

33rd Annual East Meadow Soccer Tournament Sponsored by Covanta

2011 Rules

Game Play

FIFA Rules Will Apply Unless Amended By A Specific Rule Below

1. Eligibility – All teams and players must be properly registered and affiliated with their state or national association. All players must be born in the year of their age group or a later year. All teams must present a team roster at registration, which is certified by the Club President, Registrar or designated officer. All teams must have player passes available at all games. Tournament passes will be issued at registration for qualified players without LIJSL or other league passes.

2. Roster Size

U-8 and U-10 play **8 v 8**

U11 play **9 v 9**

U12 and above play **11 v 11**

3. Guest Players

U8-U11 - Up to 3 guest players will be allowed; U12-U19 - Up to 5 guest players will be allowed.

4. Uniforms – Uniforms must be numbered and must coincide with the team roster.

In cases where uniform colors conflict (in the judgment of the referee), the home team (listed first on the schedule) will change uniform colors.

5. Duration of Games – All games with the exception of the U-8, U-9, U-10 and U-11 (Small Sided) divisions will consist of 2, thirty-minute halves with a five-minute half-time intermission. The U-8, U-9, U-10 and U-11 (Small Sided) divisions shall play 2, twenty-five minute halves with a five-minute half-time intermission. The tournament committee reserves the right to shorten game times to keep on schedule.

6. Inclement Weather – Coaches and players must appear on the field of play, ready to play, regardless of weather conditions. Failure to appear will result in a forfeit of the game.

a) Inclement Weather During Game – Should a game progress be terminated due to weather conditions after twenty five minutes of play, the game will be considered official and the score at the time the game was terminated shall stand.

b) Inclement Weather Before Game

1) Game Not Canceled – In case of severe weather conditions or impending severe weather conditions, the referee and or the Tournament Director or his designee may reduce the length of the game by fifty percent.

2) Game Canceled – Only the Referee, Tournament Director or his designee can cancel or postpone a game. Every attempt will be made to reschedule the game. Any game, which can not be rescheduled, will be considered a 1-1 tie.

7) Team Field Position – Both team's players and coaches must take a position on the same side of the field. Both sets of parents on the opposite side of the field.

8) Protests – There shall be no protests. The judgment of the referee cannot be contested.

9) Linespersons – Unless provided for by the tournament, each team is required to provide a linesperson for their side of the field.

10) Substitutions – Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at any stoppage of play. A substituted player may reenter the game.

**** 1)** a player may be substituted on at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee (NOTE: Tournament regulations may limit when substitutions may be made by specifying specific stoppages in play when substitutions can be made (ex: at goal kicks and corner kicks, on your team's throw-ins, when a player is cautioned); otherwise substitutions may be made at any stoppage only with the permission of the referee, and 2) if the age group is 15 & under, free substitution is allowed. For age groups 16 years and older, free substitution is allowed providing the tournament is not an official competition (but a friendly club tournament) and the age category does not include matches between national teams of CONCACAF member countries.

11) Ball Size – U-8 through U-12 – Size 4. All other divisions – Size 5.

12) Cards and Ejection's – A player, coach or spectator receiving a red card will be ejected from the game and may not participate in the next scheduled game. The team may not replace an ejected player on the field of play. The Tournament Committee further reserves the right to eject any player, coach or spectator from the tournament for flagrant violations of the rules of play. Any Player, Coaches or Parents receiving a red card in the 5th and final game of the tournament and therefore unable to serve the one game suspension will be reported to the LIJSL or their own home leagues for disciplinary action.

13) Failure to Appear & Forfeits – A team shall be allowed a 5-minute grace period after the scheduled kick off time before the game is awarded to the opponent. A forfeited game shall be declared a 2-0 score, with no bonus points for tie breaking purposes.

14) Group Rankings

A) Awarding of Points: Points will be awarded on the results of each game according to the following protocol:

Three points for a win.

One point for a tie.

Zero points for a loss.

Canceled game will be recorded as a 1-1 tie.

Forfeited game will be recorded as a 2-0 loss.

Ranking is based on sum of points earned.

B) Tie Breaking:

These conversions apply only after the final game.

If a tie should exist after the teams have been ranked, the following tiebreakers will be used in the following order:

1. Head to head competition. (Does not apply if 3 or more teams are tied.)
2. Most wins.
3. Least goals allowed.
4. Bonus points: 1 bonus point will be awarded for each 2-goal increment above the opposing team.
Example: 2-0 = 1 bonus point 4-0 = 2 bonus points
No more than 2 bonus points will be awarded in any one game.
No bonus points are deleted for losses.
5. Most Shutout Wins.
6. Most goals scored (maximum of 4 above each opponent counted.)

7. If teams are still tied after tiebreakers, a coin toss shall be used to decide the ranking.

15.) In the event of a ONE-SIDED GAME, COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERATE OF THE SCORE.

16) Trophies/Awards

6 Team Divisions – Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place after Round Robin play in accordance with the above listed rules.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st & 2nd place in the following brackets:
Covanta Cup Flight, U-15, U-16 and High School divisions.

17 Cancellation of Tournament

Cancellation prior to tournament weekend: All entry fee money will be returned less expense incurred to date.

Cancellation during tournament weekend: No entry fee refund can be made for cancellation of the tournament in whole or part due to conditions outside the control of the hosting club, i.e. inclement weather.

18) General: The tournament committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament, including interpretation of the rules and regulations.

All applications must be entered on-line on our web site.

We will not be certain where each group will be playing or who they will be playing until we have accepted all of the teams for competition. We reserve the right to place your team in the bracket we believe to be appropriate and that may result in your team playing up one year in age.

Because of the size of the tournament and the number of locations used, we will make the attempt to, but cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate the scheduling needs of an individual coaching more than one team.

Be sure to provide all of the information requested in the application form. You should include a description of the structure of competition in your State association (e.g., Premier, Major, Intermediate, Minor, etc.) In addition, please let us know if you are State or Regional champions.

We are using the Polo Fields at Bethpage State Park again this year. These fields are some of the very best soccer pitches available on Long Island. We will supply Three Parking Passes per day to each team scheduled to play at that facility. All other vehicles will be subject to the \$6.00 per day State Parks Vehicle Access Fee. The Park Commission uses these fees to keep the fields well maintained. To reduce costs it is recommended that all Coaches, Team Players and Parents arrange to car-pool to minimize the impact of the Fee. If you already have one, the New York State Park Season Passes (Empire Pass) will be honored at the tournament.