



## 2017 Spring Games

June 2-4, 2017

**Locations:** Pacific Lutheran University, Foss Field and Southwest Fields

**Sports:** Soccer

**Number of Athletes:** 880

### SOCCER RULES HIGHLIGHTS

- Athletes are limited to team competition or individual skills competition, which is designed specifically for lower ability athletes who have not yet developed the skills necessary to participate meaningfully in team soccer.
- All soccer teams' entries **must** be identified by a team name.
- All teams must either play 5-a-side competition or 7-a side.
- All 5-a side rosters **must** have a minimum of five players and a maximum of ten players.
- All 7-a side rosters **must** have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of twelve players.
- **Overtime rules:** If tied after two halves, there will be one 5-minute overtime period. If still tied, a second overtime period will be played by golden goal rules (first to score wins).
- Unified rosters shall contain a proportionate number of athletes and partners.
- During Unified competition, the line-up shall never differ from three athletes and two partners at any time. Failure to adhere to the required ratio results in a forfeit.
- Each Unified team shall have an adult non-playing coach responsible for the line-up and conduct of the team during competition.
- Athletes using wheelchairs and assistive walking devices are ineligible for soccer team competition for safety reason, but may take part in Individual Skills Competition.
- Rules governing competition include Special Olympics International rules and the United States Soccer Federation rules.
- Unified Competition: Meaningful involvement rules are in affect. [Learn more.](#)

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