# RULES & REGULATIONS

## Bath Fall Classic

**Eligibility:** Separate male and female divisions are available in each of the following categories,

\*\*please note if you have one or more males on your roster, you will be a male team\*\*.

 Under - 15 7th and 8th Graders or younger

 Under - 12 5th and 6th Graders or younger

 Under - 10 3rd and 4th Graders or younger

 Under - 08 1st and 2nd Graders or younger

**Rosters:** 21 players maximum per team for U-15 and U-12, 15 player maximum for U-10, 12 player maximum for U-08 (unless prior authorization is given by tournament director). Players may not participate on more than one team. All rosters must be verified by a league official, or accompanied by copies of player’s birth certificates.

**Awards:** Each division’s champion and finalist will receive individual awards, which will be presented as soon as “official” results are in after their respective championship match at the Bath Varsity Field for U-15 and U-12; or at the main tent for U-10 and U-08.

**Ball Size:** All Game Balls will be provided by the Home Team (listed First). U-15 will use a size 5, U-12, U-10, and U-8 will use a size 4.

**Equipment:** The USSF shin guard rule will apply. Referees will have the final say on players wearing a cast; Casts not protected will not be allowed.

**Clothing:** Participants may wear clothing under their team uniform. The home team (listed first on the schedule) is required to wear a uniform color that will not conflict with their opponent. Pennies over jerseys will be acceptable.

**Match Format:** U-15 and U-12 will play 11v11 and games will consist of 2 – 30 minute halves, championship game 2 - 35 minute halves. U-10 will play 9v9 and games will consist of 2 – 25 minute halves, championship 2 - 30 minute halves. U-08 will play 7v7 with a goalie and games will consist of 2 – 20 minute halves, championship 2 - 25 minute halves. Each team will play most if not all teams in their division.

Preliminary or “pool play” games will end after regulation and ties will be allowed. Championship games will not be permitted to end in a tie. If the teams are tied after regulation a 10 minute overtime period will be played in full no golden goal (2 – 5 minute halves with a 2 minute halftime). If still tied after the overtime period penalty kicks will be taken according to FIFA rules to determine the game winner.

**Scoring:** The World Cup scoring format will be used throughout this tournament.

 3 Points for a win – 1 Point for a tie – 0 Points for a loss

In the event of a points tie in the preliminary standings the following tiebreakers will prevail to advance teams to the Championship Games:

* Results of the head to head match (not used if 3 or more teams are tied)
* Highest total net score, as determined by the aggregate of goal spread per match (maximum of 6 goals per match)
* Least number of goals allowed
* Total number of goals scored

**Failure to Participate:** Teams failing to start or complete a match will result in forfeiture, and the score and points awarded for the standings will be adjusted so teams involved are treated fairly. Teams failing to start or complete a match for any reason will not be eligible to participate in next year’s Fall Classic.

**Laws of the Match:** International rules (FIFA/USSF) will apply in the Fall Classic with the following exceptions:

* Substitutions may be made as follows
	+ Before a throw in
	+ Before any goal kick
	+ After any goal scored
	+ At halftime
	+ In case of injury both teams may substitute freely, this promotes efficient use of the game stoppage and sportsmanship,
	+ On a Yellow card ( to replace the cautioned player)
* All substitutes must report the halfway line and enter the field of play during a stoppage in the match upon the referee’s acknowledgement.
* During play, both teams will be benched on the same side of the field, opposite the spectators. Teams and coaches are required to stay in their designated technical area
* All players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the law, as well as the letter of the law. Ejection from any match will carry a one match suspension for that player or coach, If a coach or spectator is asked to leave by the referee, and the individual refused to do so, the match will be declares a forfeit immediately.
* The Tournament Directors interruptions of the rules outlined, and decisions based from these rules for the Bath Fall Classic will be final. Protests on rule interpretation will no longer be accepted.

**Entry Fee:** A $200.00 entry fee will be charged per team. The entry fee must accompany each application and is non-refundable.

**Notes:** The Bath Fall Classic Directors reserves the right to limit the number of teams competing. If your team is denied entry, your check will be mailed back to you. Early registration is advised.

Thank you for participating in the Bath Fall Classic. Any further questions or comments can be directed to the Tournament Directors: Mark and Crystal Braun.