

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

2023



RULES & PROCEDURES

HIGH DESERT YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

29th Annual Thanksgiving Classic Tournament Rules & Procedures

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 ANY TYPE, VAPING, PETS, MECHANICAL OR OTHER NOISE MAKERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELDS.

Player Eligibility: Only registered players for the current fall season and loan players of Recreational level for the current season are permitted.

Age Group Coed/Girls	Max Roster	Loan Players	Player of the Field
U9	14	7	7
U10	14	7	7
U12	16	7	9
U14	18	7	11
U18	14	7	7

HOME TEAM: Is listed first and must change jersey or wear bibs if a color conflict occurs as determined by the referee. The 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. All sideline spectators will sit to the left of the center line of the field. Home teams will set up on the South or West side of the field.

Misconduct:

1. Two (2) yellow cards in a game equal one red card-immediate **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 player or misconduct will not be allowed to participate for the duration of the tournament.
4. Any coach, player or spectator who assaults a referee or HDYSL Board Member will be expelled from this Tournament.
5. Player cards will not be returned and will be forwarded to CYSA for violent conduct or referee assault.
6. If both head coach and assistant coach are ejected from the same team before the game ends in regulation time, the game is a forfeit 0-2 result.

Heaters cannot be on sideline during play. Must be behind spectators when in operation.

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 the start of the first game.

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

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

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

DIVISION	FORMAT	PRELIMINARY	FINALS
U9	7 v 7	Two 20 min. halves	Two 25 min. halves
U10	7 v 7	Two 20 min. halves	Two 25 min. halves
U12	9 v 9	Two 25 min. halves	Two 30 min. halves
U14	11 v 11	Two 30 min. halves	Two 35 min. halves
U19*	7 v 7	Two 30 min. halves	Two 35 min. halves

U19 Games will be played on U12 size field

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

6 points for a win	1 point for each goal (maximum 3 points)
0 points for a loss	1 point for a shutout
3 points for a tie	Forfeit will be scored 0-2

Note: A 0-0 tie receives an extra point for a shutout for either team. Scoring 4-4

If 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-final ending in a tie after regulation time will go directly to FIFA shoot-out (no overtime).

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 that are not accepted. To receive a refund (less \$50.00 administrative fee), the coach 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, authorization of any refunds will be determined by the Tournament Director and Committee.