

# ELITE LEAGUE RULES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 14, 2025 (UNLESS AN AGREEMENT IS MADE WITH LEAGUE DIRECTOR) OR YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE ON THE SCHEDULE.

- Elite League play is for players born between 2015 and 2018.
- Teams cannot have players play down in any games in any age group.
- We schedule 8-games for the season with a 6-game guarantee. Some games may be played on weeknights due to the weather.
- Spring Season runs from February 15, 2025 to May 11, 2025. (NO GAMES March 14-16, or April 20)
- Games will be played on Friday nights as part of league play in all locations.
- Home team wears white or light-colored jerseys. In the event of a uniform conflict, the home team must change or wear cover-ups. If the home team cannot provide an alternate jersey or cover-ups the game will be forfeited.
- Standings are kept for all age groups.
- **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT THE GAMES. IF A DOG IS BROUGHT TO A GAME, THE TEAM WILL BE FINED \$50.**

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY TEAMS ONCE THE SCHEDULE (PARTIAL OR COMPLETED) IS RELEASED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

## GAME FORMAT

AGE BRACKET	FORMAT	MAX ROSTER	FIELD SIZE	GAME DURATION	BALL SIZE
U7 (2018)	4V4	8	20 X 30	20 MIN HALVES	3
U8 (2017)	4V4	8	20 X 30	20 MIN HALVES	3
U8+ (2017)	7V7	14	40 X 60	25 MIN HALVES	4
U9 (2016)	7V7	14	40 X 60	25 MIN HALVES	4
U9+ (2016)	9V9	16	50 X 80	30 MIN HALVES	4
U10 (2015)	7V7	14	40 X 60	25 MIN HALVES	4
U10+ (2015)	9V9	16	50 X 80	30 MIN HALVES	4

## SCHEDULING

- We schedule 8-games for the season with a 6-game guarantee. Some games may be played on weeknights due to the weather.
- Each team will register for a division and location of play in Plano or Lewisville.
- Once the schedule is complete, all game information can be found in the team GotSport account or on Elite League website.
- Scheduler will work around the **HEAD COACH'S** schedules (up to three (3) teams including the registered teams for this league) regardless the league(s) the coach is playing in. The league does not work around players.
- **After the final schedule is announced, request for reschedule will need to be submitted via Reschedule Request Form and a reschedule fee paid by Tuesday at 5:00 pm prior to the originally scheduled game. No reschedule request will be considered after Tuesday at 5:00 pm prior to the originally scheduled game. Requests made via**



email or phone will not be considered. Reschedule fee is determined by the amount of days between the request and the game's play date: \$50 if the request is made more than 7 days prior to the game, or \$100 if the request is made within 7 days or less of the game.

- Any team that no-shows or cancels in less than 24 hours of kick-off will be charged \$125 Forfeit Fine for 4v4 match or 7v7 match and a \$200 Forfeit Fine for 9v9 matches. \*\*Team will not be allowed to play another league game until fees are paid via credit card\*\*

#### \*\*FORFEITS\*\*

Forfeiting a game, at any time, is unacceptable. But if a game is forfeited, then the forfeiting team will be charged a Forfeit Fine of \$125 for 4v4 match or 7v7 match and \$200 for 9v9 match - unless Nicole James is notified with 48 hours of kick-off. The fee must be paid before the next scheduled game or within 72 hours. Payment is to be made by credit card on file.

#### DISCOUNT ELIGIBILITY POLICY

- **MUTLI-TEAM DISCOUNT** - Save \$25 off each league fee of 3+ teams with the same **HEAD COACH**.
- Teams failing to pay (league fee) by 11:59 PM on February 14, 2025, will void all eligible season discounts and incur a \$50 late fee (unless is an agreement the made with the league director)
- Teams failing to pay (league fee + late fee) by 11:59 PM on February 22, 2025, will be removed from the season (unless an agreement is made with the league director).

#### GAME DAY PAPERWORK

##### EACH TEAM WILL NEED TO PAY THE REFEREES

- Each team is responsible for the EXACT portion of the Referee Fees. Fees are to be paid prior to the kickoff of the game.
- Each team will need to hand the referee a game report for each game. The game report needs to list each player's name and jersey number taking the field for that match. ALL TEAMS WILL NEED TO SHOW THE REFEREE A PHOTO OF EACH PLAYER TAKING THE FIELD ON THE GAME REPORT. NO HANDWRITTEN PLAYERS ALLOWED - NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- Any coach or team manager to be on the coach/player side of the field must be listed on the game report. No more than two (2) adults are allowed on the player's side of the field.
- Referees will return all game reports with game scores to the teams. It is the teams' responsibility to check the scores BEFORE leaving the pitch. Once the teams have left the field, the score recorded by the referee even in error will be recorded as written and signed by the referee. Each team needs to take a picture of the completed/signed game day report and email to Nicole James ([nicolej@thepitplus.com](mailto:nicolej@thepitplus.com)).
- If a card is issued during the match, the referee will keep the game report. All cards are recorded and tracked for all games played.

#### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

##### ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE ELITE LEAGUE MUST BE REGISTERED AS NTSSA ACADEMY PLAYERS.

- The player can be registered at any local soccer association within North Texas Soccer. \*\*Registration fees differ by association.
- Teams that play ineligible or unregistered players could forfeit any matches in which the ineligible player(s) played.
- Players may "Play Up" to an older division but may NOT play in a younger division.
- Girls teams may play in a Boys division, but Boys teams may not play in a Girls division

#### PLAYING RULES



- There is no heading in Elite League for all age groups.
- There is offside for the playing format of 7v7 and 9v9. There is NO offside for the 4v4.
- All U7s and U8s will do throw-ins - NO KICK-INS.
- There are NO keepers in the 4v4 playing format. ALL players must be active and involved in the play.
- There is no punting for the playing format of 7v7. The keeper can release the ball by throwing, rolling the ball outside of the goalie area or placing the ball on the ground and kicking the stationary ball. The ball may NOT be moving before the kick is taken. ALL opposing players must be behind the build out line. Once the ball is placed on the ground by the keeper for a stationary kick, the ball becomes live in play once the ball makes a forward motion.
- There is no heading for U9-U10 playing 9v9. There is offside and punting is allowed.
- All substitutions are at the sole discretion of the referee. A referee can or cannot allow an opposing team to substitution while a substitution is taking place. A referee must allow a substitution on all goal kicks and kick-offs. Referees must be notified of a keeper change BEFORE the new keeper takes the field of play.
- At NO time shall anyone enter the field of play without referee permission. If anyone enters the field of play without permission from the referee, the person violating the rule can be dismissed from the complex.
- SIT-OUT - When a referee ejects a player, coach or spectator from the game, the referee must complete a Misconduct Report and notify the League Director immediately after the game. The player or coach sent off will be required to sit out the next game played. Fighting requires a two-game sit-out. A SIT-OUT VERIFICATION FORM must be completed during the game in which the player/coach is sitting out. The coach fills out the form and the referee must sign off on the form. The form must be emailed to Nicole James [nicolej@thepitplus.com](mailto:nicolej@thepitplus.com) for verification. The League Director has final say over game day sit-outs. The person sent off must leave the complex immediately. Coaches and managers are responsible for the player's and parent's behavior. A "ZERO-TOLERANCE" POLICY FOR SIDELINE MISCONDUCT WILL BE ENFORCED FOR THESE GAMES. THIS INCLUDES INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, RACIAL SLURS, OR VERBAL ABUSE TOWARD REFEREES, PLAYERS, AND GAMES OFFICIALS ON AND OFF THE PLAYING FIELD. Anyone found to be in violation of the zero-tolerance policy will be removed from the complex and not allowed to re-enter.

## STANDINGS

Scores and standings are kept for all age groups. All standings can be found on the Elite League website. Awards are not issued in academy play as rosters are not locked during league play.

## POINTS

Each team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. A forfeit shall be considered a 3-0 loss for the forfeiting team and a 3-0 win for the non-forfeiting team. The Elite League Director, and only the Elite League Director, may declare an Elite League match a forfeit based on the director's review of the facts and circumstances, and at the director's discretion.

## STANDINGS

The standings for the Elite League will be based on the Points per Game from league play. The following tiebreaker will be used for resolving ties between Elite League Teams, in the following order:

1. If two teams are tied, total points earned in head-to-head games. If more than Two teams are tied, this tie breaker shall not apply, and the following shall apply (in order):
  - a. Goal Difference;
  - b. Goals For;
  - c. Goals Against

## WEATHER POLICY

When inclement weather is in the area, teams will be notified to postpone games and ALL members are to go to their cars - NOT THE CONCESSION STANDS. Only field staff and referees remain at the concession building. NO other players, spectators, coaches, etc. should be at the concession area and they should remain in their cars in the parking lots until a change is made in the status of the playing conditions. Once the "all clear" is given and it is safe to take the pitch, the games will resume if enough time permits. Any game that has a 30 minute or more delay will NOT play and be rescheduled.



Once the game is rescheduled, the game will play as a new game. Any game that has completed a second half kick-off will be considered a game played and will be scored as such.

## REFEREE FEES

EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXACT PORTION OF THE REFEREE FEES. FEES ARE TO BE PAID PRIOR TO THE KICKOFF OF THE GAME.

AGE BRACKET	FORMAT	PER GAME TOTAL	PER TEAM/ PER GAME	EXACT CASH REQUIRED PER TEAM PER GAME
U7 (2018)	4V4	\$24	\$12	\$12
U8 (2017)	4V4	\$24	\$12	\$12
U8+ (2017)	7V7	\$40	\$20	\$20
U9 (2016)	7V7	\$40	\$20	\$20
U9+ (2016)	9V9	\$114	\$57	\$25 + \$32
U10 (2015)	7V7	\$40	\$20	\$20
U10+ (2015)	9V9	\$114	\$57	\$25 + \$32

WEATHER HOTLINE 469-814-0953

WEBSITE FIELD STATUS - [HTTPS://PERFORMANCEINDOORTRAINING.COM/FIELD-STATUS-AND-CONDITIONS](https://performanceindoortraining.com/field-status-and-conditions) /

EXACT DENOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED SINCE YOU ARE PAYING FOR ½ THE CENTER AND 1 AR FOR THE 3- MAN CREWS. REFEREES WILL NOT MAKE CHANGE FOR YOU.



## INQUIRIES

League Director & Scheduler	Nicole James	<a href="mailto:nicolej@thepitplus.com">nicolej@thepitplus.com</a>	469-951-2297
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## LEAGUE PARTNERS

