

# FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you do not find an answer on this page please do not hesitate to email us at [socceroffice@cocoaexpo.com](mailto:socceroffice@cocoaexpo.com).

## What are the dates of birth for each age group?

We use the USYSA definition (with August 1 as the cut off month/day) for determining a players "Tournament Age".

## Age Definition table for 2005/2006 season

U6 - 8/1/1999 or later	U13- 8/1/1992 or later
U7 - 8/1/1998 or later	U14 - 8/1/1991 or later
U8 - 8/1/1997 or later	U15 -(8/1/1990 or later
U9 - 8/1/1996 or later	U16 - 8/1/1989 or later
U10 - 8/1/1995 or later	U17 - 8/1/1988 or later
U11 - 8/1/1994 or later	U18 - 8/1/1987 or later
U12 - 8/1/1993 or later	U19 - 8/1/1986 or later

Note that a player may play in a division older than his/her age, but not in one that is younger

## What are acceptable forms of Proof of Age?

Any one of the following are acceptable - Player pass, passport, copy of birth certificate or driver's license.

## Can a goal be scored from anywhere on the field?

NO, it must be last touched (by either team) in the OFFENSIVE half of the field. On a kickoff, the ball is not considered to start in the offensive half of the field. It must roll forward so that it is completely in the offensive half before it can be shot straight into the goal

## Who has to be at Check-in?

Only a representative from each team with the proof of age for each player is required to attend.

## Can I change my roster after I send it in?

Yes, you can add a player (if there were less than 6 on the original roster) or replace 1 or more players (as long as they are the right age and skill level for the team you entered) any time up to the beginning of your first game. Just print another application, fill it out completely and bring to check-in.

## How many games are we guaranteed?

At least 4 possibly 5 and maybe 6 for divisions with a lot of teams

## When will schedules be available?

The schedule will be posted on our website the week of the tournament.

## Is there a hotel close to the fields for those of us who are coming a long way?

The hotel link on the Cocoa Expo Web page for this tournament has information about hotels that are convenient to the tournament site and are ready to welcome teams.

### **How can I tell if my team should enter in the Comp or Rec Division**

For U6, U7, and U8 there is no distinction for U9 and older, we use this definition

*Any 3v3 team that is created by a tryout process OR has one or more players who have played on a full sided competitive team in their club in the last 12 months is classified as a Comp team. All other teams are eligible to play in the Rec division.*

*The definition of a full sided competitive team is one that has its roster selected by a tryout process. The term "Full Sided" is to distinguish from 3v3 and applies to 6v6 and 8v8, as well as 11v11 since only the 6v6 and 8v8 formats are available to U9, U10, U11 and U12 players in many areas. The key aspect of the definition of a comp player is that he or she plays on a team which has its roster selected through a tryout process. U6/7/8 Divisions do not have separate Comp and Rec Divisions. All players legally playing on a U6/7/8 team are considered Rec players.*

**Special note applicable to Florida teams in June and July** - Players that try out for a Competitive Full sided team for the first time will not be considered "COMP" players until that Full Sided team begins its League or season play. This specifically addresses players who are classified as rec players who try out in June or July for a team to play on in the fall. Those players will retain their "Rec" status.

### **How can I become a referee for the tournament?**

If you are a qualified Referee - click here [Referee info](#) for information on how to contact the assignor

### **Is the Maximum Roster size 5 or 6? I have seen both listed for different 3v3 tournaments**

Some 3v3 tournaments have a maximum roster size of 5 players. The maximum roster size for the Cocoa Expo 3v3 Soccer Festival is 6 players. 5 players is recommended if all players will be available for the entire tournament.

### **How do I get to the Cocoa Expo Sports Center and Check-in Site? (we do have quite a few teams traveling a long way to play)**

We have a link on the tournament web page showing the location of the Cocoa Expo Sports Center and check-in site.

### **How late can we enter teams?**

If you missed the application deadline and still want to enter the tournament you can call the tournament director at 321-639-3976 ext. 20 to see if there is still a spot available. This opportunity is available until Friday the week before the tournament.

### **What happens in the case of bad weather?**

In case of bad weather we will inform the teams directly if a decision is made before the Tournament starts. During the tournament please check with the tournament headquarters on tournament updates and schedule changes.

### **What is the rule for a restart on an indirect kick?**

A restart from an indirect kick follows the same rules in 3v3 as in full sided soccer. On a kickoff, the ball is not considered to start in the offensive half of the field. It must roll forward so that it is completely in the offensive half before it can be shot straight into the goal