



Sponsored by AYSO Region 54 Cerritos, California



2008 CERRITOS AYSO REGION 54 THANKSGIVING INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. General Conduct

Games shall be conducted in accordance with AYSO National Rules and Regulations. In addition, the following will be strictly enforced:

1. No smoking will be permitted in the vicinity of the fields of play.
2. Dogs, no matter how small, are not permitted in the vicinity of the fields of play. Vicinity of play is no less than 50 yards from the field. If the tournament staff must ask a team to remove a dog from the vicinity of the field then that team will lose a point. Coaches must enforce this rule on their team and its spectators. This is a known local AYSO rule and is not up to the tournament staff to enforce.
3. All participants (coaches, players, referees, and spectators) are expected to follow these guidelines with a positive spirit for the benefit of all the young people who participate in the tournament. Fair play is expected and anything less will not be tolerated.

B. Rosters and Registration Forms

1. All rosters must conform to birth dates as of July 31, 2008.
2. All players must be registered players for the 2008 season (August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009), and must have played in a minimum of 50% of their AYSO regular season team's league games except in cases of a verified injury.
3. Coaches must have an AYSO Registration/Medical Waiver form for each player on their roster. The form must have an original parent signature. No player will be allowed to play in the tournament without the form being present at the tournament location.
4. A maximum roster of eighteen players will be allowed in the U16 and U19 division. A maximum roster of fifteen players will be allowed in the U12 and U14 divisions with eleven players on the field. A maximum roster of ten players will be allowed in the U10 division with 7 players on the field.
5. **EAYSO Rosters**, will be the only rosters allowed. No hand written rosters will be allowed. **NO EXCEPTION.**
6. All rosters are due no later than November 1, 2008. No roster changes will be allowed after November 15, 2008.
7. Rosters must be signed by the respective Regional Commissioner.

8. U10 division is playing 7 vs 7.
9. Teams will be allowed to have up to 3 guest players from one other region. The guest players must be a current AYSO registered player for the current season. The Regional Commissioner of the guest player must give written permission for that player to play for another region. The Commissioner must also supply an EAYSO Roster from that region for the player to participate in the Tournament.

C. Registration Process

1. Player identification cards will **not** be required, but this will not prevent the Tournament staff from inquiring about a player that does not appear to meet the above requirements.
2. Each coach must report to the registration area 1 1/2 hours (90 minutes) prior to his or her first tournament match. All registration will be held at the Cerritos Sports Complex **only**. If your 1st game is scheduled at the other locations it is recommended that you check-in 2 hours prior to your 1st game. Players do not need to check-in at this time. All players will be checked-in by the field marshals on the fields.
3. After the first game, teams should arrive at the field of play at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of any subsequent matches. Check-in for any subsequent matches will be held at the field of play.
4. Coaches must have in their possession, at all times, current official AYSO player Registration/Medical Waiver forms for each player on the roster. These forms must have an **original parent or legal guardian, in blue or red ink, signature to be valid. No Forms – No Play – No exceptions. This is not a rule that any referee or tournament official will overlook.**

D. Player Uniforms

1. Every player will wear a matching jersey, shorts and socks, except the goalkeeper. If bicycle shorts are worn, they must match the uniform's short color.
2. Uniform shirts must have the AYSO Logo attached on the front and a number on the back, unless the tournament director has been notified of a problem prior to the tournament.
3. Additional clothing for warmth will be allowed only at the sole discretion of the referee.
4. In the case where uniforms are too similar, the home team is required to either change jerseys or wear scrimmage vests. The tournament will supply scrimmage vests if they are needed.

5. Shin guards are mandatory.
6. Casts or splints of any kind, excessively long fingernails jewelry of any kind, or anything a referee may view as a hazard to player safety will not be allowed.

E. Coaching

1. A maximum of two (2) coaches are allowed per team.
2. Coaching will be limited to ten (10) yards on either side of the halfway line and no spectator coaching will be allowed.
3. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and friends and all are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Coaches are expected to follow the guiding principles of AYSO and take the lead in providing an atmosphere of fun and good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.
4. Coaches will not enter the field of play, unless requested by the referee.
5. All parents, players, coaches, and friends will occupy the same side of the field as their team. Home and away teams are identified on the schedule and at each field.
6. Home team – North or West sides of the field or as designated by field signs.
7. Visiting team – South or East sides of the field or as designated by field signs.

F. Match Duration (Pool Play, Semi-Finals)

1. Match duration for pool play and quarter finals will be as follows:
Division U-19 and U16 60 minute games Running 30 min. halves
Division U-14 and U12 50 minute games Running 25 min. halves
Division U-10 40 minute games Running 20 min. halves
The clock will not stop during pool and quarterfinal Matches, except for a major injury.
2. Playoff:
 1. Teams in divisions with 2 or 4 pools: The top 2 teams in each pool with most points will advance to quarter finals.
 2. Teams in divisions with 3 pools: The top 2 teams in each pool with the most points will advance to quarter finals. The top 2 teams from the remaining teams with the most points will advance as **wild card** teams.
3. Quarterfinal matches ending in a tie will go directly to FIFA kicks from the mark.
4. Semi-Final Games: Regulation per division. If a tie exists at the end of regulation time, the teams will play one ten minute overtime period divided into two equal

halves. If the teams are still tied after the overtime period alternating FIFA kicks from the mark will determine the winner.

5. Championship Games: Regulation per division. If a tie Exists at the end of regulation time, the teams will play one twenty minute overtime period divided into two equal halves. If the teams are still tied after the overtime period, alternating FIFA kicks from the mark will determine the winner.
6. Consolation games (3rd and 4th place games): Regulation per division. If a tie exists at the end of the regulation time FIFA kicks from the mark will determine the winner.
7. Each team is guaranteed three matches over Friday and Saturday with an effort made to allow each team to play four matches depending on the number of teams per bracket, and field availability.
8. Pool Play Substitutions – Every eligible player **must play a minimum of one-half of each match**. Substitutions will be allowed approximately halfway through each half, halftime, and in the event of injury. No free substitution allowed in any age division.
9. During overtime periods for all age groups substitutions will be allowed only at the half-time of the overtime period and in the event of an injury.
10. If a match is suspended at halftime or after halftime then it will be considered as played. The outcome of the match will be the results at the time of the suspension of the match.
11. Games that are suspended due to player or spectator behavior will not be considered for completion.

G. Scoring

1. Six (6) points will be awarded for a win, three (3) points for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
2. Bonus points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. One (1)-bonus point for a shutout.
 - b. One (1)-bonus point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three (3) bonus points per match.
 - c. A match ending in a 0 – 0 tie, will be scored as three (3) points and no bonus shutout points will be awarded.
3. In case of a forfeit, the score of the match will be considered 3 – 0 and recorded as ten (10) points for the winning team.
4. Point deductions:
 - a. One (-1) point for each player ejection (red card) and/or coach Expelled from the match.

- b. One (-1) point for a team receiving more than 3 cautions (Yellow Cards) in a single match.
- c. Two (-2) point deduction for any spectator that is expelled from the match
- d. One (-1) point for a team that is asked to remove a dog from the vicinity of the field as outlined in section A.2.

H. Tie Breaker (Pool Winners)

To determine pool play standing for teams which tie based on total Points in the same pool at the end of pool play, the following method (in order listed) will be used for tie-breaking:

1. Head to head competition between the teams, which are tied.
2. The team with the least number of red cards issued to players and with the least number of administrators sent from the sidelines.
3. The team with the least number of goals allowed in all pool matches.
4. The team with fewer losses.
5. The team with the most goals during pool play (maximum of three goals will be counted per match).
6. Goal differential of all games with three goals being counted as the maximum goal differential allowed per match.
7. If both teams are advancing to the next round then a coin toss will determine which team would be the first place team and which would be the second place team.
8. FIFA kicks from the mark to determine which team will advance.

I. Disciplinary Rule

1. Any player who is sent-off (red carded) or a coach who is sent off must immediately leave the field area for the duration of the match. A certified Safe Haven trained adult or player parent must accompany all minors that are sent-off the field. The player must then report to the Tournament check-in tent during the length of the send-off. Furthermore, the player or coach will sit out the next match in which he or she would have participated. The player must be present at the next match and in uniform.
2. Any player who receives two (2) red cards or any coach who is sent off twice (2) during the tournament will be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

3. If the red card or sent off is issued for violent misconduct or abusive language, the person may be suspended from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
4. A player receiving two cautions (yellow card) in a single game and is subsequently ejected (red carded) will not be eligible for the next match. The team will play short for the rest of the current game.

J. Officiating

1. Referees will officiate each game in accordance with FIFA laws except as modified by AYSO herein. Referees must be AYSO trained and Safe Haven certified to be permitted to referee any matches.
2. Referee will submit a written report to the tournament's Referee Coordinator in the event of:
 - a. Any cards issued during the match.
 - b. Violent conduct or serious foul play by any player.
 - c. Any conduct by coaches or spectators interfering with the control of the match.
 - d. Any other action on the part of the players, coaches or spectators that the referee deems to merit a report.
3. Referee crews shall wear matching uniforms and appropriate badges.
4. Referee crews must sign-in at the referee tent thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled game to verify their game assignments.
5. Three person referee crew with a diagonal system will be required to referee a minimum of three (3) games to receive a full refund. Game credit will be given to crews placed on standby. Crews placed on standby must check in with the referee tent thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled time. NO partial credits will be given to referee crew that cannot complete their game assignments.
6. Referee crews should be capable of refereeing the age group of the team they are representing.
7. All referees will receive a tournament flip coin, a pin and a T-shirt.

K. Protests

1. Protests will not be allowed.

L. Refunds

A team, which has been accepted into the tournament and later decides to withdraw, will

receive a refund under the following conditions:

1. A full refund will be issued if the request for withdrawal is received prior to November 1, 2008.
2. No refund will be issued for withdrawal requests received after November 1, 2008 and the team is not successfully replaced.
3. In the event that the tournament cannot be held due to weather ,field conditions, or matters beyond the control of the Tournament Organizers, a full refund will be issued.
4. The referee deposit will be fully refunded to all teams which provide a qualified, full referee team (three referees) and which the referee team officiates a minimum of three (3) matches, unless not needed. All referee teams must wear complete uniforms for each match. Each referee team is expected to check-in and sign-in at the referee tent 30 minutes prior to each assigned match, unless other arrangements have been made.

The following conditions will result in a forfeit of the referee deposit:

- a. Failure to check-in at the referee tent prior to an assigned match and causing referee assignor to replace the referee team with other volunteer referees.
- b. Failure to show at the assigned field for an assigned match at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled time and causing the referee assignor to replace the referee team with other volunteer referees.
- c. Failure to complete all schedule games. **NO** partial credits will be given to referee crew that cannot complete their game assignments.

M. Rule Changes

Should rules or regulations be revised, coaches and referees will be notified.

N. Emergency Services

The nearest hospital with emergency room is La Palma Intercommunity Hospital. The hospital address is:

7901 Walker Street
La Palma, California 90623
714-670-7400

The hospital is approximately one mile from the Cerritos Sport Complex venue and three miles from Haskell Middle School venue.

O. The Object of the Tournament

1. This Tournament was organized to bring AYSO players and teams together to play soccer in a fun, positive, and encouraging atmosphere. It is our hope and wish that all of the coaches, players, spectators, referees, and volunteers, enjoy their weekend at the Tournament.
2. We ask everyone attending the tournament to respect each other and to remember that soccer is just a game and a game that is steeped in a tradition of sportsmanship.
3. Please remember that everyone involved in the Tournament is a volunteer. This includes all of the referees, coaches, and administrators. They have volunteered countless hours to make this weekend enjoyable.
4. **Lastly, “Kids play soccer, because it is fun.” Help us keep it that way.**

If you or your team have questions regarding the rules and regulations, please email the Tournament Directors, Dianna Hordyk and Smita Chopra at tournamentcommissioner@ayso54.org

Thank you for attending the 2008 Cerritos AYSO Region 54 Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament