



MC United Soccer Club: Winter Classic

Coaches' Guide

TOURNAMENT APPLICATION / REGISTRATION

See the guide on the tournament website for details about the application and selection process. Please note the published schedule for when the application window closes and offers are made to selected teams.

FIELDS

All games in the tournament will be played on an artificial turf surface. The surface is 'field turf' with medium length synthetic grass material.

All games will be played on fields with a 180 x 87.5ft dimension with boundary lines and goal boxes. Futsal type goals will be used. Screened curtains will be used to separate the four (4) fields and prevent possible damage from balls.

REFEREES

Each game will have one licensed referee. See tournament rules.

COACH / PLAYER / SPECTATOR CONDUCT **(Important)**

Harassment of officials will not be tolerated. Referees may temporarily stop games or suspend play in the presence of persistent sideline harassment or intimidation. In the case of a game suspension, the Tournament director will decide the outcome of the game.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents and spectators at the facility for the duration of the tournament. If the tournament receives complaints regarding conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the Tournament Director may ask any/all people to stay away from the tournament, and/or ask the team to leave the tournament. Any ejections will require the offender to be "out of sight and out of sound" from the field area before the match is restarted.

TEAMSnap ROSTERS AND WAIVERS **(Important)**

Only players that have accepted the digital invitation and completed the online waiver will be allowed to play on the day of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT APP - COMMUNICATIONS, SCHEDULES & SCORING

The primary platform for tournament communications will be the TeamSnap Tournaments mobile app. All coaches, managers, and parents are strongly encouraged to download the app and enable notifications so we can best communicate to all during the weekend.

To download the TeamSnap Tournaments app, go to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store to find the “TeamSnap Tournaments” mobile app. Once downloaded search for the “Winter Classic” and select as a favorite. Then “STAR” your teams for a customized schedule on the homepage.

A link to scores and schedules may also be posted on the tournament’s webpage. QR codes will be available around the facility for quick access to the schedules and scores as well.

Facebook and the tournament website will also be used for any broad communication.

ADMISSION FEE

There is a required admission fee for spectators at this event to help cover the costs of operating this tournament. Admission fees will be collected at the main entrance and wristbands will be provided to help identify tournament visitors from other users of the facility. Cash and credit card payments will be accepted. Coaches and players have no admission fee.

Adult - \$5 Children – 10 & under (Free)

EQUIPMENT

Standard soccer cleats or turf-type shoes are recommended for playing on the artificial turf surface. Metal cleats are not permitted. Shin guards are required to be worn by all players.

The warm-up area is located on a hard surface. Indoor soccer shoes/ athletic shoes may be desirable for warming-up on this surface and then the players can change into their cleats shortly before their game’s scheduled start time.

See the tournament rules for details.

NO FOOD OR GUM

No food or gum is permitted on or near the field surface. This is to help keep the surface clean and in good condition.

FACILITY RULES

This soccer complex is owned and maintained by the Greenheck Turner Community Center Staff. Please inquire directly with them with specific facility rules questions you may have. 715-359-6563

PLAYER WARM-UP

There will be no time or space available on the turf for warming-up before each game. Teams may warm-up in a designated area on the western side of the turf field. This area will be posted with signage. The flooring in this space is a hard rubberized flooring (not turf). Players may want to wear indoor soccer shoes/ athletic shoes if your team plans on having a structured warm-up/ dynamic stretching.

TEAM BENCHES

All fields will have benches on the sideline for teams.

HYDRATION

The facility has multiple water bottle refilling stations available. Bottled water and sports drinks are available for purchase in the concession stand and vending machines.

FIRST AID

The tournament will have first aid with qualified athletic trainers.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Please see the rules on the tournament website.

AWARDS

Participation medals will be awarded to all U9 and U10 participants. All 1st place teams in each division (U11+) will receive medals at the conclusion of the tournament. Medals can be picked up at the tournament tent in the center of the complex.