



**Hmong Carolinas, Inc.**  
**Hmong Summer Festival and Hmong New Year Celebration**  
**Soccer Tournament Rules**

- 1. Registration Fees:**

Registration fee is free, but a **\$200.00** refundable fee is required. It will be refunded at the end of the festival if your team does not cause any problems/fight.
- 2. Registration:**
  - A. All teams must register prior to the game competition.
  - B. All players must register before entering the soccer field.
  - C. A new player is not allowed to be added to the team list after the game has started.
- 3. Roster & Limitation of Player:**
  - A. Team may have up to 32 players on the roster.
  - B. A player can't play for 2 teams or more. Any player who is found to play or register with more than 1 team will be disqualified.
  - C. A new player is not allowed to add to the team list after the game has started.
- 3. Uniforms:**
  - A. Uniforms with numbers are required for all players.
  - B. Blank T-shirts without numbers are not acceptable.
  - C. No metal cleat shoes are allowed (tsis pub rau khau ncaws pob, qab xib khau hlau)
- 4. Late for the Game:**
  - A. Each team has only 15 minutes late after the 1<sup>st</sup> call by the referee.
  - B. The team will be forfeited after the 15 minutes are up.
  - C. A team with less than 7 players including the goalkeeper cannot be competed and that team
- 5. Attacking:**

There is no attacking or kicking the ball from the back or behind any player Violation will be resulted by:

  - 1<sup>st</sup> time** violation, foul and get yellow card
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> time** violation, foul and get red card
- 6. Touching the Ball or (Handball)**
  - A. A player who intentionally touches or catches the ball will be immediately subjected to:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> time**, hand ball kick and get a yellow card
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> time**, hand ball kick and get a red card
  - B. The goalkeeper can only catch the ball inside the 18-yard line.
  - C. Handball inside the 18-yard line will be resulted with a penalty kick.
  - D. **A goalkeeper cannot catch the returning ball when it is kicked back by his team player. Violation will be counted as a handball and will automatically result with a penalty kick.**
  - E. The goalkeeper has only 3-5 steps running forward kicking out the ball from the standpoint where the ball is caught. Violation of this rule will be resulted with:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> time** violation, warning by the referee
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> time** violation, warning by the referee
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> time** violation, penalty kick
  - F. Either player's hand to the ball or ball to the hand of the player will be called as a hand ball by the referee.
- 7. Overtime Play:**

If the two teams become a draw at the end of the timeframe, both teams will have a full

15 minutes of an extended game and have to agree with the following restrictions:

- A. No substitute of any players, no break time allowed for both teams.
  - B. There is no substitute for the goalkeeper.
  - C. If the teams become a draw again after the 15 minutes that is extended, both teams will be subjected to a penalty kick. Each team has only 5 balls for 5 individual players.
  - D. If both teams are drawn again at the penalty kick, there will be another 3 penalty kicks for each team. Substitute of the goalkeeper is not allowed.
  - E. If both teams become a draw again at the end of 3 balls penalty kick, there will be a goalkeeper-to-goalskeeper penalty kick until winning the game.
  - F. Flipping a coin to determine which team is going to kick the ball first when the game becomes a draw.
- 8. Limitation for Player:**
- A. Team may have up to 32 players on the roster.  
No player may participate more than one team. Any player who is found to be registered with another team will be disqualified.
- 9. Substitution of Players:**
- A. There is no limited substitution. The team allowed substitute as many players as you want during the game, but only if the ball belongs to that team, or the ball is completely dead.
  - B. The team shall notify the referee in advance before substituting any player
  - C. Substituting a player without informing the referee will immediately result to a yellow card. Any ball kicking or playing by that player will be immediately voided.
  - D. Once a player has been substituted for, a player still can substitute, and return back to that game.
- 10. Pushing and Catching:**
- A. There is no pushing and catching any player during the game competition. Violation will result in:  
**1<sup>st</sup> time**, foul and get a yellow card  
**2<sup>nd</sup> time**, foul and get a red card
- 11. Dangerous Play:**
- The referee, if so, the player must agree, no arguments, and no further questions will call any dangerous play.
- 12. Fighting and Arguing:**
- Hmong Carolinas Inc. does not welcome fighting, or any fighting action between any 2 players or and 2 teams. Occasionally, if:
- A. Fighting is just about to start between any two players; both players will be automatically ejected from that game. Two new players are allowed to substitute.
  - B. Fighting is already battled and happened. Whoever started the fight or threw the first punch will automatically be disqualified. No substitute allowed. The opponent player will be allowed to continue the game if he does not fight back.
  - C. If two or more players of each team are involved in fighting, both players, or teams will be automatically disqualified. No further decisions are made; both teams are the loser teams.
  - D. There is no argument between players. If there is an argument among any two players, both players will be disqualified. Two new players are accepted for replacement.
  - E. **Remember:** Any fighting among two players or teams, those players or teams, will not be accepted to register with Hmong Carolinas' tournaments in the future for a period of 3 years.

- F. Any player arguing or assaulting the referee will be subjected to a criminal prosecution, arrested by the police, and will not be accepted to register with Hmong Carolinas' soccer tournaments for 3 years.
  - G. Any player or any team accidentally or intentionally injuring any player or other persons will be totally accountable, liable, and responsible for all kinds of losses, injuries, damages, expenses, and costs.
  - H. If the coach / manager or fans of a soccer team intentionally argues or assaults any of the officials (referees) of HCI that coach / manager or fans will be subjected to a criminal prosecution, arrested by the police, and will not be accepted to register with Hmong Carolinas Inc. Soccer tournaments for 3 years. He or she will be totally accountable, liable, and responsible for all kinds of loses, bodily injuries, damages, medical expenses, and all costs.
- 13. Referee:**
- The referee has overall power over the players. All players must obey the referee at all times during the competition.
- A. Players have no right to ask, speak, or argue with the referee during the competition. Any players violating this rule will be subjected to disqualification and will be removed from the soccer field.
  - B. In the situation that the referee and the assistant flagman are conflicted with any decision, any call, any place, any ball, the referee has the right to make the final decision.
  - C. The flagman can only watch for the offside violation and field line unless directed by the referee.
  - D. Only the coach and the captain can speak to the referee in a friendly manner.
  - E. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connecting with the play are always right and final.
  - F. Either licensed or unlicensed referee, he has all rights during the competition. All players must respect his calls and follow all the decisions that are given.
14. All players must agree to these rules and abide each single regulation in this entire regulations.
15. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. will not be responsible and liable for any injury, death, poison, fire, inhalation, and any other related injuries sustaining from the competition or any injuries occurring during the tournament in the fairground, Newton, NC.
16. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. will not be responsible and liable for any lost property, stolen article, accidents or gang related problems during the festival.
17. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. reserves the right to deny, reject any application of registration, and cancel the competition in an unforeseen situation.
18. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. reserves the right to change any information, delete any rule, and In general situation Hmong Carolinas, Inc. has the right to make final decision and we the players will comply with the decision.
20. Additional rules may apply, it is based on the referee and his experience
21. The information on the application of registration is corrected to the best of my Violation of the referee's decision will be subjected to disqualify the whole team from the soccer field and be the loser for that competed game.
23. **Fouls:**
- Direct Kick**- A kick can score by one touch.
- Indirect Kick**- A kick must be touched by someone to be able to score a goal.

**Direct Fouls (1 ball):**

Pushing, tackling, handballs, kicking another opponent, jumping on an opponent, spitting and fighting

**Indirect Fouls (2 balls):**

Sliding (dangerous play), high kick, obstruction (blocking, holding), playing on the Ground (dangerous play).

- 24. Offside: The penalty for Offside is that an **Indirect Free Kick** is awarded to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the offside occurred.

**Offside:**

- A. The player must be in an "offside position" at the **moment** the ball is "played" by a teammate. To be in an "offside position", a player must be on the opponent's half of the field.
- B. The player is **or** not involved in "**active play**".

**Not Offside:**

A player cannot be offside if he/she receives the ball directly from a corner kick, throw-in, goal kick even though he/she is in an "offside position".

- 25. **REMINDER: ANY PLAYERS, COACH, MANAGER, CAPTAIN, AND FANS THAT BREAK THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE.**

**By signing below: I, the coach, attest that I have read through the above rules. I clearly understand these rules. I have no questions on any rule above. I have explained the above rules completely to all my players. We, all the players, are binding with this contract by my signature below. My team players and I, the coach, do hereby agree with and release Hmong Carolinas, Inc. from any or all liability claims, lawsuit, damages, losses, costs, expenses, any kind of injuries, death, arising out of or resulting from the competition, or occurs during the Hmong Summer Festival or Hmong New Year Celebration. In addition, we comply and consent to the above rules.**

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Print Name of Manager, Coach, Captain

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Signature

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