

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

For U15-U19, the maximum number of players per team is 22 including guest players.

For U13 and U14 teams, the maximum number of players per team is 18 including guest players. For U11 and U12 teams, the maximum number of players per team is 16 including guest players. For U9 and U10 teams, the maximum number of players per team is 14 including guest players. U8 GIRLS maximum number of players per team is 14. U8 BOYS Maximum number of players per team is 12. Maximum number of guest players from outside the given team's club is three (3) per team.

Guest players from within the same club are unlimited.

No player may register or play for more than one (1) team in the tournament.

No roster changes will be permitted during the course of the tournament.

Guest player permits are required for guest-players from outside the team's club.

GAME FORMAT:

U8 Boys – 6v6 *No offside rule

U8 Girls – 7v7 *No offside rule

U9,U10 – 7v7

U11,U12 – 9v9

U13 through U18 – 11v11

REGISTRATION

Each participating team must be registered with its US Youth Soccer state association.

Each participating team must have an official state roster, IYSA Tournament Roster, player passes, Form NT (For US Club Soccer teams only), and IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Waiver for each player and present them to the Tournament Committee for verification.

Each participating team must submit a copy of its IYSA Tournament Roster, official state roster, Guest Player Permits for players outside the club, and endorsed IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Waiver for each of its players including guest players to the Tournament Committee.

Each team from outside Illinois must present to the Tournament Committee its state association approved permission to travel form.

Each team must check in at the host hotel between 2pm and 8pm on September 17th. Prior to the game, the referee will check coach and player passes and return them to the coach. Coaches must be able to present the passes at any point during the game. If a red card is issued to a coach or player, the corresponding pass must be provided to the referee or tournament official immediately upon request. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit and a 3-0 loss for that team.

FORFEITS & DISQUALIFICATIONS

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.

A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team to start or continue a game. For U-10 and younger, five (5).

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.

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

If a team cancels after the acceptance date, the team will forfeit its entry fee.

Any team quitting on 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.

Teams that forfeit a game because it cannot advance will not be accepted back to the tournament in the future.

Team that forfeits a non-essential game (example: to rest team) 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. All U8 BOYS divisions will use a size 3 ball. U8 GIRLS and all U9 through U12 divisions will use a size 4 ball. All U13 and higher will use a size 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. TIME WILL NOT BE STOPPED FOR INJURIES.

SUBSTITUTION

All U8 – U12 teams are able to sub "On the Fly." This means players can sub during the run of play without stopping the game. All "On the Fly" subs must be deemed

appropriate and within the spirit of the game by the referee. To avoid confusion and disruption of the game, a maximum of 3 players can be subbed at one time, and changes must occur at the half-line.

U13 –U18 team may substitute on either team’s goal kicks as well as their own team’s throw-ins. Teams can also substitute on the opposing team’s throw-in provided that the opposing team is substituting as well.

WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CHANGES

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

Relocate/reschedule any game,

Reduce by up to half, the duration of the game.

Cancel preliminary games that have no bearing in deciding the group winner.

Decide the final tournament standings and trophy winners.

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”.

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:

Head to head result

Goal Differential (Maximum of +5 per game)

Least Goals Against

Penalty Kicks as defined by the tournament rules

OVERTIME

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

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 full 5 minute overtimes. 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.

Each team will designate five (5) players to take alternate kicks. The best of out of five is the winner.

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.

AWARDS

Team and individual player awards will be presented to all 1st and 2nd place teams.

CANCELLATIONS BY THE TOURNAMENT AND REFUNDS

If the tournament is canceled due to weather, teams will be refunded a portion of their fee's after any incurred tournament expenses.

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. 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.