

NCRSL U-14 Tournaments
October 16-17, 2010

TOURNAMENT FEE & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Each team will pay a tournament fee designated by the host club to a tournament official before the team's first game in the tournament. Clubs with more than one team can pay the tournament fee for all of their teams in one check. A tournament official may be located at the concession stand or at the game field.

All teams must have a copy of an Indiana Youth Soccer official roster at all games and present the roster to a tournament official or referee upon request. All players must be on the team roster. Each player may play for only one team in the tournament. Rosters may be checked by tournament officials or referees for each tournament game. Participation by a non-roster player will result in forfeit of the game.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All matches will be played under the FIFA Laws as amended by USYSA and as noted below. Also, all matches will be played using NCRSL modifications to the Laws.

TEAM/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND MATCH FORMAT/DURATION OF MATCHES

The format for all tournament games will be 11v11 (10 field players + keeper). If a team does not have at least 9 players at game time, the team forfeits the game. If a team has at least 9 players, the game may start and the opposing team has the option to "play down" with only 9 or 10 players or to play with 11 players. If additional players arrive after the game is started, then a team may adjust to 10 or 11 players at the next substitution opportunity after the players have checked in with the Referee or Assistant Referee.

Teams should arrive at the field 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.

Each team will play a minimum of 2 games. **Pool play matches may end in a tie.** There will be no tie-breaker for Pool Play matches.

Home team is required to provide appropriate match ball. The home team is listed first on the schedule. There will be 2 – 30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime for all tournament games. 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 team designated in the tournament schedule as the home team will change colors or wear pinnies. Goalkeepers must have a different color jersey from their team and the referees.

START OF MATCH

The referee will call captains and a coin will be flipped. The team winning the toss will choose which end of the field they wish to attack.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Unlimited
- Before a throw-in in your favor
- 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

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. A tournament official 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 4-0 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 1st place in each pool and the best 2nd place team from all pools. Three (3) tournament points are awarded for a win, one (1) tournament point is awarded for a tie and zero (0) tournament points are awarded for a loss. 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. Best goal differential for all matches – up to 4 per match;
3. Fewest goals allowed;
4. Most goals scored – up to 4 per match;
5. Coin toss.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AND SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Should the championship match or a semi-final match end in a tie at the end of regulation, then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will determine the winner. Only players on the field at the end of the match may participate in the kicks from the mark. Per FIFA procedures kicks from the mark will start with 5 players from each team. Players from the 2 teams will alternate taking penalty kicks until one team gains an insurmountable lead or all 5 players from both teams have taken a penalty kick. If the teams are tied after the first 5 players, then the remaining 5 players from each team will alternate taking penalty kicks in a "sudden victory" manner, such that if a player from one team scores and the corresponding player from the other team fails to score, then the team with the scoring player wins the match. The "sudden victory" procedure continues, cycling to the initial 5 players then the remaining 5 players, until a team wins the match.

AWARDS

There will be awards for the teams that participate in the final game.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS

The tournament officials will make every effort to play all matches in full. However, a tournament official has the right to either shorten and/or 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 OFFICIALS

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

ADDITIONAL CLUB SAFETY AND FIELD RULES

No pets are allowed on the fields

No smoking, alcohol, or profanity is allowed on the fields

No climbing on nets or goals

Park only in designated areas

Parents are responsible for their children at all times