



The Father Christmas Cup is a soccer fundraiser held each December to support the families of the military, first responders, and the Atlanta soccer community who will be missing a parent for the first time over the holiday period. The event will memorialize those active in our soccer community who have passed during the previous year.

All participants are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the spirit of the event.

RULES OF PLAY:

Match Format:

1. All teams will be scheduled for three (3) small-sided 8v8 games, ½ field, regulation goals.
2. All matches are played within the 30-minute time slot. Kickoff as soon as both teams are ready to play – encourage no warmups to maximize playing time.
3. No half-time or switching sides.
4. No extra time should be added. Matches must stay on schedule. A horn will sound every 30 minutes, signifying the match is over, so that the next scheduled match can get started to maximize playing time. Referees do not keep the match clock.
5. Unlimited substitutions allowed on the fly. Players coming off the field should be about 3 yards from the touchline before their replacement enters the field.
6. All field players are required wear the colored FXC shirt assigned to their team as their playing jersey.

Safety & Fouls

7. No slide tackling for any Adult Division. Results in an indirect free kick.
8. No goalkeeper punts -Goalkeepers may drop kick or throw the ball to redistribute.
9. No goalkeeper contact. Results in an indirect free kick.
10. No offsides.
11. Yellow-carded players must sub out for 2 minutes (referee judgement).
12. Red-carded players will not be allowed to continue in the FXCup event. Participants in a fighting and/or violent conduct offense should leave the park.

Referee should report incidents to Father Christmas Cup Committee Member.

Roster/Eligibility

13. Children may play with their parents' team if the parent is playing, and the child IS NOT older than high school age. Any player out of high school who wishes to play should play on an Open Division team.
14. All decisions by the referees are final. No protests or appeals allowed.

15. Game scores are not recorded, and results are not reported. Please remember this is a charity fundraising event. There are NO FINALS or AWARDS.

Medical & Event Support

16. Certified Athletic Trainers with Premier Sports Medicine are on the property to attend to any injury concerns.

17. All other questions or concerns may be addressed by Father Christmas Committee Members available throughout the park or at the Registration Tent.

Please Note: No Alcoholic Beverages May Be Brought onto Silverback Park Property for Consumption.
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (and food) available for purchase at Silverback's Park Grill: Willie B's.