

Tournament Rules

NTC and South Lake Soccer Club's 2008 NTC Champion's Cup Soccer Tournament

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules of the Tournament shall be in accordance with FYSA, except as modified and approved herein as established by the Tournament Committee.

1.) TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - The team is properly registered within its designated region with FYSA, and is in good standing with all dues and fees paid.

1.) The team will not have more than eighteen players rostered at this time.

2.) Teams may roster a maximum of THREE guest players.

***Teams must have valid FYSA rosters downloaded from FYSA's website and will only be allowed to participate in any game of this competition with that approved roster.**

3.) A player may be rostered to one team only for tournament play.

2.) AGE CLASSIFICATION - For this tournament is as follows:

BOYS & GIRLS	U-15	8-1-93 thru 7-31-94
BOYS & GIRLS	U-16	8-1-92 thru 7-31-93
BOYS & GIRLS	U-17	8-1-91 thru 7-31-92
BOYS & GIRLS	U-18	8-1-90 thru 7-31-91
BOYS & GIRLS	U-19	8-1-89 thru 7-31-90

3.) ROSTER AND PASSES - Tournament Officials shall conduct all credential checks:

- a. At initial registration check-in and
- b. At the field prior to each game

Teams must provide the required credentials. All US teams must provide **Player ID Cards with current photographs, signed and notarized Medical Release Forms and four (4) Official State Rosters.** FYSA teams should use their on-line FYSA rosters. This roster must include all (roster/guest/loan) players participating in the tournament. The **Emergency Team Contact Form** must be turned in at Registration and Team Check-in. Out of State teams must also provide a **State Association Permission to Travel Form.**

In no event will a player be allowed to participate who has not been certified by the Tournament credentials committee. A player who arrives late at the playing field after the

pre-game procedure may enter the game once the game's official(s) verify the player is eligible and with the permission of the center referee.

Each manager/coach or assistant must have a valid coach's pass and should be listed on the roster. If a manager or coach is ejected, an assistant may conduct the team. If the assistant is also ejected, or if there is no assistant, the game will be forfeited. In no case will a team be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach or assistant.

IN NO EVENT WILL A REFEREE ALLOW A PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE FSYA APPROVED ROSTER OR WITHOUT REQUIRED PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

4.) SUBSTITUTIONS - unlimited substitutions, FIFA laws must apply; on goal kicks, after a goal is scored, throw ins (by the team in possession), on injury time-outs and cautions issued (referee's discretion).

5.) UNIFORMS - It is the responsibility of the **HOME TEAM** to change colors if both teams' jerseys are of similar color. (The home team is listed first on the schedules). Jerseys will be tucked in the entire match. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks.

6.) NUMBER OF PLAYERS - Teams will not report to match play with less than SEVEN (7) players. Automatic forfeiture of match will occur.

7.) FORFEITS - A forfeit shall occur when a team is not present **FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES** after the scheduled match time with the required minimum number of players. The center referee has the responsibility to determine. **A forfeit will be recorded with a score of 3 to 0. No shut out points will be awarded in the event of a forfeit.**

8.) PROTESTS - All disputes will be resolved immediately, by the Tournament Discipline Committee. **THEIR DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.** There are otherwise no protests.

9) Mercy Rule- At any time after the first half has been completed and there is a goal differential of 8 goals the game will be stopped and the score will be recorded at that point.

10.) DURATION OF THE GAME DURING ROUND & FINAL ROUND PLAY:

The duration of the game during round play will be as follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Halves</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
U17 - U19	2 x 40 = 80	NO OVERTIME
U15 - U16	2 x 35 = 70	NO OVERTIME

11.) DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ROUNDS - In group play starting on SUNDAY in the afternoon. **THERE WILL BE NO OVERTIME GAMES.** The standings in a group will be determined by the following: Cross over games points do not count in group play.

1.) **FIRST:** Game points - 5 for a win, 2 for a tie, 1 for a shut out

2.) **SECOND:** Head to head results.

3.) **THIRD:** Net goal **differential** with a maximum of **THREE** goal differential per game.

4.) **FOURTH:** Goals scored with a maximum of **THREE** goals per game.

5.) **FIFTH:** Least goals scored with a maximum of **THREE** goals per game.

6.) Penalty kicks according to FIFA "taking of kicks from the penalty mark."

Please note that a O/O tie is awarded 3 points 2 for the draw, 1 point for the shut out.

13.) DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS - THERE ARE NO OVERTIME GAMES EVEN IN THE FINAL ROUNDS. In the event the final game is tied at the end of regulation time, a winner will be determined by Penalty Kicks according to FIFA "taking of kicks from the penalty mark."

14.) MATCH TERMINATION - Should a match be terminated for any reason other than inclement weather or poor field conditions, the tournament committee will review the referee's report and render a just decision.

15.) EXTERNAL CONDITIONS - In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation, the tournament committee shall have absolute authority to make changes to best serve the interest of the tournament and all tournament participants and to properly identify winners by a certain time period. In the event of total cancellation due to weather each accepted team will have a choice of playing at a make up date or receiving a fifty-percent credit for next year. If there is no make up date each team will receive a fifty-percent credit.

16.) ACCEPTANCE - Once a team is accepted there will be no refunds issued for withdrawal. If a team withdraws prior to acceptance there will be a one-hundred dollar administration fee charged. Once schedules are posted there will be no changes except in a case of error.

17.) AWARDS CEREMONIES - Following completion of the **FINAL** Championship games, the teams will present themselves to the Game Site Coordinator for awards.

18.) SIDELINE CONDUCT - PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS are expected to conduct themselves within the **Letter and Spirit** of the "laws of the game". The Tournament Director and/or Field Marshall shall have the authority to remove from the premises, any person or persons from the tournament, who is abusing these well mannered rules. The **COACHES** are responsible for the behavior of their respective fans.

19.) CAUTIONS & EJECTIONS: A player or coach receiving two (2) cautions (yellow cards) in a single game is considered to have been given an Ejection (red card). A player/coach who has been ejected (sent off), will not be replaced. A player or coach who has been ejected will not return for that game and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. As per FYSA Section 500 and USYSA Rule 2106- Any player and/or official ordered from the field of play shall be suspended for one (1) game and subject to further discipline as defined in FYSA Section 500 Punitive Measures.

CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT: Players, reserve players, managers, coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of "The Laws of the Game". The Site Director has the authority and the responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. In addition to good manners, these rules will apply to this tournament:

- a. The Site Director will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of the players listed on the game roster and two (2) manager/coaches from each team, with one team occupying one side of the midfield and one team the other. While the game is in progress, the manager/coach and the reserve players must remain on their respective benches and may not roam the sidelines.
- b. The Site Director will designate the opposite sideline for the spectators.
- c. The manager/coach will be responsible for the behavior of their fans and the referee will have authority to warn and ultimately send off, any coach whose fans behave in an abusive or disruptive manner.

The Tournament Committee shall have a Discipline Committee of no less than three (3) members. The Discipline Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, referees, spectators, etc. using the FYSA standards as set by Rules Section 502.

- a. All players and manager/coaches shall be subject to FYSA Section 502 - Discipline and Sanctions.
- b. A player or manager/coach ejected will have an automatic minimum of one (1) game suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection.
- c. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further

disciplinary action by the appropriate state or national association. The Discipline Committee recommendations must be available to the affected parties no later than prior to the next scheduled game.

- d. At the conclusion of the tournament, passes will be returned to the coach (even if suspension has not been completed). A complete report will be sent to the appropriate State Association within seventy –two hours (72 hours) of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline.

20.) POST GAME PROCEDURES -

We ask out of professional RESPECT and mutual COURTESY, that both teams congratulate each other for a game well played.

That coaches of both teams will insure that their sideline area is clean of all trash.

That the CENTER REFEREE will complete the game report and the final findings and return them to the Tournament Site Director, along with the team's player passes and approved tournament roster.

The coach will return to the Site Director's area, where he or she will verify the score of the game, initial the game report, and pick up their passes and roster.

THE SITE DIRECTOR WILL REPORT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ANY PLAYER'S NAME WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR ANY REASON AND VERIFY WITH CENTER REFEREE AFTER EACH GAME THAT THE PLAYER HAS SERVED HIS/HER SUSPENSION. ANY SUSPENSION THAT GOES BEYOND TOURNAMENT PLAY WILL BE REPORTED TO FYSA WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE TOURNAMENT ENDING.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON ALL TOURNAMENT MATTERS.

IF NOT ENOUGH TEAMS ARE REALIZED WITHIN A BRACKET, THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE PARTICIPANTS AND THOSE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO PLAY UP OR TO RECEIVE A FULL REFUND.