

California State Games

TOURNAMENT RULES

Registration:

- Laminated USYSA player cards will be required of all players as proof of age and must be available for inspection at initial check-in and at the start of each game.
- USYSA Teams from outside Cal-South must also provide approved Travel Papers, which must include a roster listing all players authorized to travel by the team's State Association.
- All Travel Papers must be submitted to the Tournament Director prior to check in. Any player not listed on the Travel Papers, including any amendments, properly executed by the team's State Association will not be allowed to play in the tournament.
- Proper Player Loan Forms will be required at Registration along with other required credentials, as required by the team's State Association. All teams must provide the USYSA Player I.D. Cards from the State Association listed on this application.
- The California State Games Tournament will also accept teams registering under the US Club Soccer and AYSO banner.
- Medical release forms will be required for all players at initial check-in. Teams will be required to keep medical releases on hand at all times.

Rosters:

- Teams may register a maximum of eighteen (18) players (15 players for U8, U9, U10, U-11, and U-12).
- A team may use up to five (5) guest players, but any team utilizing guest players is still limited to the eighteen player maximum (14 for U8, U9 and U10).

RULES OF PLAY:

All games will be played under FIFA rules with USYSA and Cal-South adjustments for youth competition with the following additions and clarifications:

Game Format:

- Each team will play a minimum of 3 games. Preliminary Games can end in a tie.
- Quarter/Semi and Final games ending in a tie after regulation will proceed immediately to FIFA penalty kicks to determine who advances or is awarded the trophy. Penalty Kicks will immediately follow the game.

Duration of Games and Overtimes (by halves), and Ball size are as follows:

Division	Prelim/ Playoffs (Minutes/Half)	Ball Size
U-19	30	5
U-18	30	5
U-17	30	5
U-16	30	5
U-15	30	5
U-14	30	5
U-13	30	5
U-12	25	4
U-11	25	4
U-10	20	4
U-09	20	4
U-08	20	4

All Preliminary games will be terminated not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game regardless of the amount of time played in each half up to that point. A game is "complete" upon completion of one half of play regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half with final results based on the score at termination. A preliminary game can end in a tie.

Half-time:

Half-time will be exactly five (5) minutes.

Point System:

The Tournament will use a 3 point system. Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- 3 pts for a win
- 1 pt for a tie
- 0 pts for a loss

Wild Card Teams:

Wild Card teams advancing to quarter or semi-finals will not play the champion from their own bracket unless they meet again in the finals. Schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

Injury:

Delays of the game due to injury will result in appropriate time being added to the full game time, based on the judgment of the referee. However, all preliminary games will be terminated not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game.

Tie Breakers:

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined as follows:

1. The winner in head to head competition.
2. Fewest goals against.
3. Most goals for.
4. Most total wins.
5. Most shut outs.

6. If a tie still exists after steps 1 through 5, F.I.F.A. penalty kicks will be taken.

Championship games and semifinal games ending in a tie, after regulation time, will go immediately to F.I.F.A. kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

Forfeits/Byes:

- All teams who forfeit will have the game(s) scored as a 0-1 loss.
- The winner will be awarded Three (3) points. If, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, a forfeit provides an unfair advantage, the Tournament Director may make an adjustment in the bracket.
- Teams forfeiting their first game will be assumed to forfeit all of their games unless they contact the Tournament Director at least 3 hours prior to their subsequent games.

Teams will forfeit for any of the following reasons:

- Teams fail to check in at the required location, ready to play five minutes before the scheduled kick off time.
- Home team fails to produce an alternate color jersey if referee determines there is a color conflict.
- Teams fail to produce laminated player passes and/or coach's pass.
- Teams fail to report to the field with the minimum number of players required to start the game (6 for U8, U9 and U10; 7 for U11-U19).
- Coach is ejected and fails to leave the field when directed to do so.
- Coach is ejected and there is no other coach or administrator available.
- Game is suspended due to the misconduct of players, coaches, administrators, parents or spectator.
- There will be no refunds to teams who forfeit their own games.

Game Day:

- Teams will check in with the referee prior to the game.
- Each team manager or representative will be required to initial the game card for that game before the player cards will be returned.
- The Coach/Manager will report the score to the Field Marshal.
- Safety of the game:
 - The Tournament Director has the final say on the determination of safety and suitability of each player's equipment, including the wearing of a hard brace and/or hard cast. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.
 - After the start of a match the referee will decide whether or not playing conditions are safe.

Players Equipment:

The referee has the final determination as to the safety of each players equipment. All players are required to use shin guards. No rings, chains, watches, casts or metal objects may be worn.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The Home Team will be the team which appears first on the game schedule.
- The Home Team will provide a game ball. The game ball is subject to referee approval.
- The Home Team will be required to switch to an alternate jersey to accommodate a color conflict as declared by the referee.
- If the Home Team cannot supply an alternate jersey, the Home Team will forfeit the game.

- The Home Team will have the selection of the side of the field from which they wish to play.
- No two teams will play from the same side, unless field space dictates otherwise. In all cases spectator and team seating will allow the referee's assistants clear runs and views of all touch lines.

Substitutions:

Substitutions are unlimited; however teams may substitute only with the referee's permission and per Cal-South rules.

Cautions and Ejections:

- A player or coach receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single game is considered to have been given an Ejection (red card) for the purposes of awarding point for the Tournament competition.
- A player 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 must leave the field of play and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.
- A player or coach who is ejected for violent conduct or serious foul play will not be allowed to participate in the next two scheduled games.
- Any player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the Tournament.
- A team will be disqualified from the Tournament if any player or coach fails to comply with the provisions of this section.
- All red cards are reported to Cal-South.
- Cards for ejected players or coaches will be available from the Field Marshal after they have satisfied their penalty.

Protests/Disputes:

- No protests will be allowed and all games will be considered final.
- The Tournament Director will resolve any situation not explicitly covered by the rules.
- Disputes relating to the interpretation of these rules will be resolved with the Field Marshal and Administrators/Coaches that are registered with the involved team(s).
- Individuals may not represent a team if not registered as an Administrator/Coach with the involved team(s).

Field Safety/Inclement Weather:

- The Referee or Tournament Director will determine if a field is safe for play. Teams are expected to show up for scheduled games times unless notified by a tournament official.
- Rain or other weather conditions will not delay play unless the referee determines the fields are unsafe.
- If necessary, games may be shortened, go directly to FIFA Penalty Kicks or be cancelled. If a game is terminated due to problems associated with the fields, including lighting for a night game, the team in the lead at the time of stoppage wins.
- If a Quarter or Semi Final match cannot be played, FIFA penalty kicks will determine the winner. If the Final game cannot be played, the teams will be co-champions.

Code of CONDUCT:

All players, coaches and spectators will be expected to demonstrate good sportsmanlike conduct. Coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, substitutes, friends and spectators at all times. Inappropriate conduct by your team's spectators can jeopardize your coach and/or team. If a referee terminates a game due to misconduct of players or spectators, the

offending team will forfeit. The offending player, spectator or team may be banned from further participation in the tournament.

At no time is there to be any alcoholic beverages at the tournament sites.

Pets are not allowed on any of the fields.

This is a smoke-free environment; no smoking is allowed at any of the fields.

After each game, please pick up the trash on your sideline and place it in one of the provided receptacles.

Please help us keep the games on time by immediately collecting your things and clearing your sideline after your game. This will allow the next team to move into position and prepare for the start of their game.