



2025 Pearl City Soccer Club Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament Rules

Laws of the Game:

- Play will be governed by FIFA laws of the game unless defined otherwise below
- U9-U11 TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC RULES
 - No Punting allowed
 - DROP-OFF RULE – To encourage playing out of the back and player development, teams will need to drop off to the designated line as indicated below,
 - during opposing team goal kicks or punts
 - U8-10s - Teams must drop off to the mid-field line
 - U11s – Teams must drop off to the top of the center circle
 - Goalie can play sooner before the drop off if they choose
- Offsides will apply u9-u15 but not at u8
- There will be no headers allowed in the boys and girls age groups U8-U11
- Forfeits/Grace Period
 - U8 A minimum of 3 players constitutes a team.
 - U9 – U12s A minimum of five players constitutes a team.
 - U13 and above, a minimum of seven players constitutes a team.
 - A (5) five-minute grace period shall be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time. If at the end of the 5-minute grace period the team does not the required players, the referee shall suspend the game and the game will be posted as 5 to 0 score

Points and Tie Breakers

- Games in group play will be scored as follows:
 - 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.
- Tiebreakers will be as follows:

- Head-To-Head Competition,
- Goal Differential (goals scored minus goals allowed)
- Total goals allowed
- Most Shutouts
- Coin toss.

REFUNDS

There are no refunds, UNLESS games are not played due to weather. In the event matches are canceled by the Pearl City Soccer Club Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament Director and/or the City of Muscatine, the refund policy shall be as follows:

- 65% - No games played;
- 30% - 1 game played;
- 0% - 2 games played
- No other refunds will apply.

FORMAT

Age Group	Format	Game Length	Ball Size	Max Roster
U8s	4vs4	4 x 8 minutes	3	7
U9-u10	7vs7	2-25 minutes	4	14
U11-u12	9vs9	2-25 minutes	4	16
U13+	11vs11	2-30 minutes	5	18

Overtime in Championship Matches

- In event of a tie, each team will designate 5 players to take alternate penalty kicks, with the best of the 5 winners.
- If there is still a tie, alternate penalty kicks will be taken until a winner is decided.
- A different player must take each kick and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.

Awards

- U8-u10 will play in a festival format; there will be no Championship
- U11-u15; player awards will be given to the Champion in the age group

Weather Delays/Cancellations

- In the event of inclement weather, game durations may be modified, rescheduled, or canceled. Should a game need to be delayed or stopped for any reasons, weather included, the game will be considered a full match if the match completed the first half. The final score will be reported as the actual score at the time of the stoppage.

Substitutions

- Unlimited at all age groups
- At ANY stoppage at the discretion and consent of the referee

Equipment/Uniforms

- The Away team (team listed 2nd) is responsible of changing colors in the event that both teams have similar colors
- All players must wear shin guards and any player equipment is subject to referee approval

Red Cards

- A player or coach will be suspended for a minimum of 1 game. The suspension may be increased depending on the severity of the incident, at the discretion of the Referee and the Tournament Director.

Teams/Players

- Player cards will be verified via email. Teams using illegal players will forfeit and games in which an unregistered player participated.
- After check-in/registration, teams may not alter their rosters or make additions/subtractions at any time.
- All players must be properly registered with US CLUB SOCCER, USYSA and/or an approved US Soccer affiliate.
- A player may be dual-rostered, as long they are not competing in the same age group or playing down into a younger age group. All Dual Roster player requests must be pre-authorized by the Cinco de Mayo Classic Tournament Director.

If any situation occurs that is not covered in the laws of the game or in the rules specified, the Tournament Director will have the right to make the decision in the best interests of the event. For more information, please email pearlcitysoccerclub@gmail.com

