

Championship Rules and Regulations - (2017-2018)

Dates

Week	Month	Date
Week 1	November	4
Week 2	November	11
Week 3	November	18
Week 4	November	25
Week 5	January	13
Week 6	January	20
Week 7	January	27
Week 8	February	3
Week 9	February	17
Week 10	March	3
*Final Week – Trophy Ceremony	March	17

*Extra Weeks scheduled to facilitate the matches that have been postponed or canceled rightfully so under the circumstances set in the following pages.

** Games scheduled in the days of the Final Week may not be postponed or rescheduled.

Rate

Price	Match Time	Space	Total Price (AED) Before Oct. 25 th
U8	40	quarter	4000
U10	40	half	4250
U12	50	half	4500
U14	60	full	4750
U16	70	full	5250
U18	70	full	5250

- **Registration opens on September 20th, 2017 for all teams interested in participating**
- **Leagues and divisions will be decided upon by the league committee and finalized after registration closes on October 25nd, 2017.**
- A 10% discount will be deducted from registrations for academies that register 4 or more teams. - Example, if your academy registers 5 teams, a 10% discount will be deducted from the registration fee for the 4th and 5th team. The first three teams will be charged the full amount.

***Note: All DSCC League games will be refereed by UAEFA official referees.**

****Additional Competition:** Coaches please note that teams will have an opportunity to qualify and/or register for an additional competition following League play through a Cup and/or Playoff series. Please note that the additional competition will have an additional fee to be charged for the purpose of covering basic costs. More information regarding this competition will be released midway through the season.

Registration Rules

Art (1): Each team must submit their full squad participations documents no later than Wednesday, October 22th:

- a. Official organizing committee list sheet (annex 5)
- b. Passport copies or Emirates ID for each player along with the registration form completed in full. Squad players may be added and/or replaced by a given team however the updated registration form and copy of the player in questions passport/ emirates ID must be submitted before 3pm the Thursday before the match.
- c. Amateur Minor Player waiver & release of liability (annex 4)

Art (2): The deadline for payments will be Wednesday, October 25nd, 2017, prior to the 1st match day commencing in the respective age groups. In case the payment is not collected the team won't be allowed to participate and will potentially be removed from the league if there is a team ready to play and enroll on the waiting list. In the event there is not a team, then the current team without payment will suffer a 3-0 loss in those matches where they have yet to provide registration payment.

Art (3): Players are allowed to play freely in two age groups as long as they are under the age limit. Players are only allowed to play one age group older (E.g. A player born 2004 playing in U14 league may also play in the U16 league). Players are not allowed to play freely on two teams in the same age category (E.g. a player playing for the U16 B team cannot also freely play with the U16 A team and vice versa). The following exception is allowed and will be enforced and monitored closely:

- a) A player may move from the A team to the B team (for an academy/club with two teams in the same age category) or vice versa, from the B team to the A team, if the coach believes it is necessary for developmental purposes. However, the player must then play out the rest of the season with that respective team (E.g. if a coach wants to move one of his players from the A team in U16 A division to the B team in U16 B division, then it is allowed, but the player must then finish the rest of the season playing with the B team in the B division). The coach may move as many players during the season as they see fit under the following condition:
 - i. You may not move more than two players up or down during the last two games of the respective league/season.

Art (4): Players are not allowed to play freely on more than one academy team throughout the season. A player is only allowed to change academies/clubs if both coaches (current and new) are aware of the change and provide the Organization Committee (OC) with notice so the player may be processed with a new ID card. The player will not be allowed to compete until they have registered with the new team.

- a. Female players are allowed to participate in an age category one year less than their current year. (e.g. A female player born in 2003, U16 age category cut off, is allowed to participate in the U14 age category. However, a female born in 2002, also U16 age category cutoff is not allowed to play in the U14 category).

Art (5): Teams will be accepted following the next criteria:

- a. September 20st until October 25th teams will be registered on a first come first serve basis until the number of teams per age group is full.
 - a. Leagues and divisions will be finalized after registration closes on October 20th, 2017.
- b. Waiting list will be provided in case any team drop from the championships.
- c. A 10% discount will be deducted from registrations for academies that register 4 or more teams. Example, if your academy registers 5 teams, a 10% discount will be deducted from the registration fee for the 4th and 5th team. The first three teams will be charged the full amount.

Art (6): Fair play transfer communication rule: By no means will "PLAYER POACHING" be tolerated.

- a. By no means can any coach in any academy approach other players during the season with the purposes of recruiting.
- b. If a player contacts another club in search of a new team, in order for a transfer to take place, the player and family must approach the current academy and notify their respective coaches.
 - i. In this event, the current academy must inform organizing committee (OC) about the player transfer (“OC Awareness” previous academy, new academy, and mutual academy awareness).
- c. If a player decides to pursue a player transfer, without the permission from all parties then their registration form the OC will be suspended until the following season or until all parties find an agreement.

Championship Format

Art (7): The championships format will be as follows:

- a) 3pts for a win
- b) 1pt for a draw
- c) 0pts for loss
- d) In the event of a no show the other team will be awarded a 3-0 walkover

Art (8): Final championships positions will be determined initially through total points.

In case of equalization between two or more teams upon the end of the matches, the following will occur:

- a) The aggregate result in the fixture between the 2 teams in question,
- b) Then identifying the team with least goals against
- c) Then identifying the team with a higher goal differential
- d) Then fair play rule,
 - a. Team with least red cards
 - b. Then, team with least yellow cards
- e) If we reach equalization still then a coin toss is taken.

Art (9): No score line will be officially documented higher than a 10 goal margin.

Art (10): It is mandatory that team’s shirts are numbered and players keep the same number through the Championship.

Art (11): Shin pads must be worn at all times.

Art (12): Kick off to be determined by the toss of a coin.

Art (13): Should there be a clash of shirts and neither team wishes to change, a coin toss will determine that of which the loser shall change shirts or wear the bibs provided by DSC.

Art (14): All teams are required to be ready at the scheduled fixture time. Should a team not be ready to start at the allotted time, the referee will wait 5 minutes of courtesy time and in case of no show the late team will forfeit the fixture. A friendly match can be played during the remaining time if any team is available or the late team show up after 5 minutes. Decisions are entirely at Dubai Sports Council Championship official’s discretion.

Art (15): Offside Line will be implemented for U10 and U12 fixtures. Please ask a DSC championships official for clarification as it’s essential that you fully understand this rule.

Art (16): Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you are in possession of the ball.

Art (17): All matches will be played at Sports Village in Dubai Sports City.

Art (18): Team administrator shall register on match scoresheet, t-shirt numbers, technical, administrative and medical staff names.

Art (19): Kick-off will not take place unless each team has at least (including GK):

- a) 9 players for 11 a-side
- b) 6 players for 8 a-side
- c) 5 players for 7 a-side

Art (20): Matches will be run by Referees appointed by the UAE Football Association

Art (21): If during the match play, a team drops below:

- a) 7 players in an 11 a-side match
- b) 5 players in 8 a-side match
- c) 4 players in 7 a-side match

Then the referee must end the match and record whatever result is scored in the playground after giving the time he deems appropriate to that team in order to complete the number of its players.

Art (22): if a player is injured during the match, no more than two persons are allowed to enter the pitch after getting permission from the referee.

Art (23): All players must wear the compulsory outfit for the match, including a jersey, shorts and socks, shin pads, football cleats with the number printed on the jerseys. Shin pads must be completely covered by the socks.

Art (24): Participating teams must use their uniforms with their distinctive colors approved by the organizing Committee (OC).

Art (25): No player shall wear a number different from the one registered in the match report. The number must be the same on all matches.

Art (26): Players must shake hands before and after the match as a confirmation of fair play.

Age Group and Specific Rules

	U8	U10	U12	U14	U16	U18
Players	7 aside	8 aside	8 aside	11 aside	11 aside	11 aside
Approx Pitch Size (m)	30m x 45m	64m x 40m	64m x 40m	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size
Subs	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited
Time (min)	2 x 20	2 x 20	2 x 25	2 x 30	2 x 35	2 x 35
Offside	No offsides	Offside line	Offside line	Offside	Offside	Offside
Match Day Squad	12 max	14 max	16 max	18 max	18 max	18 max
Registered Players	16 max	18 max	18 max	24 max	26 max	26 max

Timings

As per annexure 1

The example is U12: Each team will be allowed to register 18 players for the season, of which only 14 will be able to be included in an individual match day squad. It is the coach's responsibility to mark the 14 players that are here and present for the match on the game sheet which will be filled out by the coach. It is also the coach's responsibility to ensure each player has a government issued ID card (passport or emirates ID card) with them at all times during each DSCC game day. Please note it is possible to add or remove players from the registered squad throughout the season, but this must be done no later than **Thursday** prior to the game day and all details must be submitted and payments completed. In the event that teams have 2 matches in one day then the organizing Committee (OC) will allow the squad to extend the game day list by 2 additional players.

ALL coaches will have to provide the organizing Committee (OC) with a completed registration sheet (annex 5) and a photocopy of their passport/emirates ID card prior to being able to compete in the championships. Registration forms, passport copies/emirates ID to be sent to VitorD@dsc.ae and DiegoG@dsc.ae **no later than October 22, 2017.**

Under 8's (Born on or after January 1st 2010)

- 7 aside
- Pitch size (30m x 45m)
- Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you have possession of the ball
- 2 x 20 minute halves
- Size 4 football to be used
- No offside
- Opposing players to be 7 steps from the ball in a dead ball situation
- Maximum 12 players in match day squad

Under 10's (Born on or after January 1st 2008)

- 8 aside
- Pitch size (64m x 40m)
- Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you have possession of the ball
- 2 x 20 minute halves
- Size 4 football to be used
- Offside rule from 12 meter offside line
- Opposing players to be 7 steps from the ball in a dead ball situation
- Maximum 14 players in match day team

Under 12's (Born on or after January 1st 2006)

- 8 aside
- Pitch size (64m x 40m)
- Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you have possession of the ball
- 2 x 25 minute halves
- Size 5 football to be used
- Offside rule from 12 meters offside line
- Opposing players to be 7 steps from the ball in a dead ball situation
- Maximum 14 players in match day team

Under 14's (Born on or after January 1st 2004)

- 11 aside
- Full size
- Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you have possession of the ball
- 2 x 30 minute halves
- Size 5 football to be used
- Normal offside rule
- Opposing players to be 10 steps from the ball in a dead ball situation
- Maximum 18 players in match day team

Under 16's (Born on or after January 1st 2002)

- 11 aside
- Pitch size: Full Size
- Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you have possession of the ball
- 2 x 35 minutes
- Size 5 football to be used
- Normal offside rule
- Opposing players to be 10 steps from the ball in a dead ball situation
- Maximum 18 players in match day team

Under 18's (Born on or after January 1st 2000)

- 11 aside
- Pitch size: Full Size
- Substitutions can only be made when there is a break in play, and you have possession of the ball
- 2 x 35 minutes
- Size 5 football to be used
- Normal offside rule
- Opposing players to be 10 steps from the ball in a dead ball situation
- Maximum 18 players in match day team

Administrative & Disciplinary Procedures

Art (27): In the event a team has sufficient suspicion about the legality of another player on the opposing team in a certain age division and or league, then the respective coach has the right to ask the referee for player verification which will take place after the match has concluded.

Teams will be only allowed to request verification of government issued ID from another team in case they have suspicion of the validity of an opposing player and under the following conditions.

- a) The team that is requesting player verification must pay a deposit of 100 AED (cash) in the possession of DSC Championship Council in order to proceed with player verification.
- b) If in the end, the protester team has wrongfully accused the opposing team/player, the amount (100 AED cash) will not be refunded.
- c) If in the end, the protester team was right, the total amount of 100 AED cash will be refunded and the offending team will endure the 3-0 loss.
- d) If the offending player/team leaves without succumbing to the verification, the concerned team will endure the 3-0 loss.
- e) If In the event, a team is asked for an ID check and the ID cards are not in the records, the offending team will endure the 3-0 loss.
- f) A coach only has the right to request verification if they have provided the sports council with all of required registration documents.
 - a. Passport/Emirates ID copies of all registered players submitted to organizing committee
 - b. Team Registration Form
 - c. Amateur Minor Player waiver & release of liability (annex 4)

Art (28): If the team is unable to fulfill fixtures on set days, the team administrator must advise the Organizing Committee (OC) one week in advance. The postponement of matches depends according to the following:

- a) Only one match is eligible to be postponed.
- b) All matches postponed following the initial postponement will be fortified with a 3-0 loss.

Art (29): Yellow and Red cards will be implemented into U12, U14, U16 & U18 age groups as follow:

- a) A player is cautioned and shown a yellow card if he/she commits any of the following offences:
 1. Unsporting behavior
 2. Dissent by word or action
 3. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
 4. Delaying the restart of play
 5. Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, throw-in or free kick
 6. Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
 7. Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
 8. Display of any clothing other than game kit
- b) A player is shown a red card if he/she commits any of the following offences:
 1. Serious foul play
 2. Violent conduct
 3. Spitting at an opponent or any other person
 4. Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)

5. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
 6. Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
 7. Receiving a second caution in the same match
- c) Where possible the referees are asked to give the players the benefit of the doubt. However, a player who commits any of the above mistakes or offences, will get the following penalties:
1. Player, who receives three (3) yellow cards throughout the championship, will be subject to a one week ban from all Championship play following official notice to the Organizing Committee.
 2. Player, who receives a red card after two (2) yellow cards in a single game, he/she will be subject to a one week ban from all Championship play.
 3. Player, who receives a direct red card, he/she will be ban from Championship play for one (1) week minimum and the direct red card incidents will be subject to further bans on a case by case basis.
 4. If a player is suspended for a second successively (2nd) direct red card following the suspension of a previous direct red card, he/she will suffers a minimum two (2) weeks ban from all Championship play and these incidents will be subject to further bans on a case by case basis.

Art (30): In all cases of red cards or suspensions, the organizing committee (OC), will decide upon consequences after reviewing the matches' referee report.

Art (31): A team shall be deemed to have lost a match 3-0, unless the current result is more than that in which the current result will stand, under the following circumstances/violations:

- a) If a team allows a player to play under the jersey number or player card of another player.
- b) If a team allows a player to play in the presence of a suspension or if they are not legally allowed to partake.
- c) If a team fails to attend a match without the sufficient notice or if a team shows up with less than the required number of players or if they show up more than 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time without acceptable justification.
- d) If a team fails to comply with the rules in Article 3 regarding player promotion from two teams in the same age category.

Art (32): Results achieved (points, goals for and goals against) by a team in the championship shall be eliminated if it commits any of the following violations:

- a) If it manipulates the results in order to influence the results of another team or teams participating in the championship.
- b) If a team decides to withdraw from the DSCC mid participation.

Art (33): If the match is discontinued for any reason, any yellow or red cards shown to any player during the played time shall follow to be valid and in effect.

Art (34): Any team officials behaving inappropriately or found to have unsporting spirit shall be penalized by the committee (OC) with all or some of the following penalties:

- a) Warning
- b) Suspension for a one week in case of recidivism.
- c) Definitively suspension from the championship in case of violence.

Art (35): Objections are filed after the match to the OC (organizing committee). No objections to the performance of the referees shall be admitted.

Art (36): All the provisions mentioned herein shall be subject to the UAE football Association regulations.

Medical

Dubai Sports Council & TRESA have partnered up with a medical partner and they will provide medical support throughout the duration of the championships in the form of 2 paramedics on site at all times. The Medical Zone will be clearly shown in the weekly site map sent to the coaches but if you have any doubt then please ask a member of the Dubai Sports team.

General Rules

The implementation, interpretation and enforcement of rules are deemed to be final by the organizing Committee (OC). Any dispute of the rules should be advised to the DSC championships committee. All teams are bound to accept the rulings of the Championships Management.

Please refer to the Coaches Code of Conduct in Annex 3.

The organizing Committee (OC) reserve the right to change or modify rules of the championships and implement disciplinary actions upon teams and/or individuals.

All participants must submit a certified letter from their parents/tutors allowing them to participate in the championship at their own risk (waiver & release of liability in Annex 4) and are expected to have a basic understanding of the laws of the game of association football.

Liability

All players must obtain their own medical insurance to cover any/all medical support they may require while they are participating in the Dubai Sports Council Football Academies Championship in association with TRESA.

Dubai Sports Council and TRESA accept no liability or financial responsibilities for injuries or accidents sustained during the course of the championships by any player, official or supporter.

All personal property brought to the championships is entirely the responsibility of its owner. Dubai Sports Council & TRESA accept no liability or financial responsibilities for the loss or damage to property during the course of the championships by any player, official or spectator.

Annex 3 – DSC Championship – Coaches Code of Conduct

Dubai Sports Council & TRESA are dedicated to raising the standard of service to youth in football through the enforcement of the Coach's Code of Conduct & Ethics.

This Coach's Code of Conduct & Ethics defines the expectations for adults serving as coaches in the Dubai Sports Council Football Championship. We firmly believe that for the sports experience to be positive, we all have the responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place.

Every coach is required to play his part and observe the Dubai Sports Council Football Academies Championship Coach's Code of Conduct & Ethics.

On and off the pitch, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches and spectators.
- Co-operate with the OC or officials to comply with the schedule and Championships procedures.
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behavior.
- Always respect the match official's decision.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.

When working with players, I will:

- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, paramedics, club officers) for each player's best interests.

Annex 4 – Amateur Minor Player waiver & release of liability

I the undersigned parent/guardian for _____ (Participants Name) acknowledge and accept full responsibility for my child to participate in the Dubai Sports Council Football Academies Championship in association with TRESA. I further acknowledge that there is a potential to be injured in match events associated with my child's participation in this event.

As the legal parent/guardian/participant, in registering at Dubai Sports Council Football Academies Championship in association with TRESA, I understand that in attending the soccer/football program and using the facilities is at my son/ daughter's own risk. _____, Dubai Sports Council, TRESA, and all associated facilities, associated sponsors, venues and its/ their owners, employees and agents, shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever arising from any personal injury or property loss sustained by the participant and his/her/my family in regard to any programs on the premises. It is the sole responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to escort their children to/from the TRESA facilities to participate in the Championship. Dubai Sports Council & TRESA hold no legal responsibility and no alternative transport will be provided as this will be the sole accountability of the Parent/Guardian.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks inherent in participating in soccer/football (both practice and competition); that soccer/football is a physical sport which can require considerable running, starting, stopping and physical exertion; and could potentially lead to or may cause serious or grievous injuries, including bodily injury and/or death. Participants assume full responsibility for all injuries and damages which may occur in or about any programs on the premises and I and my son/ daughter hereby fully and forever release, discharge and hold harmless _____ (Team Name), Dubai Sports Council, TRESA, and all associated facilities, associated sponsors, venues and its/their owners, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, present or future resulting from or arising out of any person's participation in any programs or use of its facilities as mentioned above.

In addition, I and my son/ daughter agree (s) to follow the rules of play and conduct set by Dubai Sports Council Football Academies Championship in association with Dubai Sports Council. I and my son/ daughter understand(s) that failure to do so may result in suspension from participation. Also, I and my son/ daughter waive(s) all rights to any photos, videos taken or recorded for the use by the Dubai Sports Council or TRESA in TV, newspapers, Social Media and Publication.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

DSCC REGISTRATION FORM 2017-18

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