



Tournament Rules & Information

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Tournament date: June 12, 2021 (8am –8pm)
2. Tournament website: www.brandonpaladyfoundation.org
3. This is a friendly tournament with no advancement to semi-final or final games. All games will be played on Saturday.
4. Entry fee: \$125.00 per team (ONLINE ONLY)
5. Referee fees will be \$5.00 per game per team, will be paid by tournament officials, and are included in the team fee.
6. Open to anyone U6 – adult and will include recreational, PAL/Competitive, men, women and coed brackets. 2021 high school graduates may play in the high school brackets or the open bracket or both. To play in the over 30 bracket you must have turned 30 years of age on or before June 12, 2021. To play in the over 40 bracket you must have turned 40 years of age on or before June 12, 2021.
7. Rosters are limited to 8 players. Roster-waiver should be turned in at check-in Friday, June 11, from 5-8pm at Rally Sportswear if not turned in before.
8. All rostered players will receive a tournament t-shirt as part of their team fee. T-shirt sizes must be submitted by June 1 (registration deadline) to allow time for printing. Teams will not be given t-shirts until their waiver has been turned in.
9. Teams will be grouped into divisions according to age and gender. **If feasible**, teams will also be placed in divisions according to ability. The division in which a team is placed will be based upon the age of the oldest player.
10. Number of games: 3 unless the scheduled games are reduced or shortened, due to rain or unforeseen circumstances.
11. Games will be played on small sided fields.
12. Tournament is a fundraising event to raise money for the Brandon Palady Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to Midlothian ISD seniors each year. Tournament is hosted by the Brandon Palady Foundation in cooperation with the MHS and MHHS Soccer Programs and Midlothian Soccer Association.
13. Due to the number of teams participating, we are UNABLE to schedule around conflicts. If you are playing indoor, please ask the facility for a bye on Saturday. If you coach more than one team, please make arrangements for another coach in the event of a scheduling conflict between two or more teams. Be prepared to play anytime between 8am-8pm.
14. Deadline to register is Tuesday, June 1. Space is limited. Brackets will fill up quickly, and team acceptance is not guaranteed. Accepted team list should be posted by Wednesday, June 2, with schedules tentatively posted by Monday, June 7th. It is up to the responsibility of the coach or team rep to check schedules on the website often for any last minute schedule changes.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

The Brandon Palady Foundation reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather:

- Relocate and/or reschedule a match
- Reduce scheduled duration of a match
- Change division structure
- Cancel any or all matches

GENERAL RULES:

All players must wear a jersey or shirt of the same color. **Numbers are preferred and should match team roster.** SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY FOR YOUTH TEAMS. In the event of a color conflict, HOME team must change. The home team is listed first on the schedule. A player may not play on more than one team in the same bracket.

Games will have two 12-minute halves with a two-minute halftime. All games will be played with an age appropriate ball. U6-U8 (size 3), U10-U12 (size 4), U13 through adult (size 5). Teams will provide their own game balls.

Adult coed teams will play with two men and two women on the field. Teams receive 2 points for each woman's goal. If only one woman is present, then that team will play a player short. A team may choose to play with one man and three women for part/all of the game. Coed teams must have at least one woman on the field in order to play.

Substitutions are allowed at any stoppage of play AND with the permission of the referee.

The VISITOR team shall have possession at the kick-off at the start of the game. The HOME team shall have possession at the kick-off after half time. HOME team is listed first on the schedule.

Kick-ins will be utilized instead of throw-ins. A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in or kick off. **All scoring must be made from the scoring team's offensive half of the field.** All free kicks are considered indirect.

No player is allowed to play the ball inside the goal box area at any time. All scoring or defensive plays must be made from outside the goal box. If an offensive player enters the goal box area and plays the ball, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. **If a defensive player enters the goal box area and plays the ball, a goal is awarded to the offensive team. Defensive players may cross the goal box area or place a foot inside the area; but if he/she plays the ball or is touched by the ball, a goal will be awarded to the offensive team. (Exception – goal box area rule does not apply to the U5/U6 bracket)**

SLIDE TACKLING IS NOT ALLOWED.

Any severe violation of FIFA Fair Play including, but not limited to, foul/abusive language, persistent dissent and/or fighting will be cause for expulsion (at the discretion of the tournament directors) from the tournament and complex for the duration of the event. This applies to players, coaches, and spectators. Yellow/Red cards will be handed out per FIFA rules. Two yellow cards issued to the same player in the tournament will result in suspension for the following game.

Ultimately, each participant of The Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Friendly Tournament needs to remember this is an event created to honor the memory of a young man who was passionate about soccer. It is used entirely to generate funds for a scholarship program that helps other young people with a passion for soccer continue their education. It is organized and staffed by volunteers, who deserve the respect and admiration of all the participants. Without their generous donation of time and effort, this friendly competition would not be possible.