

THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT RULES & PROCEDURES 2018

Rules: This tournament is played under FIFA rules as modified by USYSA and CYSA South. All decisions and calls of the referees are final. **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Tournament Director will resolve any situation not covered by the rules. Only a registered team official/coach may represent a team during any official proceedings.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SMOKING OF TOBACCO OR VAPING, PETS, MECHANICAL OR OTHER NOISE MAKERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELDS.

Player Eligibility: Recreational players only, no club players or signature players may participate. Any teams with USYSA are eligible. The current regular season team roster will be allowed to participate. All players must be registered as a recreational player for the current fall season. A player is allowed to play for another team in this tournament as a loan player.

| Age Group Coed/Girls | Max Roster | Loan Players |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| U9 | 14 | 7 |
| U10 | 14 | 7 |
| U12 | 18 | 7 |
| U14 | 18 | 7 |
| U19 | 14 | 7 |

Home team: Home team is listed first and must change jersey or wear bibs if a color conflict occurs as determined by the referee. Home team is responsible for 3 game balls for each match. Teams must be located on opposite sides of the field, along with all spectators associated with a team. Home team will set up on the South or West side of the field.

Misconduct:

1. Two (2) yellow cards in a game equals red card **EJECTION**, no replacement.
2. Any coach, player or spectator who has been ejected will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.
3. Any coach, player or spectator **EJECTED** for violent or serious foul play will not be allowed to participate for the duration of the tournament.
4. Any coach, player or spectator who assaults a referee will be expelled from this Tournament.
5. ID cards will not be returned and will be forwarded to CYSA for violent conduct or referee assaults.
6. If both head coach and assistant coach are ejected before the game ends in regulation time, the game is a forfeited 0-1 final result.

Tournament Regulations: Rosters, medical release forms, player ID cards will be verified at check in. Current laminated USYSA passes will be required for all players and coaches. Team rosters will be frozen once a team has completed check-in. Players are to check in game ready with proper uniform, shin guards, cleats 45 minutes prior to start of first game.

Equipment: Shin guards are **MANDATORY** during tournament play. No soft or hard casts are allowed, no jewelry is allowed. Exceptions to this rule are medical identification bracelets. Passes and medical releases required at all games.

Players Age Group: Those players during the fall season that played in U8 are allowed to play in the U9 division. Player cannot play down. Example: players that are registered to a U12 team, but are young enough to play in the U10's are not eligible to play down.

Game Length

| DIVISION | FORMAT | PRELIMINARY | FINALS |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| U9 | 7 V 7 w/build out rules no heading | Two 20 minute halves | Two 25 minute halves |
| U10 | 7 V 7 w/build out rules no heading | Two 20 minute halves | Two 25 minute halves |
| U12 | 9 v 9 | Two 25 minute halves | Two 30 minute halves |
| U14 | 11 V 11 | Two 30 minute halves | Two 35 minute halves |
| U19 | 7 V 7 w/build out rules no heading | Two 30 minute halves | Two 35 minute halves |

Substitutions: All divisions will have quarter substitution with 50% minimum playing time. All players must play 2 quarters of each game scheduled.

Scoring: The point value for preliminary games will be as follows (no overtime or shoot-out in preliminary rounds):

- 6 points for a win
- 0 points for a loss
- 3 points for a tie
- 1 point for each goal (maximum 3 points)
- 1 point for a shutout **
- A forfeit will be scored 0-1

** Note: A 0-0 tie does not receive an extra point for a shutout for either team.

In the event that teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary round, the tiebreakers shall be as follows:

1. Head to head competition
2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Number of goals scored
4. Coin toss

All quarterfinal and/or semi-final games will be on a single elimination basis. Quarterfinal and/or semi-finals ending in a tie after regulation time will go directly to FIFA shoot-out (no over time).

The finals in all age brackets that end in a tie will be followed by two 5-minute periods (no sudden death). After the first 5-minute period, teams will change sides. If the game is still tied after the two overtime periods, FIFA shoot-out will be employed to determine the winner.

Refund Policy: Refunds will be made to all teams not accepted. To receive a refund (less \$50.00 administrative fee), teams must request withdrawal prior to the application deadline. Teams that drop after the application deadline will forfeit their entire entry fee. A cancellation fee of approximately one-third of the entry fee will be withheld from each team's refund if the event is cancelled due to weather, acts of terrorism or acts of God. If the tournament is cancelled once it begins, authorizations of any refunds will be determined by the Tournament Director and Committee.