

FEBRUARY FREEZE TOURNAMENT RULES

Registration Information

- Teams need to register and check in a minimum of 30 minutes prior to their first game.
- Any remaining balance must be paid prior to playing in your first game.
- Teams can have a maximum roster size of 18 players.
- All teams will need to fill out the Bridgewater Sports Dome Roster/Waiver form before playing their first game.
- Players are only allowed to be rostered on 1 team per age group

FIFA Rules apply for this event, except in the following:

- Games are 25 minutes in length with no injury time. 6 players on the field, including a goalkeeper. 4 players minimum are required for a game to continue
- All players must wear same color shirts with different numbers on the back, shorts, socks, shin guards and appropriate footwear. **No jewelry, hats or bandannas are to be worn.** Any equipment that is deemed dangerous by the referee shall not be allowed. (Any player with visible blood must leave the field and have the injury treated before returning to the field.)
- All restarts are direct
 - Pass back to the keeper results in a direct free kick at the top of the box (This is not a penalty kick)
 - If the ball hits the ceiling, it is placed at the spot where the ball was kicked.
 - Anything inside the box will be spotted at the top of the box
 - All opposing players must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
 - When a foul that results in a Direct Free Kick outdoors occurs in the penalty area, a penalty kick is taken. All players except the kicker and the goalkeeper must be behind the first white line before the Penalty Kick is taken.
- 3 line rule is in effect Except on Field 3
- On field 3 Goalkeeper Distributions and goal kicks must touch a player or the ground before crossing the halfway line.
- The offside rule is not in effect.
- Restarts and goalkeeper distributions must be taken within 5 seconds. Goalkeepers may initiate a slide within their penalty area to make a save as long as the referee doesn't consider the action dangerous.
- If the ball hits the net above the boards, it results in a direct kick no further than 1 yard away from the boards
- Cards
 - Blue cards result in the player sitting in the penalty box for 2 minutes and their team playing down a player. This includes goalkeepers
 - If the team serving the penalty gets scored on they are able to put the player in the box back onto the field. (Does not apply on matching penalties)
 - Yellow cards result in the player sitting in the penalty box for 5 minutes and their team playing down a player; even if the opposition scores, the player remains in the box for the entire 5 minutes
 - Red card for player results in the team playing shorthanded for 5 minutes or the end of the game, whichever is less; the player who received the red card is removed from that game and will be suspended for a minimum of 1 additional game.
 - **A Red card for coach results in a forfeit of that match and a suspension for remainder of the tournament!**

Tiebreakers for playoffs.

- Head to head
- Most Wins
- Goals Allowed
- Goal differential (maximum of 4 per game)
- Shutouts
- Penalty Kicks (Sudden death 1 for 1)

Playoffs

- Top 50% of U12 & U14 divisions will qualify.
- 25 minute game
- If game is tied at end of regulation:
 - 3 minutes Golden Goal
 - Penalty kicks if still tied (3 kickers per team)