



2018 WINTER CUP - TOURNAMENT RULES

Date: Dec 1st & Dec 2nd, 2018

Location: Desert Breeze North and South

REGISTRATION/CHECK IN

All teams must provide the following at registration:

Medical Release

Current laminated player and coach's passes

Guest player forms (if applicable)

Travel papers (if traveling from outside Region IV)

TOURNAMENT CHECK IN

Tournament Check-In will be at your assigned field one hour prior to your first match at the MAIN tent on the assigned field. (see Map for Main Tent and Field Marshall Tent)

For all subsequent games, the team will check in with the Field Marshal 15-30 minutes prior to the start of the game. (see Tent for Field Marshall Tents)

RULES

Rules follow FIFA "Laws of the game" and rules of USYSA shall apply unless otherwise modified or listed below. **THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS OR APPEALS.** All decisions of the referees are final

All team coaches and officials are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents, and spectators.

Coaches must remain 10 yards of either side of the center half mark.

Coaches, players and spectators must not use profanity, derogatory remarks or gestures toward any other referee, player, coach or spectator.

All referees will be treated courteously. Their decisions are final. **REFEREE ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

The home team shall be on the North / West side of the field. Players and coaches will set up at the center half mark, and their spectators will remain to the left of them, leaving the right side of the field vacant for the assistant referee. The away team shall be on the South / East side of the field. Players and coaches will set up at the center half mark, and their spectators will remain to the left of them, again leaving the right side of the field vacant for the assistant referee. This diagonal configuration features teams and spectators to share a side of the field, allowing coaches management of the sideline in cases where it is warranted, while simultaneously giving each assistant referee space to move unimpeded and undisturbed.



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Coaches are responsible for any litter or garbage on or off the fields. They must ensure that players and spectators have cleared their trash and have put it in the appropriate garbage container

Anyone who enters the field of play during their game without referee approval MAY have their team disqualified from the tournament. Referee discretion.

There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed at the soccer fields.

TENTS/EZ UPS

EZ ups and/or tents may NOT be staked anywhere at any complex

ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS OR ANY OTHER ANIMALS ALLOWED.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Players are required to wear proper soccer and safety equipment. This includes a numbered jersey, shorts, proper cleats, shin guards, and socks. Players should come with appropriate underclothing to wear in cases of cold or inclement weather. Clothing with zippers, buttons, snaps, loose strings and hoods, are not permitted. Metal hair clips, earrings, bracelets, or any type of jewelry in any part of the body is not safe or acceptable during a match. It will be at the referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of the player's equipment including the wearing of casts and hard braces which must be wrapped

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS / TEAMS

Eligible players/teams are those players/teams that are registered players/teams with USYSNV, AYSO, USSSA, US Club or other state associations. All challenges of player eligibility must be made to the referee before start of second half of the match.

There will be a maximum of five guest players.

HOME AND VISITING TEAM

Home team is listed first on the schedule. Visiting team has the option of jersey color. Where there is a conflict, the home team must change shirts. The Home team will have choice of kickoff or which goal to defend. The Home team will supply the match ball, subject to referee approval.



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SCHEDULE

All teams are guaranteed at least three games (weather permitting).

Check in will be 15-30 minutes prior to your game with the field marshal.

Number of teams entered will determine bracket size.

Bracket size for each age group will determine format for final.

The tournament committee will determine brackets.

If there are not enough teams entered from a division/age group to fill a bracket, those teams will have the option to play up a division/age group or receive a full refund.

GAME RESULTS

Coaches must sign their game cards after each game. Scores are posted based on the results on the game cards. Scores cannot be disputed, after they are signed.

AWARDS

First and Second place player awards will be presented at the conclusion of the final game for U7 and above.

All participants will receive a tournament token. U-5-U6 teams will have no standings and will receive participation awards after the conclusion of their last game on Sunday.

CONTINGENCY PLAN:

PLAN A: All matches will play as scheduled

PLAN B: Shorten all first round matches to 15 minute halves

PLAN C: Plan B plus shorten all semi final matches

PLAN D: Plan C plus shorten all final matches

PLAN E: In the event the fields become totally unplayable or the weather becomes a hazardous condition, it may be necessary to decide some matches with FIFA penalty kicks

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Tournament matches will be played in all weather conditions unless the referee determines the conditions are dangerous and/or life threatening as per FIFA/USYSA/USYSNV regulations. The tournament committee will do everything in their control to make sure all matches are played. However, if it is out of their control, the tournament standings at the time will be final without refund. The Tournament Director reserves the right to delay play, reduce game time and/or cancel games in case of adverse weather or unplayable field conditions.



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SCORING

Teams shall be awarded points for game results as follows:

WIN: 6 Points

TIE: 3 Points

LOSS: 0 Points

Bonus points:

SHUT OUT: 1 Point

GOALS: 1 Points (Each goal, maximum 3)

Tie shutouts (0-0) will NOT be awarded 1 point for the shutout.

POINT DEDUCTIONS:

1 Point for each RED CARD or a coach who is sent off or 2 YELLOW CARDS per player in one game.

ALL SEMI FINAL GAMES

There will be NO over time in the semi final games. If the score is still tied after regulation time, teams will go straight to kicks from the mark.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

If the game is still tied after regulation time, teams will go straight to kicks from the mark

TIE BREAKER

In the event that two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary games, the following tie breakers shall be applied in the order given until a winner is determined.

1. Head to head competition
2. Goal differential (max. 5 per game)
3. Goals against
4. FIFA penalty kicks



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DISCIPLINE

YELLOW CARDS - All yellow carded players must be substituted for. They may return at the next available substitution for their team.

Any coach accumulating two (2) yellow cards during the tournament WILL SIT OUT the next game (including finals, etc.)

RED CARDS - Ejection of current game and next game. Committee reserves the right to impose stricter penalty for fighting, foul language, spitting, etc. Any coach red carded risks tournament banishment. Any team official ejected from a match or suspended by a proper authority is prohibited from being within sightor hearing distance of the field of play during his or her suspension. A youth player ejected from a match must remain off the field of play. Coaches are responsible for an ejected player's behavior. Referees are not required to show yellow or red cards when giving a warning to coaches or other team representatives and may eject a coach, assistant coach, other team official or spectator without ever showing a red card.

Coaches and Team Officials are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents, and spectators.

All referees will be treated courteously. The referees' decisions are final.

FORFEIT - Teams failing to check in within ten (10) minutes of scheduled kick off will forfeit. Forfeited games will be scored as follows -- 1-0 score, 8 points to winning team. **No forfeiting** a game because of the opposing team for whatever reason. If you do, you are disqualified from the rest of the tournament. NO refunds and a report given to your home association. No refunds due to a team forfeiting.



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ABANDONMENT

The results of any game terminated as consequence of abandonment shall be based on the score at the time. If the referee deems one team responsible, the score will be a 1-0 shutout and the guilty team will also have two (2) points deducted from their total.

****TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE FINAL SAY ON ALL DISPUTES AND INTERPRETATIONS OF TOURNAMENT RULES****

****FALSIFICATION OR MISREPRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS WILL DISQUALIFY YOU AND YOUR TEAM FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND POSSIBLY FROM ANY FUTURE TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY SSGSL****

****ANY PLAYER CAUGHT PLAYING WITHOUT PROPER PAPERWORK (GUEST PLAYER FORM), WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY THE REST OF THE TOURNAMENT AND THE GAME THEY PLAYED IN WILL BE A FORFEIT****



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AGE: U11 - U12: 9 v 9

U13 - U19: 11 v 11

GAME LENGTH: 60 MINUTES

- **Preliminary games** – 30 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- **Semis** - 30 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- **Championship** – 30 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime

The U11 and up games:

1. Start of the game is in a coin toss to decide who has kick off and who defends which goal. Winner of coin toss gets first choice.
2. The length of the game shall be divided into two (2) equal, thirty minute halves for U11 – U19.
3. Substitutions may be made by either team with referee's permission when play is stopped.
4. **Coach MUST substitute cautioned (yellow card) player**
5. Coaches must remain in the coach's box. NO running up and down the sidelines.
6. Coaches, parents or spectators standing behind the goals/goalkeepers are not allowed.
7. All players MUST wear shinguards to play. No earrings during play.
8. Slide tackling is permissible for U13 and above.
9. Fields are 100-130 yards long and 50-100 yards wide. Goals will be a maximum of 7 feet high and 21 feet wide.
10. The ball sizes shall be U11-U12 #4, U13-U19 #5.
11. **Heading is allowed U12 and up ONLY**
12. Maximum Roster Size for U13 and up is 18 (including guest players)
13. Maximum Roster Size for U11/U12 is 16 (including guest players)



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AGE: U9 & U10 – 7 v 7

GAME LENGTH: 50 MINUTES

- **Preliminary games** – 25 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- **Semis** - 25 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- **Championship** - 25 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime

The U9 and U10 game:

1. Start of the game is in a coin toss to decide who has kick off and who defends which goal. Winner of coin toss gets first choice.
2. The length of the game shall be divided into two (2) equal, twenty-five minute halves with a five (5) minute half time.
3. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is (7) seven, one of whom is a goalkeeper.
4. Coaches, parents or spectators standing behind the goals/goalkeepers are not allowed.
5. The ball sizes shall be #4.
6. Substitutions may be made by either team with referee's permission when play is stopped.
7. Coach **MUST** substitute cautioned (yellow card) player.
8. Off-sides are enforced.
9. No sliding allowed. Exception: goalie may slide in his/her own goal box to make a save on the ball.
10. Direct kicks are allowed.
11. Coaches must remain in the coach's box. **NO** running up and down the sidelines.
12. Coaches, parents or spectators standing behind the goals/goalkeepers are not allowed.
13. All players **MUST** wear shinguards to play.
14. No earrings during play.
15. Fields are 70-80 yards long and 40-50 yards wide. Goals will be a maximum of 7 feet high and 21 feet wide.
16. Maximum Roster Size is 14 (including guest players)
17. U9 and U10s plays with a build out line



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AGE: U7/U8 – 4 v 4

GAME LENGTH: 40 MINUTES

- **Preliminary games** – 20 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- **Semis** - 20 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- **Championship** – 20 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime

The U7 and U8 game:

1. Start of the game is in a coin toss to decide who has kick off and who defends which goal. Winner of coin toss gets first choice.
2. The length of the game shall be divided into two (2) equal, twenty-minute halves with a five (5) minute half time.
3. Games played on 1 field – 3 v 3 or 4 v 4.
4. There are no Goalkeepers. Coaches, parents or spectators standing behind the goals/goalkeepers are not allowed
5. The ball sizes shall be #3.
6. Either team may substitute at ANY time on the fly.
7. There are NO off-sides.
8. No sliding allowed.
9. Opponent must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress and three (3) yards away before free kick or goal kick is allowed.
10. Ball going out of play, whether over the end or sideline, is played “In” by the opposing team with an indirect kick or throw-in.
11. Goals can only be scored from the attacking half of the field and must pass completely over the line.
12. Coaches must remain in the coach’s box. NO running up and down the sidelines.
13. Fields are no more than 35 yards long and no more than 25 yards wide. Standard corner flags or pugs will be used as goals.
14. All fouls are indirect free kicks. Indirect free kicks restart play by a pass to a teammate which is not a strong kick directly at the goal. A second throw in must be allowed if a player throws the ball improperly the first time.
15. Coaches and teams sit on their own sidelines.
16. Parents are not allowed in center of fields, they sit opposite their teams.
17. All players MUST wear shinguards to play.
18. No earrings during play.
19. Maximum Roster Size is 8 (including guest players)



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Heading Policy

Players U11 and below-No Heading Allowed

When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.