

TOURNAMENT 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. At registration all teams must present a team roster properly certified by their respective Club President, Registrar or designated officer. All teams must have player and coach's passes available at all games.
2. **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 will change uniform colors.
3. **Duration of Games** – All U-12 through U-19 games will consist of 2, thirty-minute halves with a five-minute half-time intermission. The U-8 through U-11 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.
4. **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 Cancelled** – 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 Cancelled** – 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 cannot be rescheduled, will be considered a 1-1 tie.
- 5) **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
- 6) **Protests** – There shall be no protests. The judgment of the referee cannot be contested.
- 7) **Linespersons** – Unless provided for by the tournament, each team is required to provide a linesperson for their side of the field.
- 8) **Substitutions** – Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at any stoppage of play. A substituted player may reenter the game.
- 9) **Ball Size** – U-8 through U-12 – Size 4 All other divisions – Size 5
- 10) **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 league for disciplinary action.
- 11) **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.