

St. Louis Senior Olympics

7 v 7 Soccer Tournament Rules

Rules:

1. Players will be required to provide a driver's license (with photo ID) as proof of age when they check-in.
2. USSF rules will be in effect.
3. Teams will play 7 on a side with a maximum roster of 12. A player must be rostered to be eligible to play in the competition.
4. All games will be 20-minute halves.
5. Games will be played on a field 65 yards by 50 yards.
6. There will be NO overtime except for semi-final and championship games. These games will have two 5 minute overtime periods. If still tied, the game will be determined through kicks from the penalty spot.
7. The St. Louis Senior Olympics may call for two 5-minute water breaks midway through each half if advised by medical personnel that the heat index warrants additional breaks.
8. Point system: 3 points for a win, 1 points for a tie. Teams must be present with at least 5 players for their games, even if they know the opposing team will be forfeiting.
9. When bracket winners for final berths, medal winners (after round-robin play) or bronze medal winners after semi-final play cannot be determined by point totals (all games will be used), the following rules will be used (in the order listed) to break ties: a. Head to head competition (skipped if teams did not play one another), b. Highest goal differential, c. Most goals scored, d. Fewest goals allowed, e. Most shutouts, f. Shootout/Penalty kicks (held 30 minutes before the next scheduled game).
10. Forfeit will be declared if a team fails to have 5 players on the field seven minutes after the scheduled time or at any time during the game. Deliberate forfeiture of a match may be cause for disqualification from the Games. A team may be disqualified after two forfeits. If a team is disqualified for any reason, all of its scheduled games will be recorded as forfeits regardless of whether these games have already been played. If both teams fail to show up for a game, it will be declared a double forfeit and neither team receives points.
11. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed on possession throw-in, any goal kick, after a goal is scored, at half-time, and substitution when the referee stops the game for injury.
12. Players ejected from a match are ineligible to compete in the next scheduled game; this includes semifinal and final matches.
13. Players may be ejected for the remainder of the tournament for extremely violent or vulgar behavior.
14. The home will be team is listed first on the schedule. It is the responsibility of the home team to change uniforms in the case of conflict if asked by a game official. Each team should bring two sets of numbered shirts (each set a different color).
15. No protests allowed.
16. A player may not enter or play on more than one soccer team.
17. A maximum of 12 players and one coach are eligible to receive medals. Actual awards will be based on official roster received at check-in for the medal presentation.