

RIVER CITY CUP

2011 Tournament Rules

Plantes Ferry Park Soccer Complex

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The official schedules and results will be those posted at the tournament headquarters. All teams must check these schedules for accuracy and potential revisions at check-in, before and after games.

I. REGISTRATION AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- a. Check-in: A representative from each team must report to the tournament headquarters at least 60 minutes prior to the first match and check-in with the tournament registrar.
- b. Requirements:
 - i. TEAMS FROM THE UNITED STATES – For teams from the United States:
 1. The Players must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, AYSO, other).
 2. Teams must provide proof of approval of the team's participation from the team's Federation Organization Member.
 3. Teams from outside the State Association where the tournament is located must provide proof of permission to travel.
 - ii. FOREIGN TEAMS – For a team coming from a CONCACAF nation:
 1. Players must present passports at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.
 2. Teams are required to have and present player picture identification cards.
 3. Team must have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

II. PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

- a. Boys and girls age U11 to U18 based on the 2011 – 2012 season, U19 based on the 2010 – 2011 season. U12 to U19 (11v11) teams are limited to a maximum of 18 players, U11 (9v9) teams are limited to a maximum of 14 players.
- b. There are no limitations on the number of guest players per team, all guest players must meet the same eligibility requirements.
- c. Players may play on only one team.

III. TEAMS

- a. U11 plays 9 v 9.
- b. U12 – U19 plays 11 v 11.
- c. Home team will have choice of side of the field for their players and spectators.
- d. Visiting team will have choice of jerseys.
- e. The goalie must also have an alternate jersey subject to referee approval.
- f. No persons are permitted behind the goals.

IV. PLAYER CREDENTIALS AND UNIFORMS

- a. Player picture identification cards are to be present and available at all matches.
- b. Identification cards may be checked by the referee prior to each match.
- c. The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player’s shirt number on the daily match report or roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same.

V. LAWS OF THE GAME

- a. All matches must be played in accordance with *FIFA Laws of the Game*, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:
- b. The laws of FIFA and WSYSA will be used during the tournament.
- c. Matches
 - i. Match length
 - U11 – 12 Games 30 minute half, Finals 30 minute half – Ball Size 4
 - U13 – U14 Games 30 minute half, Finals 30 minute half – Ball Size 5
 - U15 – U19 Games 35 minute half, Finals 35 minute half – Ball Size 5
- d. Substitution
 - i. **SUBSTITUTION TIME** - A player may be substituted at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.
 - ii. **SUBSTITUTION AGE LIMITS**
 - 1. If the age group is 15 & under, free substitution is allowed.
 - 2. For age groups 16 years and older, free substitution is allowed providing the tournament is not an official competition (but a friendly club tournament) and the age category does not include matches between national teams of CONCACAF member countries. If it does include national teams, then up to six substitutions are allowed.
- e. Player Equipment – Specify what is permitted and not permitted.
- f. Shin guards – Required for all players (no exceptions).
- g. Casts - Any player wearing a protective orthopedic device shall report to the Tournament Registrar at Tournament Headquarters at least 60 minutes prior to the beginning of the first match. Protective orthopedic devices, prosthetic devices and any equipment, gear, appliance or apparatus that is protective for an injury or a known medical condition may be worn during a regularly scheduled game provided that the referee determines that the device conforms to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game.

VI. TOURNAMENT AND MATCH SCHEDULES

- a. Tournament Format - The tournament format is set for competitive teams. Separate divisions for Premier and Select teams or “A” & “B” Cups will be used where possible. Each age division will be divided into appropriate groups by the tournament scheduling committee to best enhance fair competition for the round robin portion of the tournament. Advancement to elimination round is determined by the formula prescribed

- by the tournament committee, dependent on number of teams per age group and division.
- b. Match Schedules - For all age groups each team will be scheduled for a minimum of three games, with no more than 2 games on any one day. Preliminary games will be played Friday thru Sunday morning. Finals for first and second places will be played on Sunday.
 - c. Procedures for Determining a Winner – Elimination round matches that are tied at the end of regulation will play two 5 minute overtime periods. If the match is still tied at the end of the overtime periods, “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be used to determine the winner.
 - d. Referees – All matches will use referees certified by the Federation.
 - e. Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellations – The tournament director will make any rescheduling decisions as required by weather or other situations. Games will be rescheduled to a time and day that provides the least conflict for the teams. Games will resume at the point of cancellation with all scores carrying over.
 - f. Refund Policy –
 - 100% refund of fees if cancelled prior to entry deadline.
 - No refund after that date.

VII. FORFEITS

- a. Teams not ready to play within 5 minutes of game time will forfeit the match and the referee will record the game as a 1-0 win and the winner will be awarded EIGHT points. A minimum of seven players is required to begin the game. Any team that forfeits a match may not be permitted to proceed in the tournament to the playoff rounds.

VIII. STANDINGS AND TIE-BREAKERS

- a. The following point system is used:
 - SIX points shall be awarded for a win.
 - THREE point shall be awarded for a tie.
 - ZERO points shall be awarded for a loss.
 - A team win by FORFEIT, will be recorded as a 1-0 win and awarded EIGHT points.
 - ONE point for each goal up to THREE per game.
 - ONE point shall be awarded for a shutout (including 0-0 ties).
- b. In the event of point ties, placing teams from each division will be decided by the following rules in sequence until the tie is broken:
 - i. Winner of head-on competition, if played.
 - ii. Highest goal differential up to five per match.
 - iii. Fewest goals allowed up to five per match.
 - iv. Most goals scored up to five per match.
 - v. Most number of shut outs.
 - vi. FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark".

IX. MATCH AND SCORE REPORTING

- a. Referees will turn in match results, cautions and ejections. It is the responsibility of the coach to check the standing boards for all game times, locations and results. Team captains may confirm scores at half time and end of game with the referee.
- b. Referees will submit match results on the game card at the end of each match to the referee assignor. The referee assignor will forward game cards to the tournament headquarters.

X. PROTESTS & DISPUTES

- a. All disputes for non-referee decisions are handled by the Tournament Director in conjunction with the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee will consider and hear protests and disputes. Appeals of misconduct reports shall be settled by the Judicial Committee. All protests and disputes must be made with the Tournament Director within 30 minutes after the completion of the match. The Tournament Director will take such actions necessary to resolve the dispute within 60 minutes of receiving it.
- b. Decisions by referees may not be appealed, and decisions by the tournament director or tournament committee deciding a protest or dispute are final and may not be appealed.

XI. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- a. Team and Spectator Conduct - Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and sideline spectators. Lack of control may result in the coach being given a yellow caution, red card, and/or disqualification from the tournament.
- b. Animals, alcoholic beverages, smoking and verbal abuse of anyone is NOT permitted. Other actions deemed detrimental to tournament is NOT permitted.
- c. Ejections - Players receiving 2 yellow cards or one red card in a match will be ejected from the match and will not be allowed to play in the next match. A coach receiving a red card will be ejected from the match and upon the decision of the tournament committee may disqualify the coach or team from further tournament participation. Suspended coaches may not be located on the sidelines, atleast 50 yards from the field, and may not coach or communicate with the team in any manner; players may sit with the team but may not be in uniform).
- d. Report of Disciplinary Action:
 - i. For United States teams, the tournament will notify the Federation Organization Member of that team of the disciplinary action taken or required.
 - ii. For CONCACAF teams, the tournament committee will notify the US Soccer Federation of disciplinary action taken, and the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team’s provincial or national association.

XII. GAME BALLS

- a. Game balls will be provided by the tournament. The home team should be prepared to provide up to 2 additional game balls at the referees discretion. Game balls provided by teams will be at the referee approval.

XIII. Age Groups

- a. Based on Fall season as follows:

U19	born on or after	8/1/91
U18	born on or after	8/1/93
U17	born on or after	8/1/94

U16	born on or after	8/1/95
U15	born on or after	8/1/96
U14	born on or after	8/1/97
U13	born on or after	8/1/98
U12	born on or after	8/1/99
U11	born on or after	8/1/00

End of touranment rules