

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
INTRAMURAL SPORTS

WORLD CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Intramural **Men's and Women's Soccer Rules** will be enforced.

1. Playing time shall consist of 40 minutes divided into two 20-minute halves.
All playing time is running time.
Mercy rule – if the score/goal differential is 5 goals or more with five (5) minutes or less to play in the 2nd half, the game shall end.

2. TIEBREAKERS for advancement to Championship Play:
Head to Head
Average Fewest Goals Allowed
Average Most Goals Scored
Coin Toss

The score of a forfeited game is 1-0.

3. TIE GAMES

Pool Play

No overtime in pool play. A game may end in a tie.

Championship Play/Playoffs

Maximum two five-minute overtime periods (**not sudden victory**).

If the score is tied at the end of the first overtime, the teams will play a second overtime.

Teams will exchange sides of play after the first overtime period.

If score is still tied after the second overtime, teams will do penalty kicks for five (5) kickers. Penalty kicks may be attempted by any player on the team's roster who has not been ejected or declared ineligible. Each team shall alternately take an initial series of five kicks. The team scoring the greater number of goals is the winner. If score is still tied after each team has taken five kicks, kicks shall be taken alternately in the same order until a team has one more goal in the same number of kicks.

4. Players may be added to or deleted from a team's roster by the team's captain throughout league/pool play. Once league/pool play is concluded, team rosters are frozen. Each player on the game scoresheet must be also on the team's roster. A player who is listed on the game scoresheet but is not on the team roster is an ineligible player
5. **Inclement Weather**
Call the Campus Recreation office (545-2693) 30 minutes before the first scheduled game for any game schedule information. If you do not hear a pre-recorded message with game schedule changes, the games are on as scheduled.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Each player must present his/her UMASS **UCARD** to participate in each game of the intramural World Cup soccer tournament. No exceptions.
- Each player must be on the team's roster prior to playing. A team's roster is frozen after league/pool play. Only the captain may add or delete a player from the roster. A player not on the team roster who is listed on the game scoresheet is an illegal player. A player may not play for more than one team.
- **No slide tackling** – First offense anywhere on the field is a penalty kick; the player is also cautioned and removed from the game until the next opportunity to substitute. A player who commits a second slide tackle for which a penalty kick is assessed shall be ejected from the game and will serve a one-game suspension. An ejected player cannot be replaced on the field. The team shall play shorthanded for the remainder of the game.
- Each team must bring two shirts to each game (assigned color and white shirt).

GOOD LUCK and enjoy the *World Cup soccer* tournament!