

40TH ANNIVERSARY INDOOR CLASSIC 2020

The 40th Anniversary Indoor Classic (our 23rd tournament) will be played on Saturday, April 4th 2020, from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm at Chelsea Piers Field House, New York, NY. There will be 12-16 teams in this 5v5 tournament, comprised of 7 (minimum) to 11 (maximum) players per team. Each team will play a minimum of seven (7) 13-minute games; 6 round robin and one guaranteed playoff.

Play will be broken into two stages:

Stage 1, Round robin - Each team will play six 13-minute games against randomly selected opponents. At the conclusion, teams will be sorted into two divisions based on points (goal differential will be the first tie break followed by goals against).

Stage 2, Playoffs - The teams in each division will play a single-elimination playoff to determine a 1st division champion and 2nd division champion.

RULES (Chelsea Piers Field House facility and NY Ramblers Soccer):

- NO CLEATS, turf shoes and flats are acceptable.
- NO SLIDE TACKLES.
- Shinguards must be worn by every player and be completely covered by stockings/socks.
- No player will be allowed to wear anything that could injure themselves or another player as per the referee's discretion, including jewelry (rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, piercings, etc.).
- The goalkeeper must wear a jersey of a color that will distinguish them from the other players in the match and the referee.
 - **Kickoffs:** Kickoffs are indirect and may be played forward or backward.
 - **Goalkeepers:**
 - Cannot hold the ball for more than 6 seconds. Referee enforced.
 - Cannot pick up the ball if intentionally kicked back by own team.
 - CAN send goal kicks, punts, drop kicks and thrown balls over midfield.
 - Free kicks: Are direct and defending team must be a minimum of 5 yards away.
 - **Ball Exiting Field Of Play:**
 - Any ball that exits the playing field over the sideline is a kick-in.
 - Kick-ins are indirect.
 - Goal kicks can be played over the midfield line in the air.
 - Any ball that strikes a net, light, ceiling, or beam within the confines of the field is out of play. An indirect kick restart will occur near where the ball hit, except

within the goal box on the offensive side, in which case the ball is placed outside of the box for restart.

- **Substitutions:** Substitutions are *on the fly* at any time. Players entering the field must wait until players exiting have stepped off the field. Violation of this rule may result in a penalty. Fouls are not a guaranteed stop for substitution as the opposing team may play the ball as soon as they wish.
- **Points:** A win will result in 3 points. Ties will result in 1 point during round robin play. Losses get no points.
- **Ties** during playoffs, semis or finals will result in a 3:00 minute golden goal period. At the end of that period if a tie still stands, the game proceeds to PKs at 3 shooters per team. Anyone on OR off the field can take PKs.
- **Yellow card:** All yellow cards will result in a man-down situation for 2 minutes or until the opposition scores, whichever comes first. A second yellow card in a game equals a red card. The consequences of a red card are outlined below.
- **Red card:** All red cards will result in ejection and the player will sit out for the rest of the game AND the following game. On a red card, the team will play a man down for 6 minutes even if goals are scored. If a second red card is acquired during the tournament, the player will sit out for the remainder of the tournament. If there is a red card due to a physical or verbal fight with another player, both players may have multiple game suspensions and/or indefinite suspensions from the tournament. League organizers will decide after a discussion with the referee.
- **Two minute penalty:** A two minute penalty can be assessed at the discretion of the referee for minor violations regardless of whether a yellow card is given.
- **Player Count:** A team must have five (5) registered players physically present at game time or a forfeit will be declared. The referee's watch is the official time in establishing a forfeit.
- **Waiver:** Every player in the tournament must sign a liability (waiver) form before entering the field of play.
- **Referees:** During a tournament game the referee of that game has **complete and sole authority** to enforce the rules of the game and apply penalties.
- **Protests:** If a player or players believe an error has been made with respect to a referee's call, play will not be stopped. The captain of the team may speak to a Tournament Organizer at their earliest convenience. The Tournament Organizer will then review the situation and speak to the referee when that referee is on break if they feel matters need to be discussed

to ensure the integrity of the event going forward. There will be no retroactive alteration of referee decisions unless exceptional circumstances arise.

- **Other Rules:**

- NO spitting anywhere or at anyone
- Fist fighting, other violent physical altercations, and hate speech **WILL NOT** be tolerated - Tournament Organizers have the right to suspend anyone from the facility at any time for this behavior.

Insurance

Neither Ramblers Soccer New York, Inc., nor Chelsea Piers Field House nor any sponsor of this tournament carries accident, health or any other type of insurance for this tournament. Each player is responsible for his or her own insurance. All participants in the 2020 New York Indoor Classic will be required to fill out a release of liability (waiver) form before participating.

Locker Rooms & Personal Property

Limited lockers are available for use. Players must bring a lock to use the lockers (neither Chelsea Piers Field House, nor Ramblers Soccer NY, Inc. will be held liable for lost or stolen property). There are showers available in the locker rooms. Players should bring their own towels, soap and shampoo. Chelsea Piers Field House will remain open for approximately 30 minutes after the last game so players making it to the playoffs should plan accordingly.

Tournament Managers and Referees

The New York Indoor Classic is made possible by the contributions of numerous individuals. However, on the day of the tournament only a select few individuals will have authority to enforce policy. Referees: During a tournament game the referee of that game has complete and sole authority to enforce the rules of the game and apply penalties. The referees will have the same powers and duties granted by FIFA's Laws of the Game, Law 5.

Tournament Managers

Two Tournament Managers will be onsite the entire day of the event and will make sure the event runs smoothly. They will also be available to address player concerns. Although Tournament Managers will not interfere in game play, if misconduct by a player, coach, team manager or spectator is deemed dangerous, extremely unsportsmanlike, and/or a hindrance to the overall integrity or efficiency of the event, the Tournament Managers may eject such an individual from the tournament and field house permanently.

Tournament Volunteers: A number of Tournament Volunteers will be on site during the tournament to assist in basic operations and to make sure teams have the supplies and information they need.