Laws of the Game

All matches played during these tournaments will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Number of players per team

The recommended number of player per team is 10 players. Games will be made up of 7 field players and no goalie. You will have to register your team by AUGUST 31. Confirmation will need to be made with Student Life to solidify each player’s eligibility to participate with his/her fraternity or sorority. (Please see FRATERNITY/SORORITY ROSTER INFORMATION)

Substitutions

Substitutions will take place on the fly, meaning anytime throughout the course of the game.

Game Length

Games will take place during half time of High Point University’s Men’s and Women’s Soccer games which is approximately 10 minutes.

Score Reporting

Scoring will be kept on the field by the referee.

Field Size

Games will be played on one half of the main playing field. Goals will be regulation size.

In Case of a Tie

In the event of a tie in the semifinal or final game, teams will chose 5 of the players that were on the field at the end of regulation to compete in a MLS style break away shoot out. The players of each team will take turns trying to score on the opposite teams’ goalie from a distance of 35 yards. The player is allowed 10 seconds for this break away attempt. The ball may move backwards or forwards, but may not stop moving. If the player does not get a shot off in the allotted 10 seconds the attempt will count as a save for the opposite goal keeper. The team with the most goals wins. The overtime penalty shootout will take place after the men’s and/or women’s last soccer game.
Division Ranking and Team Advancement Criteria

Teams will be awarded points based on match results as follows:
WIN = 3 POINTS    TIE = 1 POINT    LOSS = 0 POINTS

Bonus points, up to a maximum of 5 per match, will be awarded to winning teams based on goal differential.

At the conclusion of round robin play, teams will be ranked in their playing group based on points earned from wins and ties. Any situation in which two or more teams have the same number of points will have the tie broken by using the following criteria in the order listed, one after the other as needed:
a. Results of head to head competition.
b. Most Bonus Points.
c. Fewest goals allowed.

NOTE: THERE IS NO TIE BREAKING CRITERIA RELATED TO THE MOST GOALS SCORED. NO TEAM WILL GAIN ANY RANKING ADVANTAGE BY RUNNING UP A MATCH SCORE BEYOND A 3 GOAL DIFFERENTIAL.

Semi-Final Match Ups

Everyone will be included in the Semi-Final, pending on the ranking of each team. In the case where the four playing group winners advance to the Semi-Final competition the Semi-Final match ups will be as follows: #1A vs #1D and #1B vs #1C. The winners of these matches will advance to the final match.

Protests

There will be no protests. No protests will be entertained concerning interpretation of the laws of the Game by the referee.

Player Equipment

All players must have shinguards on and socks pulled over their shinguards.

Rules Interpretation

The Tournament Director reserves the right to interpret the implementation of all tournament rules as they pertain to matches being played as part of the McDonald’s Greek Classic. The Tournament Director’s decisions are final for the purpose of tournament play and play will continue even if such decisions are appealed. Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be determined by the Tournament Director and decisions shall be final and binding.