow coaches time to review for conflicts, but due to the complexity of scheduling, there is no guarantee that all conflicts can be resolved. Coaches are encouraged to have a registered assistant coach present at the tournament. Specific scheduling requests may be submitted but are not guaranteed to be honored.

Inclement Weather and Playing Conditions

- Teams will be expected to play regardless of weather conditions. The Tournament Director will determine if playing conditions warrant the postponement or cancellation of any scheduled games. The Tournament Director has the authority to modify any and all tournament rules in order to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully. Referees shall retain the right to decide if safe playing conditions exist.
- If lightning is detected, all games will be suspended and all players, officials, and spectators will be required to leave the fields and take shelter, preferably in their personal vehicle. If possible, games will resume once lightning has cleared the area.
- In the event games are rescheduled due to weather, it is the responsibility of the team's coach or manager to check with Tournament Headquarters for reschedule information on the same day as the match is suspended.
- In the event the tournament is cancelled, either in whole or part, the Skiatook Soccer Club is not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team. However, a portion of the entry fee may be refunded after any outstanding tournament expenses are deducted.

Uniforms and Player Equipment

- All members of the same team must wear jerseys of the same color, with the exception of the goalkeeper who will wear a different color to distinguish them from both teams and the

referees. Team shorts should all match and be of the same color. Team socks, and any applied tape or covering, must also match and be of the same color.

- In the event that both teams show up wearing the same or similar color jersey, it is the responsibility of the home team to change to an alternate color jersey.
- All players are required to wear shin guards with socks completely covering the shin guards.
- No player shall wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players, including but not limited to rings, earrings, watches, necklaces, etc

Rules of Play

All standard US Soccer laws will be followed with the exceptions noted below:

- U10-U16:
 - No offside will be called.
 - GK must play out by throw or pass. No punting allowed. If an infraction occurs, an indirect free kick will be awarded for violation at the spot of the foul.
 - All free kicks awarded are indirect.

Substitutions

- Substitutions shall be allowed at any stoppage during the game. Each coach may substitute as many players as desired during the stoppage. Substitutions may also be permitted as follows:
 - At half time.
 - To replace any player for health or injury reasons.
 - To allow a player who has left the game due to a minor injury to return to the game, as soon as possible, replacing the same player who replaced him/her.

Awards

- Player medals will be awarded as follows:
 - All U6 players will receive participation medals after their final game. There are no 'finals' for these age groups. Play will be round-robin style.
 - Top two (2) teams in all other age groups will receive awards for 1st and 2nd place. Pool play will be on Saturday, April 15. Finals may be played on either April 15, or April 16, depending on the number of registered teams. This is subject to change based upon the number of registered teams.