

## **DSO SOCCER – OPEN (Women/Men) 8 v 8 QUALIFYING RULES**

### **ENTRY REGULATIONS**

1. Teams must all be one gender.
2. Team rosters shall be limited to 15 persons, including non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel.
3. At least one team member must reside in Delaware. If there is only one person on a team who is a Delaware resident, that person will be considered the team captain.
4. All registration and team rules apply to non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel.
5. Age divisions for all team competitions will be determined by the age of the youngest team player as of December 31 of the current year.
6. Teams must pay the team entry fee - to be determined - upon registration.

### **FORMAT**

1. The number of entries in each division will determine the format of the competition.
2. Any game missed/forfeited during bracket play will be considered a loss.
3. Awards will be presented for first through third place for each event within each age division.
4. DSO reserves the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions, or other circumstances.

### **SPORT RULES**

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY RULES: All sports/events shall be governed by the rules of the NGB for that sport. The NSGA has modified some of these rules in the best interest of the participants. All rules shall apply as stated in the NGB. NGB rulebooks in effect at the start of the competition shall govern the Senior Games, unless otherwise noted. In case of conflict between NGB and NSGA rules, NSGA rules shall govern.

1. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with the United States Adult Soccer Association rules, except as modified herein.

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2. Player Eligibility
  - a. Each player must have current individual membership status with Delaware Senior Olympics (DSO).
  - b. Each player must be duly registered & properly rostered with a Delaware team or teams by the competition deadline.

- c. A player shall not play for more than one (1) team in the same age division. A player is not allowed to play more than on two (2) separate teams across all eligible age divisions. A player may be registered to play on a team in a different age division provided they meet the age requirement criteria for that age division.
- 3. The length of the field shall not be more than **80 X 50 yards**.
- 4. Playing time will be two halves of 30 minutes.
- 5. Goals and nets **7' x 21'** shall be used.
- 6. No Offside Rule will apply.
- 7. There will be throw-ins.
- 8. Fields shall be properly marked. A flag on a post not less than five (5) feet high & having a non-pointed top, shall be placed at each corner.
- 9. Substitutions shall be unlimited, at any stoppage in play, by either team, with the referee's permission.
- 10. In the event of the score being tied at the end of regulation periods, in a group round match the tie score will stand. In the event a semifinal or final round match is tied at the end of regulation periods the winner will be determined according to the FIFA method of obtaining a result in knock-out competition in effect at the time of the competition. In the event of a playoff game being tied at the end of the regulation periods, a ten (10) minute overtime period, which is divided into two (2) periods of five (5) minutes, shall be played. Tied playoff games after overtime will be decided by penalty kicks.
- 11. Tie Breaks – the following sequence shall be used to break ties in the standings. For a three or more-way tie; after the first tie is broken, the tiebreaker shall start at the beginning to break the next tie.
  - a. Head-to-Head
  - b. Goals against
  - c. Goals for
  - d. Fair Play
  - e. Toss of a coin
- 12. Uniforms:
  - a. Team clothing must be of like design and color.
  - b. Teams must provide their own goalie jersey and equipment.