



SOCCER MAINE

Fall Classic League Playoffs 2019

Game Day Procedures

Fall Classic Procedures and Rules:

The information below highlights some key points of emphasis particular to game day procedures for the Fall Classic League Playoffs.

Check-in: Teams will be checked in at their host site by personnel from the host site Club. Do not take your team away to warm-up until your team has been checked in. **For check-in your team should be lined up in alphabetical order ready for check-in. Players should be dressed for game.** (Reminder that any tape used for shin guards over socks should be the same color of the same color as the sock if possible.) This is a policy from the Referee Association. **Official Soccer Maine/USYS Signed Roster must be in hand.** If a player is not with the team at check-in but planning to play, the player must check in when he/she arrives. **As long as the player is listed on the Official Soccer Maine/USYS Roster, they are eligible to play.** All players and coaches must be present at the field a minimum of **30** minutes prior to the game with Official Rosters in hand.

Rosters: All teams must have their Official Roster in their possession to be given to the referee or State official for check-in. This Official Roster has the signature of Shari Levesque, Executive Director, on the bottom. The only players allowed to participate in the game are the players on the Official Roster.

The only coaches allowed to be on the sidelines of the game are those coaches on the Official Roster.

Referee Payment: Soccer Maine pays the host sites for all referee payments. Teams do not need to have referee monies for playoffs.

Zero Tolerance: Host sites are instructed to follow the Soccer Maine Zero Tolerance Policy, also known as the Referee Abuse Policy. Yelling, questioning, and general negative or critical comments directed to any member of the referee crew will not be tolerated by our Host sites. They can and will remove individuals who are violating these policies.

Home and Away Team Designation: The home team is the first team listed on your schedule. Home team is responsible for supplying a suitable game ball(s) to the referee prior to the game. The away team shall have the choice of jersey color. In the event of a conflict, the home team must change both jersey and socks if so directed by the referee.

Game length/Overtimes:

Age Groups	Length of game	Overtime periods	Ball size
Under-12	Two 30' halves	Two 5' periods	Size 4
Under-13 to Under-14	Two 35' halves	Two 5' periods	Size 5

Under the single elimination format, every game must have a winner. Games with a tied score at the end of regulation shall complete two 5-minute overtimes (no golden goal). If the game is still tied at the conclusion of the overtime periods, then FIFA Kicks from the penalty mark, as specified in the Laws of the Game shall be followed to determine a winner. One round of five (5) kicks from the penalty mark per team will be taken. If a winner has not been determined, sudden death kicks from the penalty mark will be performed. Only players on the field at the end of the match are eligible to take penalty kicks. Players can repeat once everyone on the field has taken a kick.

Format: Single elimination with a single consolation game in brackets bigger than 3. A bracket of 3 teams will generate 2 games. A bracket of 4 teams will generate 4 games. A bracket of 5 teams will generate 5 games and a bracket of 6 teams will generate 6 games. Bracket winners progress to the semi-finals to be held on the weekend of November 2nd/3rd. As always, the winner of Bracket A will play the winner of Bracket D, and the winner of Bracket B will play the winner of Bracket C in the league semi-finals.

Post-Game Procedures:

The referee will submit the score and any cards/cautions to the designated host site individual. The host site will report the scores to Soccer Maine.

Only players, coaches, Soccer Maine personnel, and referee officials are allowed on or behind the bench area of Soccer Maine playoff games. **Parents/spectators will not be allowed behind the bench area of the teams under any circumstances. Please make sure you notify your parents of this policy.**