



UNITED FC

Inaugural
**Winter
BLAST**



Indoor Soccer Tournament

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Ages: U-8 thru U-19 youth Girls and Boys

Where: The Greater Binghamton Sports Complex
1500 Airport Rd., Binghamton NY
www.greaterbinghamtonsportscomplex.com

Entry Fee: \$175 (U8 thru U10)
\$200 (U11 thru U14)
\$225 (U15 thru U19)

Deadline: Saturday, January 21, 2012

Contact: Pat Fox – pat.fox.ufc@gmail.com or
607.237.8522

Sign Up: Visit our website at www.unitedfcsoccer.com
for the Registration Form.

The fields at the Sports Center are turf fields and no walls. Food concessions will be available at the center.



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Tournament Specifics and Rules**



I. TOURNAMENT COSTS:

- A. U8/U10: \$175/team
- B. U12-U14: \$200/team
- C. U16-U18: \$225/team

II. FIFA RULES are in effect except where indicated below.

III. CREDENTIALS CHECK: At registration the following credentials will be checked:

- A. All players must be registered, in the current year, with their respective State Association and appear on the official, state approved, USYSA Certified Roster.
- B. Maximum roster size and game format will be as follows:

Age Division	Maximum Roster Size	Game Format (includes GK)
U8	8	5 v 5
U10	12	6 v 6
U11/U12	12	7 v 7
U13/U14	12	7 v 7
U15/U16	10	6 v 6
U17/U18	10	6 v 6

- C. Players may be registered and play for only one (1) team.
- D. No changes or substitutions to rosters after the start of a team's first game. All rosters are final at the start of the team's first game.
- E. In case of injury, each team must have in their possession a medical release form for each player participating.

IV. PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT:

- A. Each team is required to be uniformly dressed.
- B. Goalkeeper must wear colors, which distinguish him/her from the other players and the referee.
- C. Players out of uniform **will not** be allowed to participate.
- D. Soccer cleats are permitted. Indoor soccer shoes (turfs), flats, or sneakers may also be used.
- E. **SHIN GUARDS ARE REQUIRED** - No players will be permitted to participate without them.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- F. All substitutions will be made on the fly and may occur on an unlimited basis provided the player leaving the field arrives at the bench area when the new player enters the field.

Note: If another goalkeeper replaces a goalkeeper, the referee shall be notified of the change. The new goalkeeper shall be properly uniformed.

V. FORFEITS:

- A. A forfeit will be declared for a team if at least five (5) players are not ready to play within a two (2) minute grace period. A loss goes to team that forfeits. A win goes to the other team with a score of 3-0.
- B. A team forfeiting a game may play the remainder of their games as long as the forfeit was not a result of a fight or violent altercation. A team that forfeits any game because of a fight or a violent altercation may, at the discretion of the Tournament Coordinator, be expelled from the remainder of the tournament and any remaining games for that team may be declared a forfeit.
- C. If a team has two (2) players red carded from the same game, then that team will forfeit the game, regardless of the score.
- D. A forfeit win shall be reported as a 3-0 win. Teams receiving a forfeit win will receive credit for scoring three (3) goals and conceding zero (0) goals. The team that forfeits their game will receive a 3-0 loss (scoring zero (0) goals and conceding three (3) goals).

VI. REFEREE(S):

- A. All games will be officiated using a single referee system. The referee is responsible for control of the game.
- B. Please note that these playing rules supersede all house rules.

VII. DURATION OF GAMES:

- A. Tournament play are single, 25-minute matches.
- B. During preliminary rounds, all ties will remain ties.
- C. For playoff games ending in a tie after regulation play, a one (1) minute break will be followed by a five (5) minute sudden death overtime period. Start of sudden death play will be by a drop ball at midfield.
- D. If tied after sudden death play, a round of three (3) "kicks from the penalty spot" will be taken by each team alternately.
 1. Any rostered and game eligible player is eligible to shoot, but only six players are to be identified from both teams for the kicks.
 2. If after three (3) kicks by both teams are taken, the teams are still tied, then sudden death "kicks from the penalty spot" will be taken.

VIII. START OF PLAY:

- A. All teams should be properly stretched and ready to play ten (10) minutes prior to the start of each game, as teams are not permitted any warm-up time on the field. Starting line-ups should be set and all coaching points made prior to entering the field area.
- B. The game start time is approximate for all games after the first scheduled game for a team. Games are played in consecutive order and in some cases, games may start prior to the scheduled game time. Please pay attention to whether the games are running "ahead" so that your team is ready when your game is ready to start.
- C. A kick-off, after a goal is scored, may travel back into the defensive half of the field. The kickoff is a direct free kick and, being so, may be scored from.

IX. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:

- A. The ball is out of play when it strikes the side wall, lights, protective nets, or any fixture not part of the field.
 - 1. Play resumes with an indirect free kick from the spot on the sideline nearest where the ball struck the protective nets, side wall, lights, or fixture not part of the field.
- B. The ball is out of play when:
 - 1. It passes completely over the touchline or end line,
 - 2. Hits an obstruction,
 - 3. When a goal is scored, or
 - 4. When the referee stops play.
- C. Play resumes with a kick-in from the spot on the sideline where the ball left the field (or in the event of a goal, a kickoff at midfield). Kick-ins, although indirect, are not restricted to a height level. Kick-ins ARE PERMITTED to go above 'waist-level'. Kick-ins are indirect free kicks.
- D. Kick-ins shall be placed on the sideline nearest where the ball went out of bounds for restart. Kick-ins, because they are technically placed "in bounds" (on the line to start with), will change possession if they are kicked straight out of bounds without touching another player.
- E. Balls played over the end (or goal) line by the offense will be played as a "six yard" kick by the defense from inside the penalty area.
- F. Balls played over the end (or goal) line by the defense will be played as a "corner" kick by the offense from the corner area of the field.

X. GOALKEEPER RULES:

- A. The goalkeeper has approximately six (6) seconds to distribute the ball after recovering from making a save.
- B. The goalkeeper can bring the ball from outside of the penalty area into the penalty area and pick it up consistent with the outdoor rules.
- C. No PUNTS - Ball must be drop kicked or passed out.
- D. Players must leave goal area when the goalkeeper gains possession of ball. Players shall not impede goalkeeper's distribution of the ball.
- E. Shadowing of the keeper is prohibited.

XI. METHOD OF SCORING:

- A. A goal is scored when the entire ball passes completely over the goal line, providing no infraction has been committed by the attacking team.

XII. TOURNAMENT STANDINGS:

- A. Tournament bracket standings are determined based on game points which are awarded as follows:
 - 1. Win = three (3) game points,
 - 2. Tie = one (1) game point, and
 - 3. Loss = zero (0) game points.
- B. At the end of bracket play, the team with the most game points will be declared the bracket winner.
- C. In the event that two teams are tied in total game points at the end of the preliminary rounds, divisional winners will then be determined by the following criteria in the listed order. In the event that more than two teams are tied in total game points, head to head will not be used.
 - 1. Head to Head
 - 2. Total Goal Differential – maximum of three (3) per game
 - 3. Least Goals Against – maximum of three (3) per game
 - 4. Most Goals For – maximum of three (3) per game
 - 5. Three (3) penalty kicks

XIII. FOULS: all fouls will be called according to the rules of FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. ALL slide tackles are illegal and play restarts with an indirect free kick at the spot of the foul. Slide tackles shall be a cardable offense.
- B. No offsides.
- C. Opponents may not be within ten (10) feet of any free kick.
 - 1. For all direct and indirect kicks, all opponents must be at least ten (10) feet from the ball.
 - 2. For all indirect fouls committed in the penalty area, the resulting free kick shall be placed outside the penalty area line nearest the location of the foul. Direct free kicks in the penalty area shall result in a penalty kick. The resulting penalty kick shall be taken from the facility's designated penalty kick spot. If a designated facility penalty kick spot is not defined, the resulting penalty kick will be taken from the top of the goal box
- D. Kickoffs are direct kicks and may be played backwards.
- E. Any player ejected from a game or red-carded **MAY NOT** be substituted for and the ejected or red-carded player shall sit out the next scheduled game.

XIV. PROTESTS: No protests will be allowed. United FC reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and the tournament rules.

XV. TEAM BENCH: The team benches for all fields are on the far side of the dome (as entering from the revolving door).

XVI. SPORTSMANSHIP: Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of the referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the game.

XVII. AWARDS:

- A. All U10 and below players will receive an award. Individual awards will be given to players on the first and second place teams in each age group U11 and above. The 1st place winner will be determined by the CHAMPIONSHIP game or as stated Section XIII above.

XVIII. GENERAL:

- A. A team accepted into the United FC Challenge Indoor Competition that does not participate will lose its application fee.
- B. There is no seeding in the United FC Challenge Indoor Competition. A blind draw will determine the brackets.
 - 1. During the blind draw, wherever possible, if two teams from the same club are drawn and placed in the same round robin bracket, the second team drawn will be replaced by a new team drawn from the entries and that team will be placed back into the draw. The intent is that two teams from the same club do not play each other in the round robin segment of the cup. No effort will be made to segregate teams from the same club for the playoffs. The playoff teams will be placed as defined in the playoff section regardless of club affiliation.
- C. If a team does not have its entry fee in the office by the time of the draw that team will not be entered into the draw.
- D. In the event that more teams enter an age group than can be accommodated by the event/facility, the number of excess teams will be drawn blind from the pool prior to populating the playing grid.
- E. Dropped teams will be given a full refund unless they have agreed to be placed in an alternative older age group where an opening exists.
- F. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at this event.
- G. United FC reserves the right to make rule/schedule changes to make the competition and rules fair/correct should unforeseen circumstances arise. Changes will be conveyed to the teams through their respective coaching staffs or team managers.

Note: Players shall yield ten (10) feet or more immediately for all free kicks. Players failing to yield ten (10) feet or more or intentionally delaying a restart may receive an immediate caution (yellow card) for the infraction. The player or team taking the free kick **DOES NOT** have to ask for the mandatory ten (10) feet to get it. It is the responsibility of the defending team to automatically yield ten (10) feet on free kicks.

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Team Application

Club Name

Team Name

Coach's Information

Name

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Team Manager's Information

Name

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Team's Age Group	<input type="checkbox"/> U8 (Coed)	\$175
	<input type="checkbox"/> U9	\$175
	<input type="checkbox"/> U10	\$175
	<input type="checkbox"/> U11	\$200
	<input type="checkbox"/> U12	\$200
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<input type="checkbox"/> U19	\$225	

Gender Boys Girls

Division Premier
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Applications and full payment are due
 No Later than January 21, 2012

Mail the completed application
 and payment to:
United Football Club
 C/O Pat Fox
 211 Burts Road
 Kirkwood, NY 13795

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