



Date: Saturday, November 7	Location: Seacoast Complex — Epping, NH
Age Groups: U8, U9 & U10	Format: 7v7 25-minute games
Guaranteed: 3 games per team	Final: Teams that advance

1. REGISTRATION & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All teams must complete tournament registration and roster information prior to the event. There will be no formal roster check-in at the fields.

- **Roster:** Maximum 14 players; maximum 5 guest players.
- Only players on the submitted roster may participate.
- Players may not compete on two teams within the same division.
- Use of an ineligible player may result in a 3-0 forfeit.

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The event is for U8, U9 and U10 teams and will be played 7v7. Each team is guaranteed three 25-minute games. Teams that advance will play in a final. The format may vary based on the number of teams registered. The Tournament Director may modify the format when necessary.

3. BALL SIZE

Age Group	Ball Size
U8–U10	Size 4

4. LAWS OF THE GAME

FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game apply except where modified by these rules.

- **Game Length:** One 25-minute game; no halftime unless determined by tournament staff.
- **Injury Time:** Referees generally will not add time except in unusual circumstances.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited/free substitutions are permitted with referee permission before a throw-in, before a goal kick, after a goal, for an injured player when play is stopped, or at another time approved by the referee.

6. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Players must wear shin guards, appropriate soccer footwear, and the team's designated uniform. Jewelry must be removed. Casts or other equipment deemed unsafe by the referee will not be permitted.

7. HOME & AWAY TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

The home team is listed first, wears light-colored jerseys, chooses its side of the field, and provides a game ball if one is not supplied. The away team wears dark-colored jerseys. The game ball must be referee-approved.

8. SCORING & STANDINGS

Win = 3 points; Tie = 1 point; Loss = 0 points. A forfeit results in a 3-0 victory and 3 points for the opposing team. Teams have 5 minutes from scheduled kickoff to field the minimum number of players.

9. TIEBREAKERS

- Head-to-Head Result
- Goal Differential — Maximum 5 goals per game
- Goals For — Maximum 5 goals per game
- Goals Against — Maximum 5 goals per game
- Most Shutouts
- Penalty Kicks or Coin Flip

For three or more tied teams, the tiebreaker begins with goal differential.

10. PLAYOFFS & FINAL

Every team receives three games. Depending on the number of teams, the final may be determined through group standings, semifinals, crossovers, or another format established by the Tournament Director.

- **Final — Overtime:** A tied final is decided by penalty kicks: five per team, followed by single rounds if still tied.

11. U8–U10 MODIFICATIONS

- **Build-Out / Retreat:** On goal kicks, the defending team must retreat to midfield. Once the ball is played and touched by an attacking player, the defending team may cross midfield.
- **Offside:** Offside is enforced in all U8–U10 matches.
- **Heading:** Heading is not permitted. A deliberate header results in an indirect free kick from the infraction location, subject to the Laws of the Game.

12. FORFEITS

A team must have a minimum of 5 players to begin. If the minimum cannot be fielded within 10 minutes of kickoff, the match is a forfeit and the opposing team receives a 3-0 victory.

13. REFEREES

All matches will be officiated by qualified referees assigned by Seacoast United. The referee's decisions during the match are final.

14. PROTESTS & DISPUTES

Formal protests are not permitted. Game conduct and decisions are under the referee's jurisdiction. The Tournament Director or designee has final authority regarding tournament rules, eligibility, scheduling, and format.

15. INCLEMENT WEATHER

Seacoast United may modify game lengths, schedules, tournament format, or standings; cancel or postpone games; or determine advancement based on completed games due to weather or unsafe conditions. Safety is the primary consideration.

16. REFUND POLICY

All cancellations and refunds will be handled according to the Seacoast United tournament refund policy.

17. CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP

Players, coaches, parents, and spectators are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect toward players, coaches, referees, staff, and spectators. Verbal abuse, threats, fighting, or inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. No alcohol is permitted at or near tournament fields. Smoking is not permitted at the soccer complexes.

18. EJECTIONS & DISCIPLINE

Ejected players or team officials must leave the playing area as directed. A red card results in at least a suspension from the team's next scheduled match, subject to Tournament Committee review. Violent conduct, fighting, assault of a referee, or serious misconduct may result in tournament removal. No refunds will be provided for disciplinary removal.

19. FAIR PLAY

The Futures Fall Finale is designed to provide U8–U10 players with a competitive, development-focused, and enjoyable soccer experience. Coaches and spectators are encouraged to support player development, sportsmanship, and a positive environment.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE COMPLEX CLEAN — Teams and families are responsible for picking up trash and leaving their area clean after each game.
GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!

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