

NCRSL U14/15 Boys and Girls Tournament Rules

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All matches will be played under FIFA Laws of the Game as amended by USYSA except as noted by NCRSL Modified Laws and specific modifications made for tournament play as noted below.

TEAM/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All teams must have an IYSA roster signed by the Club's current board representative and kept by the coach of each team and provided to the referees prior to the game. If a roster cannot be provided, the game is played and the tournament director/committee will be notified with the game being subject to forfeit by the offending team. Each Club is responsible for ensuring their rosters are accurate and true. Teams playing 11 v 11 may roster up to 18 players. Each player may be rostered on only one team for tournament games, players may not be "double-rostered." The appropriate tournament divisions apply: U14/15 Boys and U14/15 Girls.

The format for all tournament games will be 11v11, if a team does not have at least 7 players at game time, the team forfeits the game. A team with at least 7 players, may start the game according to standard NCRSL Modified Laws.

Teams should arrive to the match at least 20 minutes before the match is scheduled to start. Schedules are tight and matches must begin on time. If play has not begun after 5 minutes of schedule start time of the match, the referee may start his/her watch as if play has begun.

MATCH FORMAT AND DURATION OF MATCHES

Each team will play a minimum of 2 games in Pool play on Saturday. **Pool play matches may end in a tie.** There will be no overtime for Pool Play matches. Teams advancing, as determined by the tournament schedule, will play in semifinal matches on Sunday at 1:00 PM. The semifinal winners will meet in the league championship game at 4:00 PM.

The home team is required to provide an appropriate match ball. The home team is listed first on the schedule. There will be 2 – 35 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime for this tournament. The clock shall be a running clock for all matches. The clock will not stop except for serious injuries. The tournament committee reserves the right to shorten halves due to weather conditions, field conditions or other factors.

UNIFORMS

Each player must wear appropriate shin guards and an official uniform with a number on the back. No team may have players with duplicate numbers. When uniform colors are similar the home team will change colors. Home team is listed first. Goalkeepers must have a different color jersey from their team and the referees.

REFEREES

Each team will pay referees fees of \$70 prior to tournament for 2 pool games. The referee pay is \$30/\$20/\$20 per game. The referee will not start the pool match if the tournament committee is not paid. Each team that advances will pay semi-final fees of \$35; payable to the tournament committee on Sunday. Championship game fees will be paid by the host club. Cash or check payment is accepted, all checks should be made out to the host club.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited.

Before a throw-in in your favor, or when both teams are substituting on a throw-in.

After a goal by either team.

Before a goal kick by either team.

At half-time or before the start of any overtime period.

In case of injury or stoppage of play – with the referee's permission.

At the discretion of the Referee.

SEND OFFS & EXCLUSIONS

Any player sent off or coach expelled from a match will be ineligible for that team's next match. At the time of the send off no substitution will be allowed for the player sent off. Anyone fighting can be subjected to ineligibility from further tournament participation.

FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

A five minute grace period will be extended beyond kick-off time before a forfeit will be declared. The Tournament Directors will make a final decision as to whether a forfeit will be declared depending on extenuating circumstances that may have prevented a team from making the match on time. If a forfeit is determined, the winning team will be awarded a score of 3-0 and will receive the appropriate points for that match.

PROTESTS

There are no protests.

TEAM SCORING FORMAT

The following procedure will be used to determine a group winner of a pool or a wild card (best second place team). Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. Shutouts will earn 2 points and number of goals scored will equal 1 point for each goal scored up to a max of 3. In the event of ties in the final point standings, the following sequence will be used.

1. Head to head competition between teams that are tied (skip to #2 if 3 or more teams are tied).
2. Winner of the most games.
3. Best goal differential for all matches – up to 3 per match.
4. Fewest goals allowed.
5. Most goals scored – up to 3 per match.
6. Coin Toss.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AND SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Should a semi-final match end in a tie at the end of regulation, then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will determine the winner. Per FIFA procedures kicks from the mark will start with 5 players from each team and if still tied will continue until sudden death penalty kick.

Should the championship game end in a tie at the end of regulation, two sudden death 5 minute overtimes will be played. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the two overtimes, then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will determine the winner. Per FIFA procedures kicks from the mark will start with 5 players from each team and if still tied will continue until sudden death penalty kick.

AWARDS

There will be awards for the finalist and championship teams.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS

The tournament committee will make every effort to play all matches in full. However, the tournament committee has the right to either shorten and/or to cancel matches due to climactic conditions or other acts of nature which are beyond our control.

COACH/PLAYER/SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents and spectators. Please help us make sure everyone has an enjoyable time.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The tournament committee will enforce the rules as written, but the committee reserves the right to amend any rule as necessary to accommodate unanticipated problems before and during the tournament. The decision of the committee will be final.

ADDITIONAL CLUB SAFETY RULES

NUSC is a smoke free facility
No alcohol, pets or profanity is allowed at the NUSC facility
No climbing on nets or goals
No grills are allowed at the NUSC facility
Park only in designated areas
Parents are responsible for their children at all times
No pets allowed