



## **2018 Leading Edge Shootout Rules:**

### **GAME PLAY:**

- NCAA RULES APPLY for all levels.
  - No stick checks.
- Each game will consist of 4 (11) minute running time quarters.
  - 1 minute between quarters
  - 3 minute halftime.
  - Time is kept on field, central horn to start games on the hour.
- Each team gets (1) :45 second time out per game.
  - Cannot use under 4 minutes of Q4
  - Does not carry over to OT
  - Game Clock will stop during time outs.
  - Refs will enforce the 45 second time out. Don't stall coming out of huddle or you will lose possession.
- Overtime will be 1 continuous period (clock will not be used) Sudden Victory
  - Overtime will occur for playoff or bracket games only!
  - Pool play games can end in a tie
- Penalty time will be running.
  - Penalty time kept by officials on field.
- The Tournament Director Reserves right to adjust games if weather is an issue and trainers recommend shortened games due to heat.
- Any fighting or disrespect towards an official will result in expulsion. The length will be determined by the director.
- PLAYOFF Tie Breaker (2 Teams): Points, Head-to-head (if teams played each other), Goals Against, Coin Flip
- PLAYOFF Tie Breaker (3+ Teams): Points, Goals Against, Coin Flip.
- Spectators must remain on spectator sideline and as far off the field as possible. Spectators at no time should malign any player, coach or official. If such infraction occurs it may result in suspension of the game and/or removal from the facility.
- Injuries must be reported to head trainer or tournament staff.

## **WEATHER POLICY**

In the event of adverse weather or unplayable field conditions, the Tournament Director reserves the right to:

- 1. Reduce game times in order to catch up with schedule.
  - 2. Finish game before inclement weather arrives, or to preserve field conditions.
  - 3. Reschedule games, if possible.
  - 4. Convert the tournament to a 'Festival' format without playoffs or championships to enable the majority of the teams the opportunity to play as many games as possible.
- Every attempt will be made to update cancellations on the website. However, weather conditions can change rapidly and all teams should be prepared as soon as weather clears and fields are playable to report back to fields.

## **THUNDER/LIGHTNING POLICY**

- If thunder or lightning is observed at any location play will be suspended immediately and players and fans will be asked to leave the field.
- Play will be allowed to resume 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or sighting of lightning is observed.
- If a game is in progress, that period will end immediately.
- If it is the second half, the game will be considered final and the score at that point will be recorded.
- If it is the first half, when play resumes it will be a 15 minute running half only.
- Every attempt will be made to begin subsequent games on time.
- If the start of the second half of the suspended game delays the onset of the subsequent game the following actions will occur:
  - We reserve right to move the conclusion of a suspended game to the end of the day.
  - The game suspended will play one 15 minute running time second half.
  - We do face some field constraints by contract. It is possible that weather could cause some games or whole rounds to be cancelled.
  - We will make every effort to stay on Schedule

## **WEATHER REFUND POLICY**

1. No refunds will be issued for games canceled.
2. No refunds will be issued for games shortened due to weather.
3. No refunds will be issued for playoff or championship games canceled due to weather.
4. In the event we had to cancel the whole tournament due to weather only we would refund 50% of fees paid to us within 30 days to the club director in charge. Since teams register, and are paid for, under a lot of different names, teams will be required to complete a Weather Refund Request Form that will be available on the tournament website. This will indicate the team(s) requesting the refund, to whom the check should be made payable and where the check should be mailed. No refunds will be issued if a Refund Request Form is not submitted within 30 days of the tournament.