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# Suburban Friendship League

## Procedures and Processes – Tournament Scheduling (Effective July 10, 2011)

### OVERVIEW

This document discusses the following topics:

- General tournament requirements
- Teams eligible to participate in the tournament
- Placement of teams in tournament divisions
- Tournament format
- Actions taken when tournament games cannot be played as scheduled
- Coaches with two teams
- Tournament game times

A separate document (**Procedures and Processes – Determining Tournament Size and Teams Eligible to Be Considered for the Tournament**) describes the process used at the beginning of the season to determine the tournament size and teams eligible to be considered for the tournament. It can be found on the web site under SFL Documents at <http://www.sflsoccer.org/proctoursize.pdf>.

### BACKGROUND

The goal of the SFL is to have each team play 8 to 9 games and to play competitive matches. However, we only have 8 or 9 weekends during a season. Another problem is that we do not know the strength of a given team which makes ensuring competitive games difficult. Because of these two problems, we adopted an end of season tournament.

The end of season tournament is not a traditional tournament at all. Rather, it is an opportunity to play at least 1, and in some cases 3, game(s) against teams with similar records. (At least 50 percent of the teams play at least 2 games.) It also accomplishes our goal of having each team scheduled to play 8 or 9 games during a season. The way its works is that we schedule 7 or 8 regular season games depending on the season and use the results of the first 5 or 6 games to determine how the tournament games are scheduled. In other words, if a team loses its first 5 games, it will play in the tournament against other teams that have either lost all of their games or at most won 1 game during the same time period. History has shown that the division

1 groupings are usually very competitive. You may want to check out our web site for the results  
2 of last season's tournament games.

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4 In order to ensure that a given club does not incur an unreasonable expense in hosting a  
5 tournament site for officials, we reimburse the club for the officials provided based on the  
6 number of games covered and the age group. These rates are also set at the preseason meeting  
7 and come from the registration fees.

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9 A club that hosts about one tournament game for each team registered will receive a  
10 reimbursement for officials that is about equal to the amount of the registration fee that will be  
11 used to pay tournament officials. In effect, it is a wash and, based on the Spring 2010 fees, the  
12 club would receive all but \$85 to \$90 for each team back from the amount of the payment it  
13 made to the SFL. The math is somewhat complicated since we have round robin and single  
14 elimination tournament divisions. However, we can provide this upon request.

### 15 16 **General Tournament Requirements**

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18 The tournament weekend is normally held on the last weekend of the season. However, the  
19 tournament will only be scheduled if a majority of the regular season games can be played before  
20 the tournament scheduling process is expected to begin. If weather or other circumstances do  
21 not allow a majority of games to be played by the time that the tournament scheduling process  
22 normally begins, the tournament will not be scheduled and the tournament weekend will be used  
23 to make up games. If the tournament is cancelled under these circumstances, then no trophies or  
24 other awards will be provided to the teams. A majority of regular season games will be  
25 considered played if scores have been received for 80 percent of the games that were originally  
26 expected to be played at the start of the season by the tournament scheduling date. For example,  
27 assume the SFL has 500 registered teams then about 250 games can be expected to be played  
28 each game week. If, on average, less than 200 games are played each week, then the tournament  
29 will not be scheduled and the weekend reserved for the tournament will be used to make up  
30 games.

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32 In determining whether the majority of games have been played, the SFL reviews the forfeits  
33 that have been assigned to determine whether those games should be counted as games played.  
34 Two types of forfeits are assessed by the SFL – forfeits assessed for scheduling problems  
35 (commonly referred to as scheduling forfeits) and forfeits assessed for game related reasons.  
36 Scheduling forfeits are not considered games played for the purpose of determining whether the  
37 tournament will be scheduled. For example, if Team A was awarded a forfeit because a game  
38 was cancelled due to weather and an adequate slot was not available to make up the game (see  
39 **Procedures and Processes – Rescheduling Regular Season Games**), then the game will not be  
40 considered played for purposes of determining the number of games that have been played. On  
41 the other hand, if Team B was awarded a forfeit because Team A did not have a roster, then  
42 Team A and Team B would be given credit for a game played. As noted elsewhere, although  
43 this forfeit counts towards the games played, it does not count for tournament division ranking  
44 purposes.

1 **Confirming the Tournament Size and Teams**  
2 **Eligible to Be Considered for the Tournament**

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4 As noted in the **Procedures and Processes – Determining Tournament Size and Teams**  
5 **Eligible to Be Considered for the Tournament**, the SFL makes an initial determination at the  
6 start of the season on the size of the tournament and the teams that will be considered eligible for  
7 tournament scheduling. No later than five weeks after the season starts, the SFL Club  
8 Representatives will be requested to confirm the field and referee availability information for the  
9 tournament weekend. The SFL will use this information to determine the maximum number of  
10 tournament time slots that are available for each club. The number of time slots will then be  
11 translated into number of teams supported. For purposes of this computation, a field available  
12 all day on Saturday and Sunday afternoon translates into 9 time slots in the spring and 8 time  
13 slots in the fall. These time slots can support about 9 or 10 teams.

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15 If a club has more teams than it can support in the tournament, the SFL Club Representative will  
16 be asked to assign a priority to each team in each age group. The SFL will use this information  
17 to determine which teams will play in the tournament. The SFL Club Representative is not  
18 required to provide an overall priority for the club’s teams. For example, if a club has 5 teams in  
19 each age group and has 6 age groups, then the SFL Club Representative should provide a list for  
20 each age group showing the priority (1 to 5) for each team. The SFL Club Representative is not  
21 required to rank the 30 teams from 1 to 30.

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23 In making this decision, the SFL Club Representative should confirm that the coach of a given  
24 team is willing and able to (1) act as the division commissioner for a tournament division and  
25 fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the rules for a division commissioner, (2) pick up trophies  
26 for the tournament site, and (3) field a team on the tournament weekend. If a coach cannot, is  
27 not willing, or unable to perform tournament division responsibilities and pick up trophies, then  
28 that team should be given a lower priority. In addition, the SFL should be notified to ensure that  
29 this individual is not asked to perform these duties. If the coach cannot field a team, then the  
30 SFL should also be notified to avoid scheduling problems.

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32 During the scheduling process, the SFL will determine which teams will actually be scheduled as  
33 discussed elsewhere in this section. This will be primarily based on field and referee availability  
34 and the priority assigned to a given team. Based on past experience, we expect that most teams  
35 can be accommodated. However, the SFL reserves the right to limit the number of teams and  
36 determine which teams will not play in the tournament. The SFL Club Representatives will be  
37 notified of any teams not selected for tournament play before the tournament schedule is  
38 published. Clubs with 4 or more teams are expected to provide at least one field and officials for  
39 the tournament. If a club has 4 or more teams registered in the SFL but the club cannot provide  
40 any fields and officials, all teams will be considered ineligible for tournament play unless  
41 adequate fields and officials can be obtained elsewhere. Clubs which can provide officials but  
42 no fields are given a higher priority than clubs which provide only fields.

1 **TEAMS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT**

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3 Teams that have played an adequate number of games and desire to play in the tournament will  
4 be scheduled for tournament games when the criteria for scheduling a tournament is met. In  
5 other words, teams do not have to register to play in the tournament if the club has provided  
6 adequate fields and referees to support the teams associated with their club.  
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8 A team will be considered to have played an adequate number of games, if that team has played  
9 at least 40 percent of the games originally expected to played at the start of the season by the  
10 tournament scheduling date. For example, if the tournament schedules are being prepared after 5  
11 regular season game weeks have passed, then a team must play in at least 2 games to be  
12 considered eligible for tournament play. On the other hand, if the tournament schedules are  
13 being prepared after 6 regular season game weeks have passed, then a team must have played in  
14 at least 3 games to be considered eligible for tournament play.  
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16 Forfeits caused by rescheduling problems are not considered games played for the purpose of  
17 determining tournament eligibility. For example, if Team A and Team B from the same club  
18 were awarded forfeits because a game was cancelled due to weather and an adequate slot was not  
19 available to make up the game (see section on game rescheduling), then the game will not be  
20 considered played for purposes of determining whether a team has played the minimum number  
21 of games. On the other hand, if Team B was awarded a forfeit because Team A did not have a  
22 roster, then Team A and Team B would be given credit for a game played. As noted elsewhere,  
23 although this forfeit counts towards the games played, it does not count for tournament ranking  
24 purposes.  
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26 In addition, a team which has been assessed 2 or more forfeits for any non scheduling reason  
27 may be excluded from the tournament. Examples of forfeits that can result in a team being  
28 declared ineligible for tournament play include:  
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- 30 • As noted in the rules, a forfeit may be assessed because the SFL Club Representative  
31 failed to turn in a roster by its due date. Therefore, it is critical that team rosters are  
32 received by their due date.  
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- 34 • As noted in the rules, if a team does not properly report a red card, then the team is  
35 subject to suspension from the tournament.  
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37 **PLACEMENT OF TEAMS IN TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS**

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39 Eligible teams are broken down into two broad groups – teams that have played the majority of  
40 their regular season games and teams that have not played the majority of their regular season  
41 games. Teams that have played a majority of their games will be ranked for tournament play  
42 based on their game point percentage (game points earned divided by total games played times  
43 maximum number of points that can be earned for a game), game points, bonus points, and least

1 goals allowed.<sup>1</sup> Games where a team is assessed a scheduling forfeit and points lost due to  
2 reporting scores late do not count in this calculation since the goal of the tournament is to place  
3 teams with comparable abilities against each other. Therefore the actual game results associated  
4 with games played are used to determine the rankings that are used for creating tournament  
5 divisions. The tournament ranking will normally be based on the results through the fifth or  
6 sixth game.

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8 **Note:** Using the game point percentage for ranking the teams addresses the potential  
9 problem of teams that may not have played the same number of games. See the  
10 **Frequently Asked Questions – Team Ranking** document for additional  
11 information. This document can be found on the web site under Frequently  
12 Asked Questions (<http://www.sflsoccer.org/faqteamrank.pdf>).

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14 A team will be considered for tournament division placement purposes to have played a majority  
15 of games if that team has played at least 70 percent of the games originally scheduled rounded up  
16 to the next highest game at the time the tournament schedule is created. For example, if the  
17 tournament schedules are being prepared after 5 regular season game weeks have passed, then a  
18 team must have played at least 4 of those games to be considered eligible for top or bottom  
19 divisions. On the other hand, if the tournament schedules are being prepared after 6 regular  
20 season game weeks have passed, then a team must have played at least 5 of those games to be  
21 considered eligible for the top or bottom tournament divisions.

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23 **Note:** As noted above, scheduling forfeits assessed because of scheduling reasons are  
24 not considered games played for this purpose. For example, if either Team A and Team  
25 B were awarded forfeits because a game was cancelled due to weather and the game  
26 could not be made up (see **Procedures and Processes – Rescheduling Regular Season  
27 Games**), then the game will be considered not played for purposes of determining  
28 whether a team has played the majority of its games. On the other hand, if Team B was  
29 awarded a forfeit because Team A did not have a roster, then Team A and Team B would  
30 be given credit for a game played. As noted elsewhere, although this forfeit counts  
31 towards the games played, it does not count for tournament division assignment  
32 purposes.

### 33 **Effects of Teams Not Playing a Majority of Their Regular Season Games**

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36 Generally, only teams that have played a majority of their regular season games, as defined  
37 above, at the time the tournament divisions are determined are eligible to be placed in the top  
38 tournament division or the lowest tournament division. The appropriate SFL Age Group  
39 Commissioner will review the teams that have not played the majority of their regular season

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<sup>1</sup> Normally only the game point percentage and game points are used.

1 games to determine where they should be placed.<sup>2</sup> If practicable, all teams eligible for  
2 tournament play but not playing a majority of games, as defined above, when the tournament  
3 schedules are prepared, will be placed together in a separate tournament division(s). If it is not  
4 practicable to create a special division(s) for the teams that have not played a majority of games,  
5 then teams with a game point percentage of about 50 percent or less will be placed with teams  
6 that have a game percentage point ranking of about 50 percent. All other teams that have not  
7 played a majority of games will be placed with teams that are in the division after the top  
8 tournament division. For example, Teams A and B have not played a majority of their games  
9 and are playing with teams in tournament divisions 1 through 10 for that age group with division  
10 5 containing the teams with a game percentage point ranking of about 50 percent. Team A has  
11 won 3 games and Team B has lost 3 games. All other teams in the age group have played  
12 majority of their games. Therefore, Team A would be scheduled with the Division 2 teams and  
13 Team B would be scheduled in Division 5 against teams that have a game point percentage of  
14 about 50 percent.

## 15 16 **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

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18 The teams selected for the tournament will be divided into divisions (generally 4 or 5 teams  
19 each). Most of the age groups have two regular season groups which are also commonly referred  
20 to as divisions. Resources permitting, the top tournament division in the top two regular season  
21 groups will use a “round robin” format while the remaining tournament divisions will use a  
22 single elimination format. Depending of the availability of fields and officials, additional  
23 divisions may also be scheduled using a round robin format. As the SFL has grown, the ability  
24 to conduct the tournament has become much more difficult. Due to the limited availability of  
25 fields and officials during the tournament weekend, the SFL has been forced to adopt a single  
26 elimination tournament format for most tournament divisions.

### 27 28 **Single Elimination Format**

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30 Teams playing in tournament divisions scheduled using the single elimination format will play  
31 games with the winners of each game advancing to the championship game. These games may  
32 not end in a tie. The rules discuss how to rank teams in these divisions. In some cases, a 6 team  
33 division may be scheduled. In 6 team divisions, the two teams winning the second round games,  
34 will play in the championship game. Fields and officials permitting, another game to decide the  
35 winner of third place trophies will also be played. The teams playing in this game are the losers  
36 of the second round game. This game determines who wins the third place trophies.

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<sup>2</sup> The appropriate SFL Age Group Commissioner or SFL Commissioner may determine that this requirement does not apply to a given team based on information obtained by that individual and place the team in another tournament division. For example, the SFL Age Group Commissioner may review the current season results and see that the team has lost every game by at least 3 goals and determine that a better placement for that team would be in a lower division.

1 **Round Robin Format**

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3 Teams playing in tournament divisions scheduled using the round robin format will play at least  
4 2, and in most cases, 3 other teams in their division. Unlike the single elimination format, games  
5 scheduled using this format generally may end in a tie. The rules discusses how to rank teams in  
6 these divisions and the special special process used in 6 team round robin division with mini  
7 groups.  
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9 **ACTIONS TAKEN WHEN TOURNAMENT**  
10 **GAMES CANNOT BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED**

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12 Coaches should assume, regardless of the weather, that tournament games will be played unless  
13 they are notified by their tournament division commissioner (or site coordinator) that the games  
14 have been canceled. Therefore, in the case of inclement weather, if a coach has a question on  
15 whether a game will be played, they should contact their tournament division commissioner. If  
16 this individual cannot be reached, then they should contact the appropriate site commissioner.  
17 While the division or site commissioners should contact coaches and notify them of game  
18 cancellations and schedule changes, the coaches are also responsible for checking to see if the  
19 games are canceled or if their games have been moved by contacting these individuals if they  
20 have a question on whether the games will be played..  
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22 A cancelled game is a case where both teams are available for play, however, due to weather,  
23 field conditions, or some other reason, a scheduled game cannot be played. The following are  
24 examples of games that are not completed under normal circumstances and whether a given  
25 condition is considered as a cancelled game for purposes of this section.

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27 • Games where a team has received a forfeit are considered games played as scheduled  
28 regardless of the reason for the forfeit.  
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- 30 • As noted in the rules, when tournament games are halted due to unsafe playing  
31 conditions, the game result at the time of termination will be used as the final game  
32 result unless waived by the SFL Age Group Commissioner regardless of when the  
33 game is terminated. Accordingly, these games are considered as games played as  
34 scheduled.  
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- 36 • The tournament is designed so that the clubs ensure that adequate officials have been  
37 assigned to cover the scheduled tournament games. In the past, due to circumstances  
38 beyond the control of the club, the assigned referees may not appear at the game.  
39 When referees are not available at the scheduled start time, the teams should wait a  
40 reasonable period to determine if officials will be present. After waiting a reasonable  
41 period the referees do not appear, then the game is considered a cancelled game. In  
42 the past, some teams have agreed to play the game using someone other than the  
43 assigned referees. The SFL has consistently maintained that should the teams agree  
44 to play the game using someone other than the tournament site assigned referees, then

1 (1) the game is considered as a game played and (2) no protests are allowed due to  
2 referee issues.

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4 If one or more tournament games in a tournament division are cancelled, then (1) the remaining  
5 tournament games in that tournament division are cancelled and (2) the trophies will be returned  
6 to the SFL unless one of the following exceptions are met.

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8 • **Last tournament game in a single elimination tournament division is cancelled  
9 before completion due to weather** – Trophies will be awarded if a tournament game  
10 played in the single elimination division format (1) has started but is terminated due  
11 to weather, (2) would have directly resulted in the awarding of trophies, and (3) is  
12 tied when it is terminated. If the teams did not play the same number of tournament  
13 games, then the team results for the team with the most tournament games played will  
14 be adjusted by eliminating the results of the first tournament game for that team. For  
15 example, if Team A and Team B are playing in the cancelled game and Team A had  
16 played two tournament games and Team B had played one tournament game, then the  
17 results from Team A's first game would be eliminated from the ranking process. The  
18 teams are then ranked using the same ranking factors as used for round robin  
19 divisions with the exception of tournament game points<sup>3</sup> and penalty kicks. If the  
20 teams are still tied after applying these ranking factors, then the second place trophies  
21 are returned to the SFL and the SFL will provide first place trophies to both teams. If  
22 the game is being used to settle third place, then the SFL will provide third place  
23 trophies to both teams.

#### 24 25 **Example – Teams Played the Same Number of Tournament Games**

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27 Team A and Team B are in a single elimination tournament division and played the  
28 same number of tournament games<sup>4</sup> and started playing the game to decide first and  
29 second place trophies. After the game was started the referee cancels the game due to  
30 weather with both teams tied and the game cannot be restarted. The number of bonus  
31 points and goals allowed during the tournament are then computed for each team  
32 (since both teams have played the same number of tournament games, the number of  
33 game points for each should be the same). Accordingly, the teams will be ranked  
34 using the ranking factors for round robin tournament divisions. If the teams are still  
35 tied, then the second place trophies are returned to the SFL and the SFL provides first

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<sup>3</sup> Tournament game points are not used since both teams should have the same number of game points if this process is required.

<sup>4</sup> For example, both teams may have played 2 games each in a six or seven team single elimination tournament division or 1 game each in a four or five team single elimination tournament division.

1 place trophies to both teams. If the game is being used to settle third place, then the  
2 SFL will provide third place trophies to both teams.  
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#### 4 **Example – Teams Played A Different Number of Tournament Games**

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6 Team A and Team B are in a single elimination tournament division and started  
7 playing the game to decide first and second place trophies. After the game was  
8 started the referee cancels the game due to weather with both teams tied and the game  
9 cannot be restarted. A review of the tournament games played by both teams shows  
10 that Team B has played one more tournament game than Team A (a common  
11 occurrence in 5, 6, and 7 team single elimination tournament divisions). In  
12 determining the ranking, Team B's second game results are compared to Team A's  
13 first game results (since after the adjustment both teams have played the same number  
14 of tournament games, the number of game points for each should be the same).  
15 Accordingly, the teams will be ranked using the ranking factors for round robin  
16 tournament divisions. If the teams are still tied, then the second place trophies are  
17 returned to the SFL and the SFL provides first place trophies to both teams. If the  
18 game is being used to settle third place, then the SFL will provide third place trophies  
19 to both teams.  
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- 21 • **All Saturday games are played in a 3 team round robin division and one team**  
22 **wins both games, however, the Sunday game is cancelled.** In a 3 team round robin  
23 division, one team normally plays two games on Saturday. If that team wins both of  
24 its games on Saturday and Sunday's game is cancelled, then the first place trophies  
25 would be awarded to the team winning both of its Saturday games since that team  
26 would have received the first place trophies regardless of the outcome of the Sunday  
27 game. On the other hand, if the team playing two games on Saturday did not win  
28 both games, then it is impossible to determine which of the 3 teams should be  
29 awarded first place trophies and no trophies will be awarded.  
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- 31 • **A tournament division is scheduled using a 6 team round robin division with**  
32 **mini groups or a 6 (or 7) team single elimination format and all Saturday games**  
33 **are played, however, only one Sunday tournament game can be played since the**  
34 **field is unavailable for the other game normally scheduled using this format.** In  
35 these three game formats, the Saturday results clearly show the two teams eligible for  
36 first and second place trophies and the two teams eligible for third place trophies.  
37 When only one of the expected two games can be played because of field conditions,  
38 then (1) the field slot available for play will be used by the teams eligible for first and  
39 second place trophies, (2) the first and second place trophies will be awarded based  
40 on the results of the game played, (3) the game for third place trophies will be  
41 cancelled with the SFL Club Representative returning the third place trophies to the  
42 SFL. It should be noted that this situation is only expected to occur when two fields  
43 are used for playing the Sunday games.  
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The following are examples of how these rules apply to a tournament division.

Condition	Impact on Game Schedule and Trophy Awards
One or more Saturday tournament games are cancelled	All remaining Saturday games are cancelled and all Sunday tournament games are cancelled. No attempt is made to reschedule any tournament games. No trophies are awarded and the SFL Club Representative returns the trophies to the SFL.
Sunday tournament games are cancelled	No trophies are awarded and the SFL Club Representative returns the trophies to the SFL unless (1) the tournament division is a 3 team division playing a round robin format and (2) one team has won both of the Saturday games. In this specific case, first place trophies are awarded the team that won both of its Saturday games while the second place trophies are returned to the SFL by the SFL Club Representative.
All Saturday games are played and one Sunday game can be played in a 6/7 team single elimination division or 6 team round robin division using mini groups.	In these two game formats, the Saturday results clearly show the two teams eligible for first and second place trophies and the two teams eligible for third place trophies. For example, all tournament games are played on Saturday and based on Saturday's results (1) Team A and Team B were scheduled to play for first and second place trophies on Field 1 and (2) Team C and Team D were scheduled to play for third place trophies on Field 2. However, due to weather or other conditions, Field 1 cannot be used on Sunday while Field 2 is available. Accordingly, (1) the game between Team A and Team B is moved to Field 2 with the results of that game used to determine who receives first and second place trophies and (2) the game for third place trophies is cancelled and the third place trophies are returned to the SFL by the SFL Club Representative.
Teams A and B are playing and the game has to be terminated early because of weather	The game results at the time of termination are used to determine the winner of the game. If the game is tied at the game termination and the teams are playing in a round robin format tournament division, the tie stands. On the other hand, if the teams are playing in a single elimination tournament division, they should call the SFL to determine how the tie is handled.

Condition	Impact on Game Schedule and Trophy Awards
1 Team A is assessed 2 a forfeit since it 3 does not show up 4 to play its 5 scheduled 6 tournament game 7 with Team B.	The tournament game is shown as a game played with Team B being declared the winner with a 1 – 0 score. Assuming the remaining games in that tournament division are played, the trophies will be awarded in accordance with the process applicable for that type of tournament division, i.e., teams will be ranked using the processes outlined elsewhere in this document if the tournament division is scheduled as a round robin division or the winner of the final game associated with the single elimination division.

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9 **COACHES WITH TWO TEAMS**

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11 Clubs are required to determine whether a coach with 2 teams has someone who can handle  
 12 conflicting games. If the coach does not have someone, then the club is required to notify the  
 13 SFL which team should be dropped. The SFL will take very limited actions to eliminate  
 14 schedule conflicts.

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16 **Discussion**

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18 Over the years the number of individuals who coach 2 SFL teams has grown. During the Spring  
 19 2011 season we had over 20 individuals who coached two teams. This causes numerous  
 20 scheduling problems since the coaches want to avoid scheduling conflicts and the schedules  
 21 must be “deconflicted” where possible. It is hard to deconflict schedules during the tournament  
 22 since (1) the teams associated with one individual may be playing as many as 4 games on  
 23 Saturday and potentially playing 2 games on Sunday, (2) the game for an individual's teams may  
 24 need to be scheduled on fields that are not close to each other, and (3) a tournament division may  
 25 contain more than one team whose coach has more than one team. For example, in the Spring  
 26 2011 tournament, the Under 14 Boys Division 2 tournament division had 6 teams with 3 of those  
 27 teams (all from different clubs) coached by individuals who had 2 teams and the Under 14 Boys  
 28 Division 17 had 5 teams with two teams coached by an individuals with 2 teams.

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30 **TOURNAMENT GAME TIMES**

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32 Tournament games are normally scheduled using 90 minute time slots with teams that play two  
 33 games on Saturday having at least 90 minutes (one slot) between the end of one game and the  
 34 start of their second game. Games are normally not scheduled prior to 8:30 AM on Saturday and  
 35 10:30 AM on Sunday with the preferred time of 12:30 PM or later when the time slots allow.  
 36 Games are not normally scheduled to start later than 7:30 PM.