



### **Rules & Warnings:**

2020 NCAA Rules Apply except there are NO stick checks unless requested. Any sticks can be used by all. Dives are allowed! 2022-2024 must face-off SNG (standing neutral grip). Knee down and SNG face-offs are allowed for 2025-2029 divisions.

Covid-Safe Face-Off mechanics are as follows: Referee at midline with ball. Ref ask both face-off middies to step back 6-10 feet as he places the ball down on the midline. Ref then steps back 10 feet and tells the two players to "GO DOWN". Both face-off players go down on the line properly. Ref then walks around and checks and adjusts players, as necessary. Ref will then say, "OK, guys looks good. And then the Ref then makes the official and loud "SET" call, and the ref then blows the whistle.

All divisions (except 29) play NCAA 30 second clears to touch ball in offensive box.

Referees can NEVER put on stall calls or shot clocks. Instead, in the final 2 minutes of games only when the score is within 2 goals, teams leading must be told to 'get it in and keep it in the box'. Leading team has 10 seconds to get it in and then must stay in the box at 2-minute mark.

If score is within 2 goals, the clock is start-stop in the final 2 minutes of the game.

All Games are four, 11-minute running quarters. 1-minute break between quarters and 2 minutes at half-time.

All penalties are running time starting on ref whistle. Referee keeps running game clock, penalty clocks and official score. Field coordinator assists scores and times by keeping both but they are not official. The FC sends scores to HQ for Tourney Machine after each game after confirming with refs.

No Ties allowed. If tied go to 'Sudden Victory' with no clock until a team scores.

One 30 second time-out per half can be taken only once ball is in the offensive box or on dead ball (as per NCAA rules). One time-out in OT. Clock stops for all TO's.

Tie-Breakers: Head to Head, then lowest Goals Against vs common opponents, then lowest goals against all opponents, then highest Goals For, then Goal Differential. Some divisions may have specific tie-breaker & seedings explained in a division section on Tourney Machine.

All players must submit [ONLINE WAIVER](#) to be eligible. Failure may result in team forfeit.

**All players, coaches and spectators MUST ADHERE to the COVID guidelines of both MDLX Events and CDC. Failure will result in removal from the venue/event.**

- Due to the nature that we have families from multiple states, ALL Spectators are always required to wear a face covering while attending the event and on site at Austin-Tindall Complex. As soon as you leave your car until back in your car, you must wear masks.
- All Players and Coaches are required to wear a face covering when not on a field playing or coaching a game.
- Team tents (not personal tents) are permitted only if they are away from fields. We will not allow any tents near the fields.
- Coaches and players do NOT have to wear masks while coaching or playing but as soon as the game is over please put a mask back on.
- We strongly encourage carpools to lessen crowds and spectators.
- Everyone must always maintain safe social distancing. 6 feet.
- All attendees must do a health self-assessment health check prior to attending the event. If you have any symptoms, please stay home.
- Provide own water and sanitizer. Austin-Tindall Complex does have restrooms and sinks.

**Please be aware that balls can and will fly from fields (shots or passes) and cause serious bodily harm.**

**Do not sit directly behind goals or within reach of errant shots that could travel up to 100 yards from a goal.**

Players, Coaches & Fans are always expected to act with class & sportsmanship. Failure to do so will risk player & team disqualification. If asked to leave the premises, please do so immediately or the proper authorities will be called. Player, coach, or fan ejection from a game results in sitting away from the field for the following game as well. In some incidences, at the Director's discretion, an ejection may result in completely removal from the entire tournament.