

TBAYS Autumn Classic 2010
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TOURNAMENT RULES

Check-In

- Teams will be given check-in appointment times which will be posted on the website one week prior to the tournament. Teams must check in on Friday, Sept. 17, 2010 between the hours of 4:00 - 7:30 PM or at their assigned time at the Keystone Soccer Complex, 712 N Keystone Rd., Traverse City MI.
- Teams must be registered prior to their first game. A team official will need to present their teams' acceptance packet at check-in, containing a field roster, medical release forms, any guest player approval forms, certified team (league) roster, player pass cards or proof of ID and proof of Risk Management or state equivalent.

1. Rules of Play

- Rules of play shall be administered by FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as modified by the USSF, USYSA, MSYSA and TBAYS.
- In accordance with MSYSA guidelines there will be no off-sides called in U9/10 games.
- All decisions concerning pairing, schedules, etc. are solely at the discretion of the tournament committee.

2. Eligibility

- League rosters must be for the 2010-2011 playing season.
- Your league accepts as participants' any and all eligible youth (subject to reasonable terms of registration).
- The tournament is open to currently registered USSF and Canadian league association teams.
- Picture ID cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, AYSO, MSYSA, USCS, etc.) or other acceptable forms of ID such as school ID or drivers license etc. must be presented to the registrar when teams check-in for tournament play.
- All team officials who intend to be on the sideline must show Risk Management cards at check-in and have them available at the field.
- Teams must provide permission to travel forms from their state association or USSF if from outside the state of Michigan.
- Tournament rosters may carry no more than 22 players for U16 & up (only 18 players on the sideline per game), 18 players for U13-16, 14 players for U12 and 11 players for U10.
- A maximum of 4 guest players will be permitted per team (3 players for U10).
- Players may only register with one team for the tournament.
- No roster changes will be allowed during the course of the tournament.
- Teams must have medical release forms for all rostered players.

3. Protests

- The decision of the game referee and/or the Tournament Director is final. Protests will be heard with no guarantee of action.

4. Ejection/Send Off

- Defined as a straight red or two yellow cards within the same game
- Any player or coach who receives a red card during the tournament will be suspended for remainder of that game and the next USSF sanctioned game (league play or tournament)
- Any player, coach, assistant coach, or manager who has received a red card during the tournament and could not sit out the related number of game(s) during the tournament must sit out the required number of game(s) starting with their next league game.
- Suspended players, Coaches or team staff suspended for a game may not join their team on the sidelines for the suspended game.

4a. Cautionable Offenses

- Defined as a yellow card refer to the USSF "Cautionable Offenses" such as unsporting behavior, tackles from behind, taunting, dissent, persistent infringement or any other laws as defined by the USSF Laws of the Game.
- Ejection and cautionable offenses will be reported to the team's home league and MSYSA using the appropriate USSF offense designation.

5. Inclement Weather

- Unless verified with the Tournament Director or posted to the tournament website, regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear for their scheduled game ready to play. Only referees and/or the Tournament Director can cancel or postpone a game.
- In the event of severe weather, the Tournament Committee has the authority to change the duration of games or any other function of the tournament. Game shortening, rescheduling or cancellations due to weather will not result in refunds.

6. Duration of Games

- *All games are declared legal once at the half. If a game must be cancelled for any reason at the half or beyond, the score reports as is.*

U9/10 – 6v6 format. Age group champions recognized as a team. Matches will be 40 minutes in length with a 5 minute half time. Center referee only. No offside called. 6x18 goals. Size 4 ball.

U11/12 – 8v8 format. Age group champions recognized as a team. Matches will be 50 minutes in length with a 5 minute half time. Center referee and 2 AR's provided. 6x18 **OR** 7x21 goals. Size 4 ball.

U13 – Adult – 11v11 format. Finalists and Champions individually recognized. Matches will be 70 minutes in length with a 5 minute half time. Center referee and 2 AR's provided. 8x24 goals. Size 5 ball.

6a. Stoppage time

- Will not be observed unless declared by the referee to BOTH coaches to observe an unnaturally long delay in game progression. The referee and/or the Tournament Director have final authority.

7. Ball Size

- U9 through U12 = size 4
- U13 through Adult = size 5

8. Substitutions

- Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times under the following conditions:
- prior to a throw-in by the team in possession
- prior to a goal kick by either team
- after a goal by either team
- after an injury by either team
- at half time
- after a caution, the cautioned player may be substituted. The opposing team may substitute as well if the cautioned player was substituted.

9. Game Scoring/Standings

- Points: Win = 3 pts. / Tie = 1 pt. / Loss = 0 pt. Most points during the preliminary games advance.

9a. Bracket Tiebreakers

- 1) Head to Head Competition (Not applicable if tie involves more than 2 teams)
- 2) Goals against each team will be totaled
- 3) Goals scored by each team will be totaled
- 4) Bonus Point System

If the teams are still tied after the above three measures, the tournament will use a bonus point system. A team will receive a bonus point for each shut-out posted (3-0, 2-0, 1-0 etc.).

- 5) Kicks from the Penalty Mark. 5 V 5. The Tournament Director will determine time and field. FIFA/USSF shootout laws will apply.

10. Forfeits

- A maximum 5 minute grace period will be allowed after the scheduled kick-off time.
- After the 5 minute grace period a forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team. If a game is forfeited prior to beginning of play, the forfeit score is 1 -0. - If a game is forfeited after play has begun the actual score will only apply to the advantage of the team winning by forfeit.
- A minimum of 7 players (11v11 play), 5 players (8v8 play) and 4 players (6v6 play) is required to constitute a team legal to begin a match.

11. Play-Off Ties (Semi's & Finals)

If two teams are tied at the end of a play-off game, 2 five-minute overtime periods will be played. No "golden goal". If a game is still tied after the overtime periods, kicks from the penalty mark will be administered as per FIFA Laws.

12. Equipment

- Shin guards covered by socks are mandatory.
- All players on a team must wear the same color uniforms. Goalkeepers are an exception to this rule.
- All uniform tops must be numbered.

- Duplicate numbers are not allowed.
- Jerseys must be tucked in.
- All jewelry and piercings must be removed or taped, at the referee's discretion.
- Casts or medical implements must be approved by the referee prior to play.

13. Home Team

- The first team listed on the game schedule is the home team. The home team will wear light uniform kits and the visiting team will wear dark uniform kits. In case of a uniform conflict, the home team will be responsible for providing an alternate color of uniform for play. If a game ball is not provided, the home team will provide an approved game ball for play.

14. Coaches and Teams

- All coaches must register with the tournament officials and provide full name, address, phone number, and risk management cards.
- During the match (including half-time period) no more than three coaches may be on the team side of the field and said coaches must remain in their teams' technical area unless granted permission to leave the technical area by the Referee (example: allowed by Referee to attend to an injured player).
- Teams will occupy the same side of the pitch as each other. Parents MAY NOT be on a team bench sideline and must be on the opposite side of the fields as the teams in play.
- No one is allowed on the goal lines of either team.

15. Referees

- All games will be officiated under the approved USSF system.
- The referee has final say on the field, the Referee Director has final say prior to and after a match.
- The Tournament Director may not over rule a USSF certified referee regarding a ruling made during a match.

16. Risk Management

- We adhere to the MSYSA risk management policies (www.msysta.net). Registered teams will be required to present risk management cards (or their own league's equivalent) for coaches, assistant coaches and team managers.

17. Spectators

- Spectators are guests of TBAYS. Their conduct shall not interfere with the notion of fair play nor cause the game of soccer to fall into disrepute.
- Conduct such as dissent, threats, taunting, instruction to injure or foul, and use of vulgar and/or abusive language is prohibited.
- If in the opinion of the Referee or tournament official(s) if any of the above occurs, the offender may be removed from TBAYS facilities for the match or for the duration of the tournament.

18. Awards

- U9-U12 = No individual awards will be given per MSYSA rules. Participation awards for all players will be given. Team trophy for age group winners and finalist will be awarded.
- U13-U19 = Round Robin or Playoff format with finalist and championship recognition and team trophies for age group winners.

19. Cancellation Policy

- In the event of tournament cancellation prior to the start of play, 90% of a registration fee will be refunded.
- No refunds will be made for cancellation of games after the tournament is underway.
- No refunds will be given to a team who fails to appear for their games once schedules are posted.

FROM TBAYS:

Thank you for your participation in our tournament. We believe in a soccer oriented, festival like atmosphere for our players and guests. Please observe our tournament and facility rules and report any concerns directly to a tournament staff member or field marshal.

The game is for the players benefit. Please help make this tournament a memorable one for all by behaving within the spirit of the game and the spirit of youth sports in general.

Sorry, not pets allowed ANYWHERE within our tournament park unless certified as a assistance animal.

Do not park anywhere on the railroad easement along Keystone Rd. as your car may be towed without warning.