



# 2017 SOCA Training Center

## Winter Classic

**Boy's Tournament - December 16, 2017**

**Girl's Tournament - December 17, 2017**

The Soccer Organization of the Charlottesville Area (SOCA) invites you to participate in the annual Winter Classic at the SOCA Training Center in Ruckersville, Virginia. This one day event promises to offer fast paced and exciting 5v5 fun. The event is intended for advanced play and is open to all club teams in Charlottesville and the surrounding area. Get your team together now and join us this December!

### **Tournament Fee and Registration Process**

For a team registration form go to: <https://www.socaspot.org/tournaments/winter-classic/>

The fee is \$225.00 per team payable by check, credit card, or cash. There are three options for registration/payment:

- \* Call in your credit card information to 434-975-5025, ext. 111 and email your registration/roster to Tournament Director at [Dion.LaFoucade@socaspot.org](mailto:Dion.LaFoucade@socaspot.org);
- \* Mail in your registration with a check payable to "SOCA"
- \* Visit the SOCA office and take care of everything in one quick stop!

The SOCA office is located at: 1685 Polo Grounds Road  
Charlottesville VA, 22911

### **SOCA Training Center**

The SOCA Training Center is a club operated indoor facility devoted full time toward developing soccer players. The facility is located in Ruckersville, VA, right off of 29 North, just south of the intersection with Route 33. The Facility features one traditional hard surface futsal court and one sport turf futsal court.

All efforts will be made to schedule older and more advanced age groups/divisions on the hard court surface and younger less competitive divisions on the turf surface. Divisions can expect to play on only one surface over the course of the event. Event schedules will indicate the playing surface for all matches in the event.

### **Tournament Scheduling**

The tournament is a one-day format. Each team will play a minimum of three games with qualifying teams

advancing to post-group play. Teams must be prepared to play any time between 8:00AM and 10:00PM. Matches will consist of two continuously timed twenty minute halves.

All teams are obligated to play all games as scheduled. NO scheduling changes will be made, except those deemed necessary by the Tournament Director. Failure to play any game as scheduled will result in a forfeit of the scheduled match by the team unable to fulfill their obligation. (see "Forfeit" below)

All matches will begin on time, there is no grace period. All teams are expected to report to the Training Center a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their match. Any team unable to field a minimum of three players at the appointed start time will forfeit the match. The referee shall determine a team's preparedness at the scheduled start time. Forfeiture shall be declared to each team and reported to the Tournament Director.

### **Tournament Divisions**

Teams will register by birth year of the oldest player on the roster. All teams must designate as either a boys or girls team (girls may play on a boys team but not vice-versa). Players must be born within the years 1999 to 2009 to be eligible to participate in the event. If possible divisions will be formed based on age and also competitive level. Teams are asked to designate on their registration form for either "Most Competitive" or "Least Competitive" divisions. The tournament is open to all Travel, Challenge, and Recreational program players although is expected to be predominantly an advanced, travel-level competition. Division placement of teams will be determined by the Tournament Director who also reserves the right to combine age groups if needed to form competitive divisions. Teams may be comprised of players from different skill levels and age groups. Team age group placement will correspond with the oldest player listed on each respective team roster.

### **Awards**

Awards will be presented to the first place team in each division. Awards will be presented on site following the conclusion of the final game.

### **Player Eligibility**

A player may only be registered for play with one team for this event. There are two divisions, U12 and U14, and is intended for players born between 2004 and 2007. Younger player participation may be done with the permission of the Tournament Director only.

### **Tournament Rosters**

Each team roster has a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 12 players allowed. Changes to tournament rosters may be made after the submission deadline (Nov 28<sup>th</sup>) but must be made before the roster freeze date (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>). No roster changes are accepted after the roster freeze date.

### **Team Check-In Process**

Teams will need to arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled kick-off. The Team Contact or Facilitator will need to bring:

- Two copies of the official tournament roster (as submitted to SOCA by December 12<sup>th</sup>)
- A medical release form for each player, any VYSA or club approved medical waiver is accepted (This is not necessary for those players registered for SOCA teams in the 2017-18 soccer year).
- Each player on the team will need to be present at the time of team check-in.

Note: Player passes are not necessary for this event.

### **Referee**

A single certified referee will be used for all matches. The referee's authority commences upon his/her

arrival at the field of play. All decisions of the referee are final and binding. There are no protests and no appeals.

### **Tournament Director**

The Tournament Director is the final authority on all matters pertaining to the tournament. All decisions are final. There are no protests and no appeals. The Tournament Director may appoint authorized persons to assist with tournament operations as needed.

### **Format**

Division alignments are at the discretion of the Tournament Director. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

Division standings will be decided upon the following basis:

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

### **Game Information**

All Matches shall be played in accordance with FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. The Laws of the game can be found here: <https://virginiafutsal.demosphere-secure.com/files/about/laws-of-the-game/2014-15%20Futsal%20Laws%20of%20the%20Game.pdf>

The following modifications will be made for this event:

1. The duration of the game will be 2 - 20 minute halves with a continuous clock kept. Each game will have a 4 minute halftime break. Warm-up time on the court will be very limited and all games will start at the time originally scheduled regardless of the amount of warm-up time given.
2. Teams must be ready to play 10 minutes prior to game time. Any team unable to field three players by kick-off will forfeit the match.
3. Goalkeepers may NOT throw the ball into the opposing penalty box in all age groups.
4. Goalkeepers have no limitations to the number of times they may play the ball with their feet. They may not pick up the ball with their hands if played the ball by a teammate (same as outdoor soccer).
5. Scoring from a kick-off is not allowed
6. Position and movement of goalkeeper for a kick from 2nd penalty spot is the same as from the regular penalty spot (goalkeeper must be on goal line until ball is kicked).

### **Forfeit**

Any team forfeiting a match shall be declared the loser by a score of 5-0.

### **Match Tie-Breaker Procedures**

1. All preliminary matches ending in a tie at the end of regulation play shall remain as a tie.
2. In semi-final and final matches only the following shall apply if teams are tied at the end of regulation time, The winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark. Kicks from the mark will follow the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

### **Group Standings and Tie-Breaking Procedures**

1. Results of head-to-head competition. \*\*\*Disregard if more than two teams are tied.
2. Goal differential in all group games. \*\*\* A maximum of 5 goal differential per game will be used.
3. Least goals allowed.
4. Most goals scored.
5. Fewest penalty points in all games played (Yellow Card = 1 point, red card = 2 points).
6. Coin Flip.

### **Uniforms and Game Balls**

All teams shall bring a light and dark shirt. SOCA will provide pinnies as needed. Game balls will be provided by SOCA.

### **Separation of Teams and Spectators**

Only players, facilitators/coaches, and match officials are allowed on to the playing surfaces and team bench areas. All spectators are to stay in the spectator areas provided in the training center or return after the completion of the match.

### **Team Facilitators and Coaches**

Each team will have an adult facilitator or coach present for each game. Facilitators must be included on the pre-approved roster.

### **Refunds**

There are no refunds available after the registration deadline.

### **Tournament Cancellation Policy**

In the event the tournament is cancelled prior to the first game of the day, a pro-rated refund will be available. The amount will be determined by the circumstances that forced the cancellation. Teams will be alerted via e-mail of tournament cancellation, as well as an announcement made at [www.SOCAspot.org](http://www.SOCAspot.org) and on the SOCA weather line at 434-817-7246.

As an indoor event, every effort will be made to hold the tournament as planned. Only extremely dangerous travelling weather or serious compromise of venue safety will lead to cancellation.

### **HEADING RULE AT AGE GROUP DIVISIONS U11 AND YOUNGER**

If the ball strikes a player in the head, play is stopped. The proper restart depends upon whether the player deliberately played the ball with his or her head. If deliberate, the proper restart is an indirect free kick to the opposing team. If this occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed inadvertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Registration Deadline** – November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Tournament Schedule Release** – December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Roster Freeze Date** – December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Event Date** – Boys = December 16<sup>th</sup> , Girls = December 17<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*\*Team check-in is 30 minutes before the first scheduled match at the SOCA Training Center**

### **Directions to SOCA Training Center**

126 Commerce Drive,  
Ruckersville, VA 22968

From Charlottesville, points south: Take US Route 29 North. Just before intersection with Route 33, Turn right onto Commerce Drive. Follow Commerce to the left. Entrance to parking lot for Training Center is on left. NO PETS, SMOKING, or ALCOHOL ALLOWED.

**Medical Services Information**

There are two hospitals in the Charlottesville area in case of an emergency situation. An athletic trainer will be on-site for the duration of the tournament to handle all other minor medical issues.

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