



**LAO FAMILY COMMUNITY
OF MINNESOTA,
Serving Hmong in Minnesota
A Non-Profit Organization**

The Board of Director of LFC and the Event Committee have adopted the following rules and regulations and expect that all players and team members to abide to these rules and regulations.

TOURNAMENT GENERAL RULES

1. An individual or a group who does not abide to these rules and regulations will be removed from the tournament facility by the authority.
2. LFC prohibits anyone for possessing or bringing dangerous weapons, drugs, and alcohol to this tournament. Anyone who violates this rule will be reported to the authority.
3. LFC and Event Committee will not be held responsible for any damage and/or injury occurred to the any player or team member under any circumstance.

SOCCER RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Match

1. All soccer matches in this tournament will be played according to the 2008/2009 Federation International Football Association (FIFA) Laws of the Game rules and regulations with the modifications as stated below.

It is imperative that coaches, team managers, team captains, and players are familiar and understand the Law of the Game established by FIFA.

Please refer to www.ussoccer.com for the 2009/2010 FIFA Laws of the Game.

Modifications of Laws of the Game

II. Duration of the Match

1. The duration of match will be two equal periods of 30 minutes for the men's competition, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

2. The duration of match will be two equal periods of 25 minutes for the women's competition, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

III.

1. A team must report to the field 30 minutes prior to the start of the match.
2. There is a 15 minutes grace period for the starting of the match. After 15 minutes, the team that has less than seven players including a goalkeeper on the field ready to play will be forfeited and deemed as the loser of that match.
3. The duration of the match will be shortened according to the loss of time allowed for the grace period, provided that the match started within the grace period.
4. Half-time interval shall not exceed five minutes except with the consent of the referees.
5. The duration of the match may be subject to change by LFC Event Committee.
6. In the event of severe/dangerous weather or any other circumstances, LFC Event Committee shall determine the continuation and/or the resultant of the match/tournament.

IV. Players and Team Members

1. There is no limit to the number of non-Asian descent to players in a team; however, the team is allowed to have a non-Asian descent players playing on the field at any time.
2. Only the players whose name is on the roster sheet will be allowed to play. No player is allowed to have his name on the rosters of two teams. A player who violates this rule will be expelled from the tournament.
3. No individual player is allowed to play in any two teams in this tournament. A team that violates this rule will be expelled from the tournament.
4. All players and team members must stay behind the touchline at all times.
5. All coaches, team captains and managers must control their players, team members, and fans at all times.
6. No one is allowed on the field during a match unless permitted by the referee.

V. Player's Equipment

1. A team must have a uniform-uniform is same style and color of jerseys with a number on the back; same style and color of short; and same style and color of socks.
2. Every player must wear shin guards, and soccer cleats.

3. A player who does not have the any of the above equipment will not be allowed to play. **There is no exception.**

VI. Substitution

1. There is no limit to the number of players being substituted during a match. Substitution procedure follows FIFA Laws of the Game rules and regulations.
2. All substitution must taken place at the halfway line of the field.
3. Any team can substitute; however, only on a **throw-in, goal kick, kick-off, and injury.**

VII. Disciplinary Sanctions:

1. A player who receives a red card (sent off) will not be allowed to play in the match which resulting the red card and will also be suspended for the next match. A team that violates this rule will be declared as the loser of the match in which this rule applies.

VIII. Fighting-In the field or off the field

1. An individual player or a team member who provokes or instigates a fight will be cautioned and/or expelled from the tournament upon the discretionary of the referees.
2. An individual player or a team member who involves in a fight will be expelled from the tournament upon the discretionary of the referees.
3. A team that has two or more players and/or team members involved in a fight, that team will be disqualified from the tournament upon the discretionary of the referees regardless of the results of the match. This applies to Third Place and Final Match games. **There will be no refund to any team that is being disqualified. In the event of team(s) being disqualified in a Third Place Match or Final Match game, there will be no prize adjustment. Prize will be awarded according to the place the team has earned.**
4. An individual player or a team member who causes injury to others and/or game officials resulting from a fight or any violent conduct, that individual and/or the team will be held fully responsible for the medical cost and ambulances cost.
5. Any individual player or team member who physically assaults any of the game officials, the whole team will be expelled, or disqualify from the tournament and also suspending that team 4years not be players in Hmong freedom celebration annual international sports tournament.

IX. Referee

1. **The decisions of the referee regarding to facts connected with play are final.**

2. An individual player or a team member who verbally abuses any of the game officials will be cautioned and/or expelled from the tournament upon the discretionary of the referees.
3. An individual player or a team member who physically assaults (pushing, striking etc...) any of the game officials, that team will be expelled from the tournament.
4. Any individual player or team member who physically insults and/or causes injury to any of the game officials will be held responsible and fully prosecuted to according to the law.

I, the undersigned, as a Team Captain, Team Manager, or Coach will take full responsibility of my players and team members to abide to the above rules and regulations. It is my responsibility to ensure that my players and team members **will not**:

- ❖ Engage in any verbal argument or fight
- ❖ verbally abuse others and game officials
- ❖ Provoke or instigate any action which will lead to a confrontation while playing in the game or off the field.

Violating any of the above rules and regulations will result in ejection and/or disqualification from this tournament. By signing, I understand and agree to each of the rules and regulations and acknowledge of the consequences.

TEAM NAME _____

Print name of team manager

Date

Signature of team manager

Date

Signature of Lao Family Sports Director

Date