

# Coastal FC Winter Classic

## 2019 Rules

### U7 - U8 GAME FORMAT

5 v 5 (including goaltender)  
Rosters are limited to 8 players

### U9 - U12 GAME FORMAT

7 v 7 (including goaltender)  
Rosters are limited to 12 players

### U13+ GAME FORMAT

6 v 6 (including goaltender)  
Rosters are limited to 12 players

## GAME RULES

### UNIFORMS

Players on each team must wear the same coloured jersey or pinnies that distinguish them from the opposing team. In the event of a colour conflict the "HOME" team changes colour.

Shin pads are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Only turf or firm ground cleats may be worn. No jewelery is permitted.

### GOALKEEPERS

Hands can be used within the crease area. Players cannot kick the ball over half field and if they do, it will result in a direct free kick. The goalkeeper cannot dribble the ball back into the crease and then pick the ball up with their hands.

Ball can be played over half from goal kicks and all plays.

### GOALS

All goals will restart back at the centre circle (spot) for a kick off for the team that has just been scored on. Ball can be played forward or back.

### RETREAT LINE

All age groups - retreat to 1/2 for goal kicks

No retreat during live balls.

### OUT OF BOUNDS

Roof, building structure, sidelines - If the ball goes out of bounds this will result in a pass in. If the ball hits the roof, then it will be considered a direct free kick placed closest to the spot where it hit the roof.

End Line - if the opposing team knocks it across the end line it will be a goal kick. If the defending team hits the ball over the end line it will be a corner kick.

### OFF SIDES

There are no off-sides.

### SLIDING

No slide tackling will be permitted. If a player goes to ground it will be up to the Referees or Tournament Staffs discretion to make the call. Sliding will only be allowed when made into "open space" going to block a pass or shot.

A sliding foul inside the box will be placed at top of box for a direct free kick.

### FREE KICKS

All free kicks will be direct and will be awarded as either a penalty shot or direct free kick. Defending players must be at least 5 meters away from the spot where the kick is being taken. Ball will be played from top of box for direct free kick.

### PENALTY KICKS

PKs will be given when a "sure goal" opportunity is taken from a player.

- A hand ball to purposely stop the ball from going in the net
- Fouling a player when they are the last defender back
- This will result in a red card and a 10-minute penalty, the receiving team will NOT play a player down.
- Penalty kicks will be placed at the top of the box; one (1) step penalty kicks.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited at the referee's discretion

### PLAYERS AREA

Only players and coaches allowed on the East side of the fields. .

Parents **MUST** stay on the west side of the fields.

## **GAME TIMES**

All teams will play 4 (four) 25 minute games.

All games must start exactly on time to maintain the tournament schedule. Failure to start the game on time will require the game length to be reduced accordingly. Please leave the field immediately upon your game ending so the next game can begin.

## **TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY**

As a BC Soccer sanctioned tournament, entry into the Coastal FC Winter Classic shall be limited to teams, which are properly affiliated with BC Soccer and/or other Provincial/State Associations.

Only properly registered players, in good standing, shall be permitted to participate in the tournament. All teams are responsible for all registration, permits and approvals within their club/district and/or any other jurisdiction and governing body. We are not responsible for confirming player eligibility and/or insurability and trust all teams will comply with any/all policies put in place by their governing bodies in regards to player/team eligibility to participate in this or any other sanctioned tournament.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

If a team is from BC and the player is not registered with BC Soccer, the team must apply for a Short Term Event Player Permit for the player a minimum of 5 business days before the tournament date (December 16th). To obtain a permit: click [HERE](#) and download the Short Term Event Player Permit from the BC Soccer website. fill out the form send it to Tanya McCulloch, she will sign it and send it to BC Soccer for you, BC Soccer will then contact you to confirm the permit(s).

All teams U13 and over MUST submit an official game roster to their tournament dashboard one week prior to their game day. You can find the official roster [HERE](#)

Overage players are not permitted unless written permission has been given by the tournament director at least 1 week prior to the event.

## **CONDUCT**

The Coastal FC Winter Classic has a zero-tolerance policy for verbal and/or physical abuse of any referee by players, team officials, parents or spectators and will take any infraction seriously (potential suspension for entire event or team expulsion from the tournament)

Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the Laws of the Game and generally accepted good sportsmanship. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in the suspension/expulsion of the team in question. It is the responsibility of the Club/Team staff to control the conduct of its parents and other spectators. Failure to do so may result in a warning to the coach or person acting on the coach's behalf. If unacceptable behaviour persists, the referee may terminate the match. All participants should be aware that Coastal FC Staff have the authority and right to remove any unruly or uncivil spectators from the Centre.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

The tournament committee, event operations staff, and Coastal FC are not liable for any injuries sustained by any participant in the tournament, on or off the field.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO USAGE POLICY**

By registering for this event, you are consenting to the use of any photographs and/or video recordings, of any team player(s) or staff member(s), taken by Coastal FC for use on our website, social media sites, and/or in any marketing materials.

## **REFUND/PAYMENT POLICY**

Tournament registration fees are due in full at the time of invoicing.

Teams who register before the Earlybird Deadline but have not paid by the deadline will be re-invoiced for the full registration amount.

No refunds will be given.

## **TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINE**

Yellow Cards - A yellow card will be considered a caution.

Red Cards - Players receiving a red card will be immediately ejected from the game and suspended from the next game. The team that committed the offence will play down a man for 5 minutes.

Spitting - Spitting is not permitted. Failure to comply will result in a red card.

### **VIOLENT CONDUCT**

Any of the following will result in a minimum 2 game suspension:

- Fighting
- Punching
- Kicking
- Spitting
- Throwing or kicking an object at a player, official, or staff member
- Entering the field to join an on-field altercation
- Playing suspended players - If a team is found paying a suspended player then all games the individual participated in will be automatic forfeits.

### **FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE/ACTIONS**

If a player is found to be using foul and/or abusive language/actions the following discipline will occur.

- Directed at another player - 1 game suspension
- Directed at an official or staff member - 1 game suspension
- Aggression towards another player - 2 game suspension
- Aggression towards an official or staff member - 2 game suspension

### **PLAYER IDENTIFICATION**

All players who receive a yellow/red card must accurately and truthfully identify themselves to the referee. If they fail to do so then the Team Rep will need to identify who they are.

**THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE OR THEIR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY RULE INTERPRETATION. THEIR DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**