

## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of The Game observed by the IYSA, US Youth Soccer and FIFA with the exceptions noted below.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. For U17-U19, the maximum number of players per team is 22 including guest players. For U12-U16 teams, the maximum number of players per team is 18 including guest players. For U9-U11 teams, the maximum number of players per team is 14 including guest players. For U8 teams, the maximum number of players per team is 12 including guest players. Maximum number of guest players is three (3) per team.
2. No roster changes will be permitted during the course of the tournament.
3. Guest player permits are required.
4. No player may register or play for more than one (1) team in the tournament.

### **REGISTRATION**

1. Each participating team must be registered with its US Youth Soccer state association.
2. Each participating team must have an official state roster, IYSA Tournament Roster, player passes, and IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Waiver for each player and present them to the Tournament Committee for verification.
3. Each participating team must submit a copy of its IYSA Tournament Roster, official state roster, Guest Player Permits, and endorsed IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Waiver for each of its players including guest players to the Tournament Committee.
4. Each team from outside Illinois must present to the Tournament Committee its state association approved permission to travel form.
5. Each team must check in at the tournament headquarters the night before or at least sixty (60) minutes prior to its first game.
6. Prior to the game, the referee shall collect and retain all coach and player passes throughout the game. Immediately after the game, the referee shall deliver to the tournament committee the passes of coaches and players who are sent off (red cards) during the game and return the rest to the coach or a team representative as directed by the tournament committee.

### **FORFEITS & DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Team will be disqualified if it does not have the official state roster, the IYSA Tournament Roster, player passes, coaches passes, IYSA Emergency Medical Waivers, Guest Player permits or travel permit.
2. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team to start or continue a game. For U-10 and younger, six (6).
3. If a team has less than the required number of players to start a game, it will be granted a five (5) minute grace period before forfeiting.
4. In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded three (3) points for a win and 3-0 scoring.

### **FAILURE TO SHOW AND COMPLETE THE GAME**

1. If a team cancels after the acceptance date, the team will forfeit its entry fee.
2. Any team quitting the field of play before the conclusion of any game is automatically disqualified from the tournament. The current game in play will be recorded as a forfeit.
3. Team that forfeits a game because it cannot advance will not be asked back to the tournament in the future.
4. Team that forfeits a non-essential game (to rest the players for example) will be disqualified.

### **THE FIRST TEAM LISTED IS THE HOME TEAM**

In case of uniform color conflict, the home team must change to an alternate color. Jerseys must be numbered. Goalkeeper's uniform must be different from teammates.

### **PLAYERS EQUIPMENT**

Referees have the final approval as to safety of player's equipment. The IYSA endorses FIFA Law 4 on Safety which states "A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry)." In FIFA Law 5 regarding the Powers and Duties of the referee it states, "The Referee ensures that the players' equipment meets the requirements of Law 4." Medical bracelets or necklaces must be taped or otherwise secured so as not to present a hazard and in a manner that the medical message can be clearly seen.

### **GAME BALLS**

Each team shall furnish a game ball if none is available. All U8 divisions will use a #3 ball. All U9 through U12 divisions will use a #4 ball. All U13 and higher will use a #5 ball.

### **DURATION OF GAMES**

U8 teams: 20 minute halves with 5 minute half-time. U9 and U10 teams: 25 minute halves with 5 minute half-time. U11 and U12 teams: 30 minute halves with 5 minute half-time. U13 thru U18 teams: 35 minute halves with 5 minute half-time.

REFEREE'S TIME WILL BE FINAL. NO STOPPING TIME FOR INJURIES.

## **SUBSTITUTION**

Unlimited on any dead ball. Players may leave and re-enter the game.

## **WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CHANGES**

Where necessitated by weather or other emergency, the tournament committee shall have the authority to:

1. Relocate/reschedule any game,
2. Reduce by up to half, the duration of the game.
3. Cancel preliminary games that have no bearing in deciding the group winner.
4. Decide the final tournament standings and trophy winners.
5. Move penalty kick to another field to avoid delay of the next game shall be considered "completed". The score at the time of game stoppage will be recorded as "final".
6. If any game has to be canceled (other than a forfeit) due to weather conditions or other unforeseen events, the game will be recorded as a 1 to 1 tie for the purpose of establishing group standings. The Tournament Committee will decide any circumstances that arise during the tournament which are not covered by these rules and their decisions will be final.

## **SCORING, STANDINGS AND TIE BREAKERS**

Games in the preliminary rounds will be scored with 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to head competition
2. Most games won
3. Fewest goals against
4. Most goals for (up to 4 goals per game)
5. Penalty kicks as defined by the tournament rules

## **OVERTIME**

In the event of a tie in Playoff and Championship games:

1. In the event a match remains tied at the conclusion of the regulation time, for U8-U12 teams, the winner will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA. In the event a match remains tied at the conclusion of the regulation time, for U13 through U18 teams, they will play two 5-minute periods, if needed. If a match remains tied at the conclusion of the overtime play, the winner will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA.
2. Each team will designate five (5) players to take alternate kicks. The best of out of five is the winner.
3. If still tied, alternate penalty kicks will be taken by the remaining players until the tie is broken. Penalty kicks shall be taken as directed by the referee.

**NOTE: ONLY THOSE PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT THE END OF THE OVERTIME ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PENALTY KICKS.**

## **RED CARDS & DISCIPLINE**

**ANY PLAYER OR COACH WHO RECEIVES A RED CARD (SEND OFF) DURING THE TOURNAMENT PLAY IS INELIGIBLE FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED AND/OR PLAYOFF GAME. THE COACH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN ACTIONS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS REASONABLY THOUGHT TO BE WITH HIS/HER TEAM.**

## **PROTESTS**

All referee decisions are final. A Protest must be filed in writing with Tournament Director within one (1) hour of game completion, and must be accompanied by a \$100 check. If protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded in its entirety.

## **PLAY-OFF PROCEDURES & AWARDS**

The first place team from each bracket will play each other in the Championship Game. There can be a game for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places.

## **CANCELLATIONS BY THE TOURNAMENT AND REFUNDS**

1. If the tournament is canceled prior to the date, teams will be refunded the full amount of the entry fee.
2. If the tournament has begun, a prorated refund of the entry fee will be given based on the number of games played.

## **TEAMS AND SPECTATORS LOCATION**

Players and coaches of both teams shall occupy the same side of the field. The home team shall be to the right and visitors to the left of the half way line. Spectators shall occupy the opposite side of the field across from the team they support.

## **REFEREES**

All referees and linesman will be provided by the tournament and will be US Soccer certified.