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Tournament Guidelines

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Jurisdiction

Section 11 tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the following AYSO Governing Documents: National Rules and Regulations, National Bylaws, and National Policy Statement. b. Games and program activities will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game (AYSO Edition) and these Program Guidelines as contained herein.

The program will be administered by the Section 11 Tournament Director, who will be responsible for providing general administrative oversight and direction of the program. This will include managing dispute resolution/discipline review on behalf of and/or through the Section 11 Director or her designee. The Tournament Director will be authorized to appoint staff to assist in managing the program through AYSO volunteers or third-party contractors in the best interest of the program.

Area Directors are responsible for overseeing/verifying that the Program requirements are met as they pertain to player eligibility, coach eligibility and team formation.

Issues requiring special jurisdiction will be evaluated and handled by the Section 11 Tournament Director in the best interest of the Section and AYSO. This may include appointing a three-member committee of Area Directors or Section Staff Members to resolve matters of disagreement. Any appeal of discussions handled by the above identified process will be adjudicated by the Section 11 Director or her designee.

Eligibility

Participation in this Tournament is by **INVITATION ONLY**. A limited number of invitations are awarded to each Area. (Teams from the fall season, are reviewed and qualified by their home Region and Area.) Participating teams agree to all tournament rules.

Teams are selected by the Area Director to represent their Area. Each Area is free to use any selection criteria best fits their circumstances.

Documentation

Each team participating must submit a completed **Tournament Team Stack Sports roster**, in player jersey number order, signed by the Regional Commissioner to the Area Director. Each Area Director must then submit the rosters to the Section Director or his designated representative. The rosters must be submitted electronically. Incomplete rosters will not be accepted. The roster information will be used to pre-print match line-up cards for each team.

The Head Coach of any team participating must be age-appropriate trained to be eligible to participate in the tournament. The coach and assistant coach must be Safe Haven certified, CDC: Concussion Course Training, Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and be identified on the team roster form. There **must** be a Coach and an Assistant Coach listed.

Entry Fee

The Area Director is responsible to submit the entry fee per team. The checks must be either Region or Area checks made out to AYSO Section 11. The entry fee checks must be sent to the Section 11 Treasurer. The entry fee per team is as follows:

- 10U - \$200
- 12U - \$250
- 14U - \$300
- 16U - \$300
- 19U - \$300

Team Check-in

All Coaches must check in at least **60 minutes** before their first match. Coaches must present the following items to the onsite Tournament check in tent:

- A Current Fall Season, Coach Photo ID Card
- Copies of each players current Fall Medical Release Form
- Signed copy of team roster (Affinity Sports 'Official Roster')
- Player ID Cards

Please note: Player Medical Release Forms in electronic or digital format, will **NOT** be accepted. Hard copies **MUST** be presented at time of check-in.

Format

The tournament format is round-robin pool play. Teams in each division are divided into pools of 4 teams. Each team will play every other team within its pool. There will be 2 pools in each Division.

The winners of each pool will play for the Championship in each division.

Roster Size

Roster sizes for each Division are indicated below unless previously approved by the Area Director and authorized by the Section Tournament Director. In no case shall the roster size exceed a number that allows every player to play a minimum of one half of each match.

Division	Maximum Roster Size	Play Format
10U	10 players	7 vs 7
12U	12 players	9 vs 9
14U	15 players	11 vs 11
16U	18 players	11 vs 11
19U	22 players	11 vs 11

Sidelines

Coaches, players, and spectators for both teams will be placed on the opposite sides of the field.

Home teams will setup on the North or East side of the field, while away teams will setup on the South or West side of the field.

Game Balls

The home team shall be responsible for providing the match balls. Three match balls shall be presented to the referee prior to the match. If the home team does not have suitable match balls, then the visiting team will be asked to provide them.

Match Duration

Match duration shall be as follows:

Division	Pool Play	Medal Round
10U	40 minutes	50 minutes
12U	50 minutes	60 minutes
14U	60 minutes	70 minutes
16U	60 minutes	80 minutes
19U	60 minutes	90 minutes

Medal round match durations may be shortened to accommodate field availability.

Medal round matches that are tied at the end of regulation time will go directly to Kicks From The Penalty Mark (KFTPM) to determine a winner.

Any amendments will be communicated to the coaches and referees at the tournament check-in.

Substitution

Important substitution reminders for all 10U, 12U, and 14U matches:

- Substitutions are allowed at halftime and approximately mid-way through each half (at the quarter break).
- Substitutions will be recorded on the lineup card by the referee.
- Substitutions may be made for an injured player; however, the injured player may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission).

- All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee.
- 'Free' substitution is not allowed in 10U, 12U, or 14U matches.

Required Play Time

EVERYONE PLAYS – 3/4 OF EACH GAME

- All players (10U, 12U and 14U) MUST play at least 3/4 of each game unless prohibited by roster size.
- No player may play 4 quarters until ALL teammates have played at least 3 quarters (*including goalkeeper*).
- Substitution rules may not otherwise be changed because of roster size.

Referees: Please report all incidents via a MatchTrak match report within 12 hours of the conclusion of the match.

Scoring

Points will be awarded for each match on a 10-point system:

- Win = 6 points Tie = 3 points
- Goals = 1 point each (maximum of 3 points)
- Shut-out = 1 point (including for a 0-0 tie but not for a forfeit) Ejections = 1 point deduction per ejection (player or coach only) Forfeit = 7 points

If a team forfeits one of its matches due to a deliberate "no show", then all the matches scheduled, either played or not, for that team will be recorded as forfeits. The score shall be recorded as 1-0 and a total of 7 points awarded to the non-forfeiting team. This will essentially render the pool to be a three-team pool. Accordingly, the Region of the forfeiting team will be banned from participating in the corresponding Section Tournament the following year.

If a tie exists at the conclusion of Pool play, the following tie breakers will be used:

- 1) Head-to-Head
- 2) Least ejections (coach and player)
- 3) Goals Against
- 4) Most shutouts
- 5) Goals For (maximum 3 counted per match, i.e., if a team scores a total of 10 goals only 3 are counted toward this tie breaker)
- 6) 6. Kicks From The Penalty Mark (KFTPM)

If more than two teams are tied in points at the conclusion of pool play, the tie-breaker process will be the same as indicated above. If one team is shown to have the advantage over the others after any of the steps, it is declared the winner. If one team falls behind the others in any of the tie-breaking steps, while the others remain tied, that team is eliminated, and the process begins anew with the remaining teams until one moves ahead of the others.

Discipline

All coaches shall always remain within the coaching box during the playing of a match. Any player, coach, or assistant coach who is requested to depart the playing area will result in a 1 point deduction from the team total points earned in that match and that player or coach shall not

participate in the next scheduled match or matches as determined by the Section 11 Tournament Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee members are the Section Tournament Director, Section Referee Administrator and Section Coach Administrator.

Protests

Referee decisions during a match are **final and not subject to protests**. Matters concerning player eligibility or other breach of the Section 11 Guidelines are the only matters that may be brought up on a protest.

All protests must be in written form and will be ruled on by the Section 11 Tournament Disciplinary Committee. However, before spending a lot of time composing the written document, please express your views verbally to a member of the Section 11 Tournament Disciplinary Committee.

Coach Notes

- All Coaches and Assistant Coaches **MUST** have a current Season, Region issued, Coach Photo ID Card.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** Tournament Matches.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards must be worn and remain visible at all times.
- Player ID cards **ARE** required.
- All players must be fully registered with AYSO for the current season.
- Roster changes (adding/removing players to/from a fall roster) are **NOT** allowed.
- Guest players are not allowed.
- Coaches are required to have in their possession, **AT ALL TIMES**, copies of each players current season Player Medical Release Form. (Player Medical Release Forms in electronic or digital format, will **NOT** be accepted. Hard copies are required.)
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be fully registered with AYSO, approved and rostered for the current season.
- All Coaches and Assistant Coaches must meet the certification requirements as outlined per the AYSO National Coaching Program Guidelines.
- If team uniform color conflict, home team (listed first on the schedule) to change uniform color.
- **NO** Coin Toss (Visitors kick-off, Home team selects goal to defend).
- Pre-approved lineup cards to be provided to Tournament Staff by Area/Region.
- All matches must start and end on time.
- Halftime break **NOT** to exceed 5 minutes.
- **NO** additional/extra time added for injuries or stoppages.
- Pool play matches may end in a tie.
- Semi-Final and Championship matches must have a winner. If tied at the end of the 4th quarter, winner to be determined by KFPM.
- Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.
- Youth Referee participation in the Tournament is by invitation only.
- Lineup cards will be reviewed by onsite Tournament staff.

- Coaches are responsible for the conduct and behavior of themselves, their players, parents, and spectators on their sideline. Poor sportsmanship, verbal abuse and negative yelling will not be tolerated at any time and may result in being removed from the match, facility, or tournament.
- Pets (i.e. dogs) are never allowed at AYSO games or practices.

Referee Notes

- Referees must check in at the onsite Referee Tent at least **45 minutes** prior to their first match and be properly dressed (in full uniform).
 - Yellow jersey, black referee shorts, and black referee socks with 2 or 3 stripes.
 - Appropriate AYSO Referee Badge (i.e. Regional, Intermediate, Advanced, National).
 - Hats are OK, but should be all black baseball style only.
 - Referees are encouraged to bring alternate colored jerseys, in case of color conflict.
 - Improperly dressed Referees may be replaced.
- All referees must be fully registered with AYSO and approved for the current season.
- All referees must meet the certification requirements as outlined per the AYSO National Referee Program Guidelines.
- Referees must perform a player and field safety check before each match.
- All Coaches and Assistant Coaches **MUST** have a current Season, Region issued, Coach Photo ID Card.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** Tournament Matches.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards must be worn and remain visible at all times.
- Check Coach and Assistant Coach for valid Coach ID Card.
- Player ID Cards **ARE** required.
- **NO** Coin Toss (Visitors kick-off, Home team selects goal to defend).
- **PRE-PRINTED** lineup cards are required (to be provided by Tournament Staff).
 - Coach/Assistant Coach ID Cards must match pre-printed names on lineup card.
 - **NO** handwritten changes, besides jersey numbers, allowed to lineup card.
 - All changes, must be approved by the onsite Tournament Staff.
- Lineup cards will be reviewed by onsite Tournament Staff.
- Return team lineup cards and signed Tournament Game Card to the Tournament Referee Tent, immediately following the game. Tournament Game Card must be signed by each teams Head Coach and entire referee team. Total number of goals scored in each half and final goal total must be recorded prior to coaches signing.
- Start and end all matches **ON TIME**.
- Halftime break **NOT** to exceed 5 minutes.
- **NO** additional/extra time added for injuries or stoppages.
- Pool play matches may end in a tie.
- Semi-Final and Championship matches must have a winner. If tied at the end of the 4th quarter, winner to be determined by KFPM.
- All matches should be officiated by '*neutral*' referees. Parents **SHOULD NOT** sign-up, to referee their own child's match.

- Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.
- Youth Referee participation in the Tournament is by invitation only.
- Each referee may only represent **ONE** team in the tournament.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches, participating in the tournament, **MAY NOT** referee matches within their respected division, regardless of pool. (i.e. 10UB Coach/Assistant Coach may not Referee 10UB matches - regardless of pool. 10UB Coach/Assistant Coach may referee 10UG Match)
- Pets (i.e. dogs) are not allowed at AYSO games or practices.

Referees: *Please report all player misconducts; player, coach and spectator incidents; injuries; field issues and guideline variations to the onsite Tournament Staff at the conclusion of the match.*