



2012 Amherst Soccer Club - 20th Annual Memorial Day Classic Tournament Rules of Conduct

The Amherst Memorial Day Classic tournament is an event for our young players to enjoy the game of soccer. As the Tournament Committee, participating coaches, referees, parents and spectators; we are responsible to create a safe, enjoyable and competitive atmosphere that makes the game fun for *all* of the players. Therefore, the following Tournament Rules of Conduct have been instituted. The backbone of these rules is the FIFA rules with specific interpretations unique to this tournament.

1. **Interference by spectators:** All spectators must be positioned on the opposite side of the field from both teams during the match. The tournament considers encouraging of violent play, foul language, intimidation or un-sportsman like behavior from a spectator as interfering with a game. If a spectator interferes with a game in progress, the referee has the discretionary power to stop, suspend, or terminate the game. The tournament expects the coaches to stop any interference from their teams' spectators. In the event that the referee terminates the game, the Tournament Co-Directors will decide the outcome of the game.
2. **Player receiving a yellow card:** If a player receives a yellow card from a referee, the player does not have to leave the game. Two yellow cards within the same game equal a red card.
3. **Player receiving a Red Card or multiple yellow cards:** If a player receives a red card or two yellow cards within a game, the player is ejected from the game, and cannot play in the next game including any playoff game. A second ejection of the same player results in ejection from the tournament.
4. **Coaches Conduct:** The tournament considers the coach to be the role model for the team and expects the coach and other team officials to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. The tournament considers the following to be examples of inappropriate behavior:
 - Challenging referees decisions
 - Encouraging violent play
 - Un-sportsman like behavior towards players, coaches, referees tournament officials or spectators
 - All communication with referee crew will be in English

Any coach who has been expelled from a game by a referee must leave the immediate field area for the remainder of that game and will not be allowed to coach for a minimum of one full additional game. Based on a conduct review by the Tournament Committee, suspension may be extended for additional games or for the remainder of the tournament. Coach may view any games he is suspended from on the opposite side of the team. If the game is terminated due to a coach's misconduct, game results will be referred to the Tournament Co-Directors for final determination.
5. **Coach's Box:** Coaches must remain within the confines of the technical area, and must conduct themselves in a responsible manner. The tournament considers the technical area to be 3 yards to the left and right and two yards in front of the team's assigned bench area.
6. All decisions made during the game by the referee on rules of the game are final. Protesting referee decisions on rules of the game will not be accepted.
7. Protests other than referee calls on rules of the game must be communicated in writing to the Tournament Co-Directors within two (2) hours of the match in question. The Directors will decide all protests. The Directors' decision is final.

All teams/players will be covered by USYSA insurance at the time we participate in this tournament. A full Amherst Soccer Club general medical release form will be completed for each player prior to participation in the tournament. I have read the Tournament Rules of Conduct and agree to abide by these rules. A club representative signing the application on behalf of the coach accepts responsibility to ensure that the coach receives and accepts the Rules of Conduct.

Club: _____ Team Name: _____ Age/Division: _____

Coach: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Forms and payment to:
 Amherst Soccer Club
 Tournament Registrar
 PO Box #853
 Amherst, NH 03031

No team will be scheduled for any matches until the full amount of the entrance fee and a signed copy of this Tournament Rules of Conduct form is received by the tournament registrar no later than April 15, 2012.