



2024 SOCA Field House Winter Classic

Boy's Tournament: December 14, 2024

Girl's Tournament: December 14, 2024

The Soccer Organization of the Charlottesville Area (SOCA) invites you to participate in the annual Winter Classic at the SOCA Field House. This 1-day event provides fast paced, 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 \$275.00 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. 112 and email your registration/roster to the Tournament Director at Bobby.Lutz@SOCAspot.org

* 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 Field House

The SOCA Field House is located within the Belvedere community just north of Charlottesville with access from Rio Road. The facility features an enclosed 60 x 40 yard playing field on state-of-the-art synthetic turf. Protected from the elements, the turf field will be available in all four seasons and may remain open during rain or snow. Dividing nets drop from the ceiling to divide the playing surface into separate training spaces or official regulation sized futsal courts. The facility also features locker rooms, bathrooms and an elevated mezzanine with great views for the spectators.

SOCA Field House
875 Belvedere Boulevard
Charlottesville, VA 22901

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 be present at the Field House 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 be designated as either a boys or girls team (girls may play on a boys team but not vice versa). Age Divisions are as follows. (U10 – 2015,2016) (U12 – 2013,2014) (U15 – 2010,2011,2012)

The tournament is open to all Travel, Challenge, and Recreational program players. The event is expected to be predominantly an advanced 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

Prizes will be presented to the 1st 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. Players must be born in the years listed for their age group or younger. A younger player's participation may take place 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 (November 25) but must be made before the roster freeze date (December 10). 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 10)
- 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 2024-25 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 SOCA WISL Futsal Rules

The following modifications will be made for this event:

The duration of the game will be (2) 20-minute halves with a continuous clock kept. Each game will have a 3-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.

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. Fewest penalty points in all games played (Yellow Card = 1-point, red card = 2 points).
5. Coin Flip.

Uniforms and Game Balls

All teams shall bring a light and dark shirt if possible. SOCA will provide scrimmage vests as needed. In the event of a color conflict the team listed first in the match schedule shall change colors or wear pinnies. Game balls will be provided by SOCA.

Separation of Teams and Spectators

Only players, facilitators/coaches, and match officials are allowed onto the 1st floor playing level. All spectators are to stay in the 2nd Floor Mezzanine spectator area provided in SOCA Field House. Although, use of the bathrooms on the 1st Floor is permitted by spectators.

Team Coaches

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

Refunds

There are no refunds provided 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 refund 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 on the SOCA website *www.SOCAspot.org*

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 21

Tournament Schedule Release: December 7

Roster Freeze Date: December 8

Event Date: Boys = December 9, Girls = December 9

*****Team check-in is 30 minutes before the first scheduled match at the SOCA Field House**

Address & Directions to SOCA Field House

SOCA Field House
875 Belvedere Boulevard
Charlottesville, VA 22901

<https://www.socaspot.org/soca-field-house/>

Medical Services Information

There are two hospitals in the Charlottesville area in case of an emergency.

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