

# 2024 OCSC Orange Cup Tournament Rules

1. Coaches must submit rosters, team passes, medical releases, and guest player forms at least 30 minutes prior to their first game. If any of the items are missing, your player will not be allowed to participate, no exceptions. Premier or select level teams are expected to play up at least 1 level when possible.
2. Non Appearance at the start of your scheduled game will cost your team a forfeit. The team will receive 0 points. The opposing team will receive 2 goals and 3 points.
3. No player may play with a hard cast.
4. There will be no refunds for nonappearance due to inclement weather or any other reason. Refunds will be provided only in the event the Tournament Committee cancels a division due to lack of participation.
5. Coaches and players are responsible before the games to ensure that players are properly equipped (socks over shin guards, proper jerseys, etc.) and are not wearing any jewelry or long pants on field. Each team should bring 2 sets of jerseys. Home team is required to change jerseys or forfeit the game.
6. **NO CLEATS ALLOWED.** Rubber-soled or turf shoes only. Should the referee discover a player or players wearing cleats, the offending player will be asked to leave the field.
7. All rules are F.I.F.A rules except the following outlined below:
8. Number of players on field:
  - U12 and younger: 8v8 (includes keeper)
  - U13-HS: 7v7 (includes keeper)
9. Substitutions are unlimited and may be made when the ball is out of play or on any stoppage.
10. Kickoffs can be played in any direction. Home team will kick off. Home team is the first team listed on schedule. There is no coin toss.
11. If the ball strikes the ceiling the ball remains in play at the referee's discretion. If the referee determines a restart is required, it will be an indirect kick from the half line.
12. The ball must be put into play from a restart within 5 seconds. If not, at the referee's discretion, the ball will be given to the opposing team for delay of game (throw-in or free kick to opposing team, corner/goal kick switch).
13. On free kicks, goal kicks, corner kicks, penalty kicks and kick-offs, opposing team must be 5 yards away from the ball.
14. The goal area and penalty area are the same area.
15. Penalty kicks are taken from the penalty mark area.
16. Any player receiving a yellow card will sit out the remainder of that game and the team will be penalized 1 point. 2 yellow cards accrued will result in an automatic red card.
17. Any player or coach receiving a red card is automatically ejected from the remainder of the tournament and the team will be deducted 2 points and play one player down. Exception: A player red carded for handball violations sits out the remainder of the current game only.
18. There is no off-side rule.

19. Slide tackles are prohibited and result in an indirect kick, and may result in a red card.
20. Games start with a starting horn and end with an ending horn. The games are 25 minutes, giving all teams 2 minutes to exit and enter. Please move quickly on and off the field since lost time will not be made up. Each team will be guaranteed 4 games or 100 minutes of playing time.
21. Scoring: Points will be awarded as follows:
  - Win: 3 points
  - Tie: 1 points
  - Loss: 0 Points
  - Each Goal = 1 Point up to 3 goals per team per game.Forfeits: A team winning a game by forfeit shall be credited with a 2-0 win and 3 points.
  - In case of a tie in the final standing within a division group:*
    - a. Head to head
    - b. Goals allowed
    - c. Goals differential
  - The tournament committee has the sole responsibility of interpreting the rules. The committee's decision is final. No protests will be accepted.*
22. Semi-final and final games that end in a tie: a sudden-death shootout will begin IMMEDIATELY at the end of regulation. At least 3 different shooters must shoot before a shooter goes a second time.
23. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and fans. Only coaches and players on the playing field. Disruptive behavior may result in a team yellow or expulsion from the tournament and/or facility.
24. Food and drink are prohibited on turf areas. Only food and drink purchased at the Hudson Valley Sports Dome are allowed in the facility. Smoking and spitting are strictly prohibited throughout the facility. Coaches and players are responsible for the cleanliness of their team areas. All garbage is to be placed in appropriate garbage receptacles.
25. The golden ball will be used in the first 5 minutes of the game.