



TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament Spirit:

We believe in always providing a positive spirit and environment for players and families and want to remind all tournament participants to keep this in mind as we compete.

General Rules:

All tournament games will be played in accordance with the FIFA laws of the game

Size 4 Ball for all tournament games

All games will be 9 vs 9

One official will be assigned to each tournament game

Game Length:

All games will be 60 minutes (2 x 30 minute halves)

Rosters and Player Pass Cards:

A certified US Club or USYSA roster (and pass cards) will be submitted to tournament officials prior to first games and may be checked by field marshals or referees prior to each game.

- Roster sizes may not exceed 16 players

Guest Player Rules:

Players are eligible to 'Guest play' on other teams within their own club and must meet the following criteria:

1. Player must be age appropriate
2. Player may not play on multiple teams in the SAME BRACKET

Substitutions:

Substitutions are unlimited and can be made during any stoppage but can only be made with the referee's permission.

Tournament Format:

All teams are guaranteed three games. After the preliminary round of games, playoff seeds will be determined for playoff games on Sunday morning and afternoon.

Points Awarded / Game Results:

Points will be awarded for each game as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) point for a tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss



Tie Breakers Within a Bracket:

In the event of a points tie, places will be determined as follows:

1. Head to head
2. Goal Differential (Maximum of 5 per game)
3. Goals Against
4. Goals For
5. Penalty kicks

Forfeit Rules:

- A team will be allowed to play with a minimum of 6 players for a 9 vs 9 match.
- If the team is not able to field a team after 5 minutes of the start time of the match, it will be considered a forfeit.
- In the event of a forfeited game, the winner will be credited with a 5-0 win and awarded 3 points.
- A game abandoned by another team will result in the opposing team winning by forfeit and the final score will be recorded as a 5-0 result.

Weather:

In the event of dangerous weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament rules in order to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully.

Playoffs:

Playoff seeding will be determined based on the number of teams in each bracket and playoff rounds will be played Sunday afternoon (depending on schedules)

Playoffs - Overtime

If the score is tied at the end of regulation, teams will proceed straight to penalty kicks to determine the winner. Teams will go 5 rounds, and if tied after 5 rounds, they will progress through single rounds until a winner is determined. All players are eligible to take the penalty kicks, regardless of whether or not they were on the field at the end of the game.