



AHFC Spring Cup Warm Up 2024

Rules of Competition

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: A Tournament Headquarters tent will be located on the North side of Meyer Park – 7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

TOURNAMENT WEBSITE: <https://www.albionhurricanes.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1023082>

HOTELS: THIS IS A STAY TO PLAY EVENT - <https://gycplanners.com/event/ahfc-warm-up-2024/>

TEAM CHECK IN

All teams need to check in through our online check-in system. Please visit our website for check in details.

FORMAT

Teams will play in the following formats: u10-u12 – 9v9 & u12-u15 – 11v11. Teams are permitted to play up an age group if needed. Both team coaches and squads must sit on the same sideline opposite parents and spectators.

1. 2 x 30 Minute half games for all 9v9 games. 2 x 35 Minute half games for all 11v11 games.
2. Home team must wear their dark jerseys to avoid color conflicts.
3. Visitor team must wear their white/light opposing color of Home Team to avoid color conflicts.
4. The game ball will be provided by the home team
5. Only rostered players, coaches and team managers are allowed on the sideline bench area.
6. Home team get KO, Away team chooses half.
7. Size 4 balls will be used for 9v9 games. Size 5 ball will be used for all 11v11 games.
8. A minimum of 5 (9v9) & 7 (11v11) players are required for the game(s) to start.



SCORING FORMAT

Although standings and results will be published online, there are NO ADVANCEMENTS or awards for this event.

- 3 Points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a win

PLAYERS

1. Must wear shin guards and completely covered by socks.
2. Each team must wear matching uniforms with clearly visible permanent numbers on the back of the jersey.
3. The goalkeeper jersey will be distinct from both teams and the referee.
4. No glasses or jewelry of any kind is allowed.
5. Any player wearing a hard cast MUST have it wrapped in protective material. It will then be at the discretion of the referee.

GAME CARDS

Referees will have a game card for each game. After the completion of each game, the winning team, or home team in the event of a draw, will turn the score cards into the HQ tent. They will update the scores accordingly. Please be sure to turn in the cards promptly once a game has finished and make sure that the scores are correct, both after the game and online once updated.

ROSTER SIZE – 9v9 – 14 max for this event, 11v11 - 18 max for this event.

SUBSTITUTIONS

The number of substitutions is unlimited with permission of the referee at the following stoppages of play:

1. Prior to a throw-in in
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team



3. After a goal by either team
4. Injury (any number of players from both teams may be substituted whenever an injury has occurred).
5. At halftime

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine if games are to be suspended. If games are suspended teams and spectators should go to the parking lot and stay in their cars. Do not leave the complex until a final decision is made. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the game length and schedules due to weather or field conditions.

FIELDS

All games will be played at Meyer Park – 7700 Meyer Park, Houston, TX 77379.

REFUNDS

Once play has begun, no refunds will be given. Any team withdrawing from the tournament after the game schedule is posted then no refund will be given. A refund, less administrative expenses will be issued in the event the tournament is cancelled before the start of the first games.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- **TEAM AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT:** Misconduct by a team, players, coaches, parents, spectators, supporters, or officials will not be tolerated on or off the field. A team, player, coach, parent, spectator, supporter or official may be withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of the Tournament Director. If this occurs, a misconduct report will be made to US Club and/or the team's State or National association. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters both on and off the fields.
- **GENERAL RULES:** Verbal abuse or harassment of anyone will not be tolerated. Alcohol, firearms, fireworks, and glass containers are not allowed at the park. Artificial noise making devices are prohibited. All facilities are smoke free.
- **YELLOW CARDS:** A player or coach receiving two yellow cards during a match is suspended from that match and suspended from the next match (one match suspension). Two yellow cards in the same match are a red card and are counted as a red card.
- **EJECTIONS:** Any player or coach who received a red card/ejection during a match is not allowed to play or coach in the next match.
 1. Players and/or coaches receiving an ejection must leave the match immediately.



2. Players may sit on the bench during their suspension. However, they shall not be in uniform. Coaches shall not return to the tournament site during the match for which they are serving the one game suspension.
 3. ANY PLAYER, COACH OR SPECTATOR GUILTY OF REFEREE ASSAULT WILL BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY FROM THAT MATCH AND SUSPENDED FROM FURTHER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION. ALBION HURRICANES FC WILL REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE HOST STATE ASSOCIATION AND THE TEAM'S STATE OR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
- **REPORT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Disciplinary actions taken during a match will be marked on the game card with the name and jersey number of the player or the coach's name. All disciplinary actions will be reported to US Club.
 - **FORFEITURE:** Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the referee, and with the minimum number of players, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match. Following the forfeiture of a game, a team may be allowed to continue to play—at the discretion of the tournament director.
 - All venue rules and regulations must be observed by all players, teams, and spectators.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

There will be no protests. Issues may be raised to the tournament director, but all referee decisions are final.

MISCELLANEOUS

- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.
- PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH AND ALL PET DROPPINGS PICKED UP AND DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- EVERYONE MUST PICK-UP THEIR OWN TRASH AND USE TRASH CANS PROVIDED.

The approving association (US CLUB) has the right to impose penalties, fines and bans if deemed necessary to any team, player or person should circumstances warrant it regarding any matters arising from the above-mentioned tournament.