

# Ramapo Valley Soccer Club

## 2022 Indoor Tournaments Rules

1. **FIFA** F.I.F.A. rules apply, except where specifically noted in these rules.
2. **# of Players**
  - U9-U12 divisions shall play **8v8** (7 field players plus a goalkeeper).
  - U13-U16 divisions shall play **7v7** (6 field players plus a goalkeeper).
  - High School divisions shall play **7v7** (6 field players plus a goalkeeper).
3. **Field Size**
  - All fields are approximately 90' by 180'.
4. **Ball Size**
  - U9-U12 divisions shall use a size #4 standard soccer ball.
  - U13-U16 and High School divisions shall use a size #5 standard soccer ball.
5. **Game Time** All games will begin at the sound of the starters' horn. The clock will not stop for injuries or other needs. A deliberate delay, which prevents a direct kick from being taken, before the end of the match will be treated as "misconduct" and result in a (1) point deduction to the offending teams' standing.
6. **Rosters**
  - The maximum roster size for U9 thru U10 is 14 players, all remaining age groups is 18 players.
  - 3 guests outside the soccer club are allowed. They must be hand-written on the official team roster.
  - Unlimited guest players within the same soccer club are allowed.
  - A player may play for only **ONE** team in a division.
  - All players must have a player pass and a signed medical release from their soccer club/league.
  - A birth certificate, passport or drivers license can be used to prove age if a pass is not available.
  - All USSF affiliated organization passes are accepted.
  - NPL, ECNL, ODP and Super-Y teams must play up at least one age group.
7. **Equipment** All players must wear matching uniforms, shin guards, and proper footwear - turf shoes, soccer flats or sneakers. Only goal keepers are permitted to wear apparel/padding covering their legs and arms. All jewelry (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, hair beads) must be removed prior to play.
8. **Home Team** The team listed 1st on the schedule is the "home" team. The home team will kick off. They must resolve jersey conflicts prior to the start of the game, else, a forfeit may be given to the visiting team.
9. **Visitor Team** The team listed 2nd on the schedule is the "visiting" team and will defend the goal of their choice.
10. **Substitutions** Field Player substitutions will be made on-the-fly, however, it may not occur within 10 yards of where the ball is in play. Goalkeeper substitutions require referee acknowledgement.
11. **Throw-ins** Balls crossing the touchline or coming in contact with a field dividing curtain will result in a throw-in.
12. **Free-kicks** Violations will result in either a direct or indirect free-kick consistent with FIFA Law 12. The opposing team must be at least 8 yards away from the ball. Penalty kicks for ages up to U11 will be from penalty mark. For ages all other ages, kicks will be from the top of the penalty box. All kick-offs are indirect.
13. **Off-sides** The offside rule is not in effect.
14. **Heading** Heading of the ball is not permitted in age groups younger than U12.
15. **Slide Tackling** Slide-tackling is not permitted. It is the referee's discretion to first issue a warning or a yellow card.
16. **Keeper** Goalkeepers may not use their hands on a ball passed by a teammate, except as provided for by FIFA rules.
17. **Overhead** Should the ball contact any overhead structure, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect kick from anywhere along the center line of the field as determined by the referee.

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18. **Half-line** The ball cannot directly cross the half line during a goal-kick or goalkeeper release of the ball. The ball must first touch a player or the turf field after leaving the penalty box. This includes drop kicks. The goalie is NOT permitted to roll the ball outside the penalty box and then directly kick it over the half line. Violations will result in an indirect kick for the opposing team on the center line, where the ball crossed over.
19. **Cards** Players receiving any 2 yellow cards or a red card during a game will be ejected without replacement and may not play in their next game. Players receiving 2 red cards during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament.
20. **Misconduct** Players guilty of blatant un-sportsmanlike conduct, a serious foul or violent behavior will be ejected from the game without replacement and suspended from further tournament play. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and other spectators, and may be penalized for any issues. The tournament committee may choose to deduct points from a team's standing for any of these situations.
21. **Scoring** 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss. Teams failing to be on the field at the designated time of their game may be awarded a forfeit with a 1-0 win given to the opposing team.  
Ties will be decided by the following sequential criteria:
- Head-to-head (This is dropped in the case of more than 2 teams tied)
  - Most wins
  - Goal differential (a maximum differential of 5 goals per game will be used)
  - Least goals allowed
  - Coin toss
22. **Awards** All competing age groups will receive 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards.
23. **Protests** No protests will be entertained. The decision of the referees and tournament officials are final.
24. **Liability** Each team (defined as players, coaches, staff, parents, guardians and related spectators) participating in the tournament do so at their own risk and agree to accept responsibility for all injuries. The Ramapo Valley Soccer Club, Hudson Valley Sports Dome, and all sanctioned vendors, cannot be held responsible for any form of injury.
25. **Facilities** The following rules apply to usage of the facilities:
- Outside food or beverages are not allowed unless for specific medical reasons or other restrictions.
  - Only coaches and players are permitted on the actual turf surface
  - Spectators must be in the bleachers along each field.
  - No portable seating is allowed.
  - The game fields shall not be used for warm-ups prior to the game except for the first game of each day.
  - Players and coaches shall avoid any behavior, which interferes with games in progress.
  - Gum chewing and spitting are not permitted on the turf fields.
  - The dome is a non-smoking facility.
  - No pets of any type are permitted inside the facility
  - Please place all litter in receptacles located throughout the facility.
26. **Weather** The tournament adheres to the Inclement Weather Policy posted on the tournament website.
27. **Rule Changes** Final rules will be available when checking in your team.

For complete tournament information, please visit: <http://www.rvsctournaments.org>