

2007 Spring Kickoff Classic Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

Tournament rules shall be the laws of the game as set forth by FIFA and as adjusted by MYSA and the Tournament Committee.

Teams, Players and Rosters

Only MYSA affiliated teams are eligible to apply. All players must be registered with MYSA, have 2007 player passes and be properly rostered on a team. A maximum of 12 players, for U9/U10, 14 players, for U11/U12 maybe registered and listed on the Tournament Roster. A player may only play with one team. The player passes will be verified with the MYSA roster at registration, at which time the team's roster will be frozen for the remainder of the tournament. There is a limit of 3 guest players, who must be listed on the Guest Player portion of the roster. Guest players must be at the same or younger age level and of equal or lower division. Game rosters and Player passes will be checked prior to each game. All teams are required to have MYSA medical authorizations for each player available for inspection at registration and available at the field during any games. MYSA forms maybe downloaded of the MYSA website: www.mnyouthsoccer.org.

U9 and U10 games will be played with 6 players a side.

U11 and U12 games will be 8 players a side.

Standings will not be kept and scores will not be posted.

NO PASS – NO PLAY.

Home Team

The first team listed in the schedule is the Home Team. The Home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict. The Home team is expected to provide the proper size ball for the contest.

Substitution

Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- Prior to throw in, by team with possession of the ball. If the team with possession is substituting, both teams may substitute,
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team,
- After a goal, by either team,
- After an injury, by either team, when the referees stop play, substitution is unlimited,
- At any stoppage, both teams,
- At half time.

Referees/Protests

Only USSF registered referees will be used. Referee systems used will be those defined by MYSA guidelines for small-sided games. In matters concerning the conduct of games, the referee's decision is *final*; protests will not be allowed. In all other matters concerning the tournament, the Tournament Director's decision is final.

Fouls and Misconduct and Behavior

MYSA Rules governing Cautions and Sendoffs will apply. Specifically, any player receiving a second yellow card or a red card will be sent off and not allowed to play in his/her team's next one or two games, depending on the offense. Red cards do carry over into league play. The issuance of red and yellow cards, and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or supporters will be recorded and reported as required to the MYSA. Head coaches are responsible for team and spectator behavior.

Game Schedule and Length

The Spring Kickoff consists of 2 full-length games played within a six hour time block on the day of the tournament. Games will be played according to the schedule. Game length will be 50 minutes (25 minute halves) for U9/U10, 60 minutes (30 minute halves) for U11/U12. Half time will be five minutes in length. It is essential that games begin on time. Therefore, you may not have the opportunity for pre-game practice on the field of play. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in adjoining areas that are available.

Weather Rule

The Eden Prairie Spring Kickoff Tournament follows the MYSA guidelines for suspension of play or cancellation of games in the event of severe weather or adverse field conditions. The site manager will make a determination as to conditions. An air horn will be used to signal suspension and restart. At that point all games will be suspended or terminated.

If widespread severe weather warnings are broadcast or a community siren is sounded games will be suspended or terminated.

If ½ of the game has been played before termination for weather conditions, the game stands as a completed match. If the weather or conditions of the fields makes it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the Tournament Director will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. Game length and times may be shortened or altered until back on schedule, or games may be rescheduled or cancelled.

Spectators and Field Usage

- Where possible, both teams will be on the same side of the field and fans on the opposite side.
- Teams are asked to assist in ground maintenance by picking up trash at the end of each game.
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, drug or tobacco usage is allowed on tournament grounds. Dogs are not allowed at the Flying Cloud fields.
- This is a tobacco free event – no smoking is allowed in any of the Eden Prairie parks or school grounds where tournament games are played.

Medical Attention

- Every player participates at his or her own risk.
- Each team is responsible for their medical supplies and for the treating of injuries.
- Paramedics will be available to assist coaches and parents with injury assessment. They are not the primary care givers of first aid.
- The field marshals will be in communication with the paramedics; however, each team should act immediately in cases of emergencies.
- Directions to hospitals and other clinics will be available.

Tournament Headquarters

- Flying Cloud Fields will serve as headquarters.
- Up to date information will be posted on the website at <http://www.epsoccerclub.com> and emergency information will also be on the voice announcement at 952-240-0867.

Game fields

All games will be played on fields located at the Flying Cloud Field Complex.

Cancellations and Refunds

Once your registration is received and confirmed, no refunds will be made unless we can find a replacement team. Fees are non-refundable if games are cancelled for any reason.