



# SALLY Games 2017

## Tournament Rules

The tournament will be played under FIFA rules with the following changes:

1. Once your team has been accepted in the tournament, no refunds will be issued.
2. All players must register one hour prior to game time. Unregistered players will be disqualified from playing the remainder of the game in which the infraction occurred.
3. Changing divisions is prohibited. Teams found fielding a player from a different division will forfeit the game in which the infraction occurred. Players may only play on one team.
4. All games will be final and protests will not be accepted.
5. **LENGTH OF GAMES:** Games will consist of two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute break between halves. A minimum of three games will be used to establish standings within each division.
6. **POINT SYSTEM FOR TOURNAMENT:** Standings in each group will be determined as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, no points for a loss, and one point for a shutout. Bonus points for goals scored: one point per goal up to three in a win, one point per goal up to two in a tie, and one point per goal up to two in a loss. The maximum number of points possible per game is: 7 points for a win (including a shutout point), 3 points for a tie, and 2 points for a loss. Points awarded for a forfeit will be five (score 1-0).
7. **BREAKING TIES:** In the event of a tie, the following method will be used to establish standings: a) head to head record, b) the team with least goals scored against, c) the team with most goals scored for up to four per game, and d) coin flip.
8. Unless agreed to by both teams, there will be no playing of the ball on the ground with the exception of the goalkeeper in the penalty area.
9. Charging the goalkeeper will not be permitted at any time when she is within her own penalty area. This rule applies regardless of whether the goalkeeper has or does not have possession of the ball. No bodily contact with the goalkeeper may be made if it can be avoided. Violation of this rule will be considered dangerous play.
10. Knee braces made of hard, unyielding material are illegal unless the hinges and other hard surfaces are covered with at least 1/4 inch of closed-cell, slow-recovery rubber or other material of the same minimum thickness and having similar physical qualities. Casts and/or metal splints will always be considered dangerous equipment.
11. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** There will be unlimited substitutions a) prior to a throw-in **by either team**, b) prior to a goal kick by either team, c) for an injured player, or d) after a goal by either team. A player receiving a caution (yellow card) may be substituted if play has been stopped by the referee. Red-carded players cannot be substituted for the remainder of the game.

12. **EJECTIONS:** a) If a player is ejected (red card) from the game, that player shall automatically be suspended from the next game of the player's team. Any player receiving two red cards during the tournament shall be suspended from any further play in the tournament. b) Violent conduct ejections will be brought to the attention of the tournament governing body and may result in suspension for the remainder of the tournament.
13. All games will start within five minutes of the scheduled time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of seven (7) players within the grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team with at least seven (7) players present.
14. Good sportsmanship shall prevail at all times. Coaches, managers, and/or team coordinators are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators.
15. The team listed first on the schedule is the HOME TEAM. If there is a conflict in jersey colors, the HOME TEAM will change colors. All teams must come prepared with proof at registration of alternate jerseys with numbers. Game ball will be provided by the HOME TEAM.
16. Teams shall keep the field on which they play clean and free of garbage.
17. Initial application must include a MINIMUM of twelve (12) players in order to be confirmed in the tournament. UP TO FIVE CHANGES ONLY TO YOUR FINAL ROSTER WILL BE ALLOWED.
18. The minimum player age is 18 years old by **October 14, 2017**. Should any questions arise regarding a player's age, that player will be requested to provide proof of age (driver's license). All players should bring this form of identification with them.
  - a. Participation in the Over-30 Division requires that all players be at least 30 years old by **December 31, 2017**.
  - b. Participation in the Over-40 Division requires that all but two players be at least 40 years old by **December 31, 2017**. Two players may be between the ages of **38 and 40 in 2017**.
  - c. Participation in the Over-50 Division requires that all but two players be at least 50 years old by **December 31, 2017**. Two players may be between the ages of **45 and 50 in 2017**.
  - d. Participation in the Over-60 Division requires that all but two players be at least 60 years old by **December 31, 2017**. Two players may be between the ages of **55 and 60 in 2017**. Note: this division plays with 8 players on the field.
19. Any situation not covered by these rules will be resolved by the governing body of the tournament.
20. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the tournament facility.
21. No dogs, on or off a leash, are permitted at the tournament site during the tournament.