



2016 ALS Soccer Shootout Rules

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JULY 16th, 2016 - WRAL Soccer Fields - 7700 Perry Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27616

| DIVISIONS: | MAX # OF TEAMS: |
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| Coed Competitive (COMP) | 8 |
| Coed Fun (FUN) | 8 |

Coed Competitive: Most players will have played a higher level of soccer after high school, whether that be collegiate, club or intramurals.

Coed Fun: A more relaxed coed division, with players of all levels. This division is out there to compete too, but is suited for a more recreational player.

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 16th, 2016: www.alsoccershootout.com

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE:

\$300 if registration **and payment are received between May 16th - June 19th

\$350 if registration **and payment are received on June 20th or after

*** registration fee includes a 50% non-refundable deposit*

GENERAL

The ALS Soccer Shootout is an unaffiliated tournament that is inspired by a wonderful human being, Marilyn Blankinship, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) in November of 2015. Her son-in-law and his 3 trusty soccer sidekicks decided to form a coed tournament to help raise awareness and funds for the ALS Association and the newly formed MB23 ALS Foundation.

- All games are played with the 7 vs. 7 format -- there is no Offside or "3-Line Rule", and slide-tackling is **NOT** allowed.
- TWO (2) females must be on the field at all times.
- In group play, matches can result in a tie (see "Point System").

- Each team is guaranteed 3 matches. Each match is 50 minutes (two 25 minute halves) plus 5 minutes for halftime.
- Players must be at least 18 years old by the end of 2016 to be eligible.
- Substitutions can be made during either team's goal kick, throw in, when a yellow card is issued, after a goal is scored and at halftime. Substitutes must stay off the field until the player leaving the field has come off.
- One quality game ball will be provided for each match, but each team **MUST** bring at least one decent game ball to each match and place it behind their goal.
- One USSF Certified Referee will officiate each match.
- Team rosters will be based on the roster created by its Captain/Manager on the ALS Soccer Shootout website. Rosters will be 'locked' by the Tournament Directors on Thursday, July 14th, 2016.

TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

There is a mandatory team check in at the WRAL Soccer Fields - 7700 Perry Creek Road Raleigh, NC 27616 - on **Saturday morning, July 16th from 7:00AM - 8:30AM.**

Each team Captain/Manager (or a team Representative) must be at check-in to present:

1. 5 Copies of the ALS Soccer Shootout Roster
2. ALS Soccer Shootout Medical Release Form completed including each players' signature (last two pages of this document)

TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- All teams must have a completed ALS Soccer Shootout Medical Release Form
- Each team is allowed a maximum of **13 players** on their Roster.
- Co-Ed teams play with **2 females** on the field, in any position. Teams that can't field 2 female players will play down the number of females that they are unable to field.
- The ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Directors have the right to forfeit the matches of teams who do not follow the Eligibility Requirements. The team will lose their Entry Fee.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Players must be at least 18 years old by the end of 2016 to be eligible.
- Players must have valid ID available throughout the tournament.
- The ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Director and/or the match official(s) can ask for a valid ID to verify proof of identity or age at any time during the tournament.

POINT SYSTEM

Win = 3 points Tie = 1 points Loss = 0 points Shutout = 1 point

The Match Official must report the score of each match to the ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Headquarters within two hours of the conclusion of the match.

ADVANCEMENT TO THE KNOCK-OUT ROUNDS

At the end of Group Play, teams will be ranked in their group based on the Point System. Any situation in which two or more teams have the same number of points, the Tie Break Rules will be applied in the following sequence:

1. **Head to Head** Competition – the result of the game played between the teams
2. **Goal Differential** – the team with the higher goal difference will be ranked prior to others
3. **Most Goals Scored** – the team with the most goals scored will be ranked prior to the others
4. **Least Goals Allowed** – the team with the fewest goals allowed will be ranked prior to the others
5. **Penalty Kicks** – If two teams are still tied for the same ranking, the FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used to determine the winner. If three or more teams are still tied, the tournament committee will decide how to proceed.

TIE BREAK RULES

- **Knock-out round matches:** Straight to PKs.
- **Finals:** one 10 minute period will be played with the “Golden Goal” rule. If the game is still tied after the 10 minute overtime, the FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used to determine the winner.

UNIFORMS and PLAYER’S EQUIPMENT

Teams must have an alternate jersey (opposite colored tees or pennies are fine) in case of a uniform color conflict. If there is a conflict, the home team will change jerseys. The official will inspect the players prior to the start of the game to be sure that no player has improper equipment. **Shin-guards are required.** Screw-in studs or metal cleats are **not** allowed. Nor is jewelry allowed to be worn during matches.

FORFEITS

A team that forfeits a match will not be eligible for advancement. Their participation in future ALS Soccer Shootout’s will be reviewed by the Tournament Directors.

A minimum of 5 players at the time of kickoff will constitute a team. A match should not start nor continue if either team drops below 5 players. A forfeit shall be awarded if a team has less than 5 players on the field.

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled time of kick-off.

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team starts the game and quits at any time during the game. Forfeit scores are 6-0. No Shut-Out point will be given, so 6 points total will be awarded for the forfeit.

If a match is terminated due to fighting/violent conduct, the result of the match will be determined by the Tournament Directors.

EJECTIONS

Any player, coach or spectator ejected from the match will not be replaced and must leave the WRAL fields. The ejected player/coach/spectator will be suspended for the following match. Ejections due to violent conduct will result in a 3 game ban. The ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Directors reserve the right during the tournament to administer additional penalties as warranted.

Any player/coach/spectator that is guilty of physical or verbal abuse deemed as threatening to the referee will be suspended from all games for the rest of the tournament, whether he/she is registered for one team or more than one team.

FANS AND SPECTATORS

Each Manager/Captain and player is responsible for the conduct of their fans and spectators of their team. The match official or the ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Director(s) have the authority to suspend a game as a result of the actions of spectators.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Unless there is lightning, teams must still appear on the field ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time will result in forfeiture of the match.

Only an ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Director may cancel a match in its entirety. The ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Directors reserve the right to make changes such as relocation or rescheduling of matches, reduce match length time or cancel matches in the event of inclement weather.

In case of severe weather directly before or during play, game officials may postpone match play. Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play, the match will be considered official and the score at that time will stand as the official match score.

The decision about cancellation will be made by the ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Director(s) as soon as they are able to make a call on the conditions of the fields.

DISCLAIMER

All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA except as modified in the ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Rules. The ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Directors reserve the right to use their discretion for resolving conflict or other matters not specifically provided for under these Tournament Rules. The ALS Soccer Shootout Tournament Committee, Director(s) or any sponsors of the tournament activities shall not be held responsible for expenses incurred by any person, team, club, league or any other association if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. If the tournament is canceled in whole in advance, the teams will be reimbursed their tournament entry fee minus a \$25 processing fee to cover website, credit card and processing expenses. If the tournament is canceled in part after games have begun, there will not be a reimbursement of any entry fees. **No protests are allowed. No refunds after June 16th, 2016.**

