

TASL Tournament Handbook of the Tidewater Advanced Soccer League (TASL)

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Section 602 - Tournament

Section 602.1 - Format

Match play will be conducted as any regular season match. There will be an initial round of matches round i.e. round robin and final matches where multiple divisions of the same age group and skill level exist. Matches that end in a tie during initial rounds remain ties. Determination of how teams advance to finals will be made on the basis of the following:

Points are awarded as follows:

WIN 3 points

LOSS 0 points

TIE 1 point

In the event that two teams are awarded equal number of points at the end of initial rounds should refer to Section 602.3 for tiebreaker rules

The final round matches will be conducted in a similar manner to the initial round. In the event of a tie refer to Section 602.3.

Section 602.2 - Scheduling Policy

Seedings for tournament matches are made on the basis of regular season standings. In the initial round, divisions will be scheduled to play at the same venue. Semi-Final and Final matches will be played at one venue when

feasible. This provides the maximum amount of flexibility and convenience for all teams.

The TASL Administrator shall promulgate the tournament schedule NOT LATER THAN 10 days prior to the commencement of the initial round. Changes thereto may be made upon advice and consent of the TASL Board of Directors.

Section 602.3 - Tournament Tiebreaker Rules

Initial Rounds: In the event that two teams are awarded equal number of points during the initial round, the

following tie breaker rules shall be used:

1. Head-to-Head: Team that wins a head-to-head match wins tie breaker
2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Most goals scored
4. If still tied after 1-3, both teams will proceed to an available field at the time directed by the tournament committee and take penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA tie breaker rules.

Tournament Overtime:

All preliminary matches will remain a tie of tied at the end of regulation play.

In semi-final matches – There will not be any overtime – The match will proceed directly to penalty kicks.

Final Matches – If at the end of regulation play the score is tied the following action will be taken:

- Two five minute overtime periods will be played in their entirety, changing ends after a one minute break. No sudden death.
- If still tied after two overtime periods, the tie will be broken by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA tie breaker rules.

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Section 603 - Other Tournaments

There are a number of other tournaments locally and statewide during the soccer year. As a matter of policy,

TASL does not become involved in such tournaments as participation in those tournaments is nominally a matter

for the member clubs themselves. Accordingly, any issues concerning these tournaments will not be resolved by

TASL, but can be forwarded to VYSA for adjudication if requested by the member club concerned.

Participation in tournaments that conflict with the TASL season will be considered by the TASL Board of

Directors upon written request. While TASL will not prohibit any team from participating in any non-TASL

tournament, it does reserve the right to require that teams desiring to enter a tournament which precludes the team

from participating in a scheduled TASL match submit a notification in writing NOT LATER THAN 30 days prior

to the match date so schedules may be re-adjusted. Failure to submit the request in a timely manner may result in

the team paying a forfeiture fine as provided for elsewhere in this manual.

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Chapter 8 - Laws of the Game Summary

TASL follows the FIFA Laws of the Games U-13 and Older and Handbook for Small Sided games for U-12 and younger.