

Nutmeg Classic Tournament Guidelines

PCYS Soccer Complex Guidelines

- **Honor the game.** Please contribute to a positive youth sports culture by demonstrating sportsmanship before, during and after the game.
- **No pets** are allowed in the soccer complex
- **No smoking** is allowed within the soccer complex
- **No alcohol** is allowed within the soccer complex
- Carry-ins are welcome, no glass please.

Registration

Coaches or team managers must check in at tournament headquarters at least 60 minutes before your team's first game to have rosters approved and stamped. You will need the following documentation for registration.

- 2 copies of your state roster with player pictures and numbers
- guest player form (if applicable)
- permit to travel (if applicable).

Both copies of your roster will be signed by tournament officials, one will stay with registration tent, and one must be presented to the field marshals prior to each game for pregame inspection. In addition each team must supply in writing to the Tournament Director the name of a contact person with phone number that is accessible for the duration of the tournament (this is completed at registration).

Team Rosters / Guest Players

- U9-10 (7 v 7), roster size is limited to 14.
- U11-12 (9 v 9), roster size is limited to 16.
- U13-U19 (11 v 11), roster size is limited to 22.
 - Only 18 players may be eligible per game, they don't need to be the same for each game but the 4 players that are not playing must be in street clothes.
- A player can only be rostered on one team in the tournament (this includes guest and club pass players). Aside from the players listed on a team's official roster, a maximum of four Guest Players are permitted and a maximum of four Club Pass Players are permitted. Club Pass Players will NOT count as Guest Players. All players in the tournament must have a valid State player pass and be listed on the official, signed team roster received by the Tournament Committee
- No roster changes will be approved during the tournament. No Exceptions!
- No player will be permitted to play on more than one team unless pre-approved by the tournament director.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

- Shin guards are required and socks must be pulled over.
- Casts must be approved by tournament director and referee coordinator prior to tournament.
- No jewelry allowed (taping over piercings will not be allowed).
- All players must have the same type of jersey. All jerseys must be tucked in and have a unique number on them.

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LENGTH OF GAME/GAME PROCEDURES

- Teams must check-in with field Marshalls thirty (30) minutes prior to game time.
- Home team is listed first on schedule and will be required to change uniforms in the event of a color conflict with away team or officials.
- Referees shall have final approval on all equipment.
 - Casts must be approved by the Head Referee prior to team checkin
- A coin toss will determine who kicks off and who defends what side.
- U9-10 2x25 minute halves (running time with five-minute halftime).
Offside and build out line will be enforced. Ball size 4, 7v7
- U11-12 2x25 minute halves (running time with five-minute halftime).
Ball size 4, 9v9
- U13-U19 2x30 minute halves (running time with five-minute halftime).
Ball size 5, 11v11
- All games will follow FIFA/USYSA/WI Youth Soccer rules except for those noted in this document.

Tournament Committee reserves the right to:

1. *Relocate or reschedule any game.*
2. *Reduce the duration of a game.*
3. *If half of a game has been played before the termination, the game stands as a completed match and will be scored accordingly.*
4. *Cancel the tournament due to weather or other unforeseen conditions which are not conducive to tournament play.*

REFUNDS

- If the tournament is cancelled in its entirety, a refund may be issued after incurred tournament expenses have been paid. PCYS is not responsible for the expenses incurred by any team or individual if the tournament is canceled in whole or part.

Headers

Headers are allowed for teams U12 and older.

U10 Division Rules

- Offsides will be enforced
- Build-out lines will be used
- No punting or dropkicking

AWARDS

- First and second place awards will be presented immediately after the last game for U11+.
- Participation awards will be awarded to all U10 and under players.

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FORFEIT/FAILURE TO SHOW

- All teams are expected to complete all scheduled games. Any team that fails to show or leaves the field of play before the end of a game may be disqualified from the tournament. That team may also be banned from future tournaments and its state association will be advised of its misconduct.
- A game will be forfeited if a team is more than 10 minutes late to the start of a match. A minimum of 5 players for U9/U10, 7 players for U11/U12 and 7 players for U13 and up constitutes a team. If a team cannot continue to play with at least the minimum number of players, the game will be forfeited.
- A forfeit of a game will be scored as 3-0 win. The tournament director has absolute discretion to resolve all matters concerning forfeits.
- No team having a forfeit may advance to playoff/championship match.

Scoring

Win = 6 points

Tie = 3 points

Loss = 0 points

Goals = 1 point to a 3 point maximum

Shutout = 1 point (no shutout points for 0-0 tie)

TIE BREAKERS: U11 and up

At the conclusion of group play, in the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned, group winner advancement shall be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:

1. Winner of head to head competition
2. Winner most games in group play
 - Does not apply if more than two teams tied
3. Goals scored minus goals allowed (maximum of four goals per game)
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Kicks from the mark

KICKS FROM THE MARK

- In the event of a tie, in a semi or championship game, the game must be decided by "kicks from the mark". NO overtime will be played. The tournament will follow FIFA guidelines. Each team will select five (5) players to kicks from those that were on the field at the end of regulation. Each team will alternate kicks, order determined by a coin toss before kicks begin, if still tied after the first five, teams will alternate 1v1 until a winner is decided.

PROTESTS

- All referee decisions are final. No protest will be heard on any judgement call by the referee.

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DISCIPLINE

- Players
 - All send offs and cautions will be reported to the proper personnel.
 - Any player receiving a sendoff will automatically be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game. Tournament committee has final decision on suspension length.

- Coaches & Spectators
 - Harassment of officials will not be tolerated. Referees may temporarily stop games or suspend play in the presence of persistent sideline harassment or intimidation. In the case of a game suspension, the Tournament Committee will decide the outcome of the game.
 - Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents and for the duration of the tournament. If the Tournament committee receives complaints regarding conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the Tournament Director may ask any/all people to stay away from the tournament, and/or ask the team to leave the tournament, and/or ban the team from future tournaments. Any ejections will require the offender to be “out of sight and out of sound” from the field area before the match is restarted.
 - Any coach removed for inappropriate conduct will not be allowed to coach any team for the remainder of the tournament and will be reported to the appropriate state sanctioning body.
 - The following may result in loss of a point or points in a team’s standings: persistent or egregious violation of the Zero Tolerance Rule regarding referee abuse, verbal or physical confrontation with opposing team’s players/coaches/spectators, approaching a referee at halftime/postgame and persisting with questions or complaints, or failure to cooperate with event officials with regard to tournament and PCYS Soccer Complex rule.

Medical Treatment

Athletic trainers will be present at the PCYS Soccer Complex throughout the weekend. If an attendant enters the field of play for an injury, the injured player must leave the field. At the discretion of the referee, the goalkeeper may be treated on the field. A player may be asked to leave the field for treatment at the referee’s discretion. Any player with blood on their uniform or body must leave the field.

USSF Licensed Referees

Steve Burkart, WYSA Referee Assignor, will assign USSF licensed referees for each game. Per WYSA rules, a three-person crew will be utilized for every game.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE ALL CONFLICTS NOT COVERED IN THE TOURNAMENT RULES (Tournament committee will consist of the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director and Referee Assignor)