

Palo Alto U12B

2005 Area Tournament Rules

1. PURPOSE OF TOURNAMENT

- A. The primary purpose of the tournament is to have fun and gain tournament experience. The tournament is also used to determine which team advances to the Section Tournament.

2. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

- A. Whenever the term "Tournament Director" is used, it shall also be interpreted to mean "or in his absence, a designated representative."
- B. The Tournament Director shall have jurisdiction over all games played in the tournament. All disputes will be resolved immediately by the Tournament Director or as soon as possible thereafter. The Tournament Directors is typically the Division Commissioners or a volunteer appointed by the Division Commissioner.
- C. The Tournament Director will decide any situation or subject not covered by these rules.

3. TEAMS

- A. Games are 9v9. A minimum of six (6) players is required.
- B. The maximum number of players on a team shall be fifteen (15) except for U-16 and U-19 where the maximum number shall be eighteen (18) unless the Regional Commissioner approves a greater number.
- C. Home team shall change jerseys when a color conflict arises. The first named team is home team.
- D. Teams shall remain on opposite sides of the field of play as designated, or if there is no designation, the HOME TEAM will have the choice of sides to occupy. **At Greer park, the HOME side is the North side of fields 1, 2, and 3, and the East side of field 5.**

- E. Coaches shall remain on their own side of the field and are restricted to the area ten (10) yards from either side of the halfway line. Also, coaches and substitute players shall allow enough room for the assistant referee to carry out their designated duties.
- F. Only players and coaches are allowed on the field. All others shall remain at least three (3) yards away from the touchlines and away from the area behind the goal lines.
- G. Properly completed line-up cards shall be presented to the referee prior to the start of the game and shall include the names of all players, present or not, and an explanation for those players who are not in attendance at the game.
- H. Each player on the team shall wear a shirt with a different number and may not exchange it with another player for the duration of the tournament games.
- I. All players shall, during the entire duration of any tournament match, wear uniforms and proper equipment as required by FIFA and AYSO Laws and Regulations. Shorts shall be no longer than the top of the player's kneecap.

4. COACHES

- A. Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming members of AYSO.
- B. Coaches shall at all times encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- C. Coaches shall enforce the Rules & Regulations of AYSO.
- D. Coaches shall participate in positive coaching that instructs and encourages players during games. Negative comments and complaints about the referees will not be permitted.

5. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

- A. The Tournament Chief Referee or his or her designated representative shall assign Referees and Assistant Referees to all games.
- B. All games shall be officiated by a diagonal system of play (one referee and two assistant referees). If three referees are not available for a game, then two linesmen will be provided, one from each team.
- C. Referees shall at all times impose the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO, the FIFA Laws of the Game and the tournament rules.

- D. Referees must file a formal written report about abusive language used by coaches, players or spectators toward them, and about any behavior that interfered with the conduct of the game.

6. GAMES

- A. All games will be played on fields and times designated by the Tournament Director.
- B. At the direction of the Tournament Director, mandatory water breaks may be imposed.
- C. Size of Balls: U12 uses size 4 balls.
- D. The referee's acceptance of the game ball is final and may not be questioned.
- E. Recommended Duration of Games: 15 Minute halves, 5 minute halftime, 10 minutes between games in pool play.
- F. Game scores will be reported to the Tournament Director by both coaches for recording. In the event of a disputed score, the center referee will verify the score.
- G. Teams must field the minimum number of players by kick-off time. If, after a five-minute grace period, a team does not have the minimum number of players a forfeit results and that team shall lose by a score of 1-0.
- H. Rainouts will not be made up. Cancellations because of weather are the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner, Tournament Director and/or game referee. Please check AYSO web site (www.ayso26.org) or phone number (650-329-2697) for up-to-date information regarding field closures due to rain.
- I. The Tournament Director will decide the outcome of any game suspended by the referee for any purpose.
- J. If the tournament or large portion of the tournament is cancelled because weather or unsafe conditions, advancement to the Section Tournament will be determined by TBD.

7. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. Games will be played over a two-day period. The first days play is in a round-robin format. Winners of the 4 round robins advance to a 4 team playoff on the second day. Seeding for the second day is based on most points scored in round robin play.
- B. The tournament is organized by seeding teams in a fair manner. Tournament seeding is based on a team's record in the regular season
- C. Tournament Points are awarded as follows:
- 6 points for a win
 - 3 points for a tie
 - 1 point for each goal (maximum three points)
 - 1 point bonus for a defensive shutout. A (0-0) tie does not constitute a defensive shutout.
- D. If a tie in tournament points exists after round-robin regulation play, the following tie-breakers will be used:
- 1. Head to head competition,
 - 2. Least number of goals allowed in tournament
 - 3. Most goals scored up to a maximum of 3 goals per game.
 - 4. Shoot-out (FIFA kicks from the penalty spot). Played immediately following the last round of games on the first day of the tournament, on Greer field 2.
- E. If more than two teams have a tie in points, one team shall be eliminated by going through the criteria set forth in 7D; the remaining 2 teams shall then use the criteria set forth in 7D starting at #1 and going down the list until one team is eliminated.
- F. There will be no overtime or shoot-outs in pool play. Ties will be recorded as such.
- G. In case of a tie in a championship round, teams will play two additional 5 minute overtime periods (not “sudden death”). There will be a 2 minute break at the end of regulation time for substitutions, and then no substitutions between the extra-time periods.
- If at the end of the second overtime period, the match is still tied, the official FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used with only the players that were on the field at the end of the second overtime period being eligible to participate.
- Captains meet for coin toss to determine who kicks first.
 - Referee decides which goal is to be used.

- Five players, selected by the coach, will be used for the first round of penalty kicks - alternating kicks.
- The team scoring the most goals will be the winner. If there is a winner prior to all kicks being taken, kicks will cease.
- If a tie still exists after the first round, the remaining players from each team will alternate kicks until one team scores and the other team does not.

8. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

- A. Substitutions will be allowed at halftime only, unless there is an injury at which point a substitution will be allowed at the discretion of the referee.
- B. A goalkeeper may remain in that position during the entire game.
- C. Each player must play a minimum of one-half each game.

9. PARTICIPANTS SENT FROM THE FIELD

- A. All players and coaches sent from the field (red carded) must be reported to the Tournament Director by the game referee immediately after the game.
- B. A red card issued to a player or a coach shall constitute suspension from the next game. Two red cards will disallow further participation in the tournament. If a player or a coach receives a single yellow card in three separate games, the third yellow card will be regarded as a red card.
- C. The penalty for a player or coach "sent from the field" shall be a one (1) game suspension (the following played game).
- D. Stronger penalties may be imposed depending on the circumstances.
- E. Penalties may not be appealed.

10. PROTESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED

11. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- A. If a team uses a player deemed to be ineligible, that team shall forfeit all games in which the player participated. Persons with knowledge of ineligible players shall

report such infractions immediately upon gaining such knowledge. It is considered unethical to withhold such knowledge for the purpose of gaining an advantage.

- B. The Tournament Director may disqualify any team, at any point in the Tournament, if that team refuses to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Tournament.

12. INJURIES

- A. Any injury to a participant, or damage caused by a participant, must be reported to the Tournament Director.

13. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all times.
- B. Good sportsmanship and fair play is encouraged throughout the tournament.

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