

8th Annual Highlanders Cup

Bixby, Oklahoma

February 12-14, 2021

Location of Tournament

The 8th annual tournament is hosted by Highlanders Soccer Club. The Highlanders Cup will be located at Bixby's Keas fields, with alternate locations if needed.

Purpose of Tournament

The purpose of the Highlanders Cup shall be created in an atmosphere that promotes fun competition and safety while encouraging goodwill and sportsmanship. The facility at Keas fields is in a beautiful complex in which it is maintained by the City of Bixby.

Tournament Format

Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of three games. Teams will participate in pool play, and semifinalist and finalist teams will be determined on points after pool play is complete.

Academy U7 –U8 age divisions will play 4v4

U9 –U10 age divisions will play 7v7

U11 age U12 division will play 9v9, with option for 11v11 if teams allow

U13 age division and up will play 11v11 format

COVID GUIDELINES – 02/05/2021

Due to Covid, we are asking for players and spectators to practice social distancing as much as possible while inside the complex. In addition, the following policies are in place:

- 1) Home team along with spectators will occupy the North / West sidelines
Visiting team along with spectators will occupy the South / East sidelines
- 2) Players on the bench are encouraged to wear masks
- 3) Participants and spectators are encouraged to wear masks inside the complex, especially in populated areas such as the concession stand, bathrooms, or t-shirt vendor area.

Awards

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd will be awarded medals in all divisions, along with one team/coaches trophy.

Housing

Hotels will be provided through CSTT Sports Travel www.cstt.com

Tournament website and information www.highlanderssc.com

Highlanders Code of Conduct

All participants in the tournament are expected to maintain high standards of conduct during their participation of the Highlanders Cup. Failure to do so could result in punitive action, depending upon circumstances which may range from a warning, reduction in points in the current standings, or banning that team from future participation.

Team Criteria

Boys and girls competitive teams accepted. Academy teams will only be allowed to play in U7-U11 divisions.

Types of Teams

Open to league, club, or associations teams, tournament teams, and academy teams. A tournament team is a regular league team whose tournament roster may include guest players.

Max roster size for U7 – U8 is 10 players

Max roster size for U9 – U10 is 12 players

Max roster size for U11- U12 is 18 players

Max roster size for U13 and up is 22 players

Out of state teams must provide a travel permit from their home organization.

Players and Coaches

Each player and coach must be a registered US Soccer Federation (USSF) youth affiliate and have current player or coach pass.

Players may be listed on no more than two team rosters in separate divisions. In addition, a maximum of three of a team's guest/CPP players may be dual rostered. This must be noted on their roster at the time of check in and approved by a tournament staff member.

Players and coaches will sit opposite side of field from spectators.

Guest Players

Guest players must have a guest players form approved by OSA or the state in which that player is registered.

Guest players for academy upon tournament approval only

Maximum allowed for U9-10 are 2 guest players

Maximum allowed for U11-14 are 3 guest players

Maximum allowed for U15 and above are 6 guest players

Application

To be considered, a team must submit a completed application form online, and then current approved team roster and appropriate team fee. All fees must be submitted by February 2, 2021 to be considered a team. A team that withdraws after February 2, 2021 shall be subject to losing their entry fee.

All payments will be accepted online during the application process. Please contact the tournament director if other arrangements need to be made.

Seeding

Teams will be seeded based on application information and teams past history. Also, tournament committee will take into consideration GotSoccer's team ranking if a team fails to fill out team history.

Match Scheduling

Each team will play a minimum of three games. The three matches will be round robin play within each group whenever possible. Crossover matches may be necessary if a group contains fewer than four teams.

Finals and semifinal pairings will be posted on the schedule.

Scheduled will be posted a week prior to the Highlanders Cup.

Point System:

3 points for a win

1 point for a tie

1 point for a shutout

Tiebreakers

In the event teams are tied on the basis of points, the following tiebreakers will be considered in order until the tie is broken:

1. Winner of head-to-head competition. (This criteria is not used if more than two teams are tied)
2. Team with greatest net goal difference (NGD) which is computed as 'goals for' minus 'goals against' with a maximum of 4 NGD per game.
3. Most Goals (no limit per game)
4. Team with fewest goals allowed (no limit per game)
5. Fewest accumulation of red / yellow cards/ejections.
6. Kicks from penalty spot per FIFA law.

Uniforms and Equipment

The home team is responsible for using an alternate color of jersey, if necessary. The home team is listed first on the pairings in the schedule. Home team shall wear light colors.

Player equipment please refer to the FIFA Laws of the games

Parking is FREE

Inclement Weather

All updates will be given through GotSoccer text messaging or emails. Please make sure that your GotSoccer account is updated. In the event that the tournament is canceled in whole or part, the Highlanders Cup will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team. Every attempt will be taken to refund a portion of the entry fee after all out of pocket expenses are deducted.

Team Check In

1. All teams must provide the following:
 - a. Current approved game roster
 - b. Travel Form and Guest player forms
 - c. Player and Coach passes
 - d. Medical release forms for all players
2. Once checked in with tournament committee, only other check will be by referee's to ensure proper equipment. However, please keep passes available in case of verification questions.
3. Any player not having the items listed above shall be ruled ineligible.

Rules of Play

The rules of play for the Highlanders Cup will be the published Laws of the Game by FIFA with those modifications stated below. Please note: all teams must provide current official USYS or US Club roster at check in as well as player medical waivers.

Uniforms and Equipment

1. All players must wear the same color jersey, shorts, and socks (Except Goalies)
2. The home team is responsible for using alternate color of shirt and socks. The home team shall wear light colors and visiting must wear dark colors. The team that is in the wrong must change.
3. Shin guards are required by all players.
4. Goalkeepers are allowed to wear headgear.
5. Socks must cover shin guards.
6. Each team must provide a game ball.
7. Casts are allowed only at referee's discretion.

Duration of Matches, Ball Size, and Number of Players

Age Group	Duration of Matches	Ball Size	Number of Players	Max Roster Size
Under 7	-8 2x20 min halves	Size 4	4v4	10
Under 9-10	2x20 min halves	Size 4	7v7	12
Under 11-12	2x25 min halves	Size 4	8v8 or 11v11	18
U13-U14	2x30 min halves	Size 5	11v11	22
U15 and above	2x35 min halves	Size 5	11v11	22

*****Overtime games will go straight to kicks on all quarter, semi, and final matches.**

All bracket and pool play will end in tie.

Fees:

Under 7-8 (\$325)

Under 9-10 (\$495)

Under 11-12 (\$575)

Under 13 and up (\$650)

Substitutions

Standard substitution rule per FIFA.

Appeals

All appeals must be in writing within 1 hour after match concludes with \$75 non-refundable payment. All referee decisions are final and cannot be appealed. All tournament committee decisions are final.