2024 Rivertown Classic
Rules and Scoring

All games will be played in accordance with US Club Soccer.

## Eligibility

- All teams must be affiliated with USYSA or US Club Soccer
- Teams from outside WYSA, MYSA, or US Club Soccer must provide official "Permission to travel" forms as well as proof of insurance.
- Official league or tournament team roster required for online check in.
- A maximum of 3 guest players allowed per roster. Exceptions must be approved by the Tournament Director.
- Players are only eligible to play on one team.
- Medical Release/Waiver of Liability form is required for all players. Waivers must be with team during all games.


## Game Duration

- 9U-10U games will have two-25 minute halves
- 11U-12U games will have two - 30 minute halves
- 13U-19U games will have two - 35 minute halves


## Brackets

- 9U-10U - all teams will play three games
- 11U-14U:
- Groups with 4 teams - one pool will be created; teams will play three games, First and Second place winners will be determined on points (no championship game).
- All other groups - teams will play three games each, top two teams determined by points will advance to finals.
- 15U-19U:
- Groups with 4 teams - one pool will be created; teams will play three games, First and Second place winners will be determined on points (no championship game).
- All other groups - teams will play three games each, top two teams determined by points will advance to finals.
- Age groups or competition levels may be consolidated to optimize brackets at tournament director's discretion.


## Starting Time

All teams must be at the game site, ready to play, 15 minutes prior game or a forfeitmay be awarded. If games are behind schedule, time will be made up by reducing each half by 5 minutes until the tournament is back on schedule.

## Rosters

Any age can roster up to 26 players. Please see ages for maximum "dressed" rosterallowed per game.

- $9 \mathrm{U}-10 \mathrm{U}$ teams -7 v 7 rosters up to a maximum of 14 players allowed
- 11U-12U teams -9v9 rosters up to a maximum of 16 players allowed
- 13U-15U teams - rosters up to a maximum of 18 players allowed
- $16 \mathrm{U}-19 \mathrm{U}$ teams - rosters up to a maximum of 22 players allowed (only 18 can dress for one game)

Each player will be allowed to play on only one team during the tournament (unless the tournament director grants prior approval).

- No pass, no play, no exception.
- Guest players are allowed from within the same club. Eligible guest players are registered within the same age group or younger. A maximum of 3 guest players per team is allowed and they are to be designated on the roster.


## Home Team

- The home team supplies the game ball.
- The home team on schedule wears dark.
- The home team must change jersey color if the referee(s) determine there is a color conflict


## Uniforms and equipment

- Shin guards are required. Socks must be pulled over the shin guards.
- The referee has the final decision on the safety of players' equipment or clothing. A player will be allowed to wear a cast only if, in the opinion of the referee, it is well padded and will not constitute a risk of injury to the player or others.
- No jewelry can be worn.
- All players on a team must have the same type of jersey.
- All jerseys must be tucked in.
- No duplicate jersey numbers.


## Health

A player with blood on the uniform or on the body must be substituted out. The bleeding must be stopped, the injury covered with a bandage, and the uniform must be blood free before the player may return to play. An alternate jersey or similar colored shirt may be used in this instance if the jersey cannot be made blood free.

## Unsportsmanlike Behavior

- Unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated on or off the field.
- Know and understand the laws of the game. Educate players on thetechnical/tactical/physical demands of the game.
- Zero tolerance for fighting or heckling. Persons exhibiting these behaviors are asked toleave the premises.
- Be a positive role model. Set the standard for sportsmanship with the opponents, refereesand spectators.
- Encourage players to have fun and to keep a positive attitude about winning and losing.
- Any player, coach, spectator, or participant who is ejected from a game or participates in any misconduct will be contacted by tournament headquarters. Misconduct by any of theabove may result in a warning, game forfeit, tournament disqualification, or other actionif necessary.


## Referees and Conduct

- A three-person system will be used for 11U-19U play. A one-person system is allowed for 9U-10U play. Only USSF certified and registered referees will be used for center referees, substitute line judges may be used as necessary. All referee decisions are final and no protests are allowed.
- Red cards issued during the tournament will follow MYSA, WYSA \& TCSL policies and rules with the addition of a loss of a game point for that player's team. The player will be ejected and the team will play short-sided for the remainder of the game.
- The conduct of pass carrying adults (coaches and managers) during the tournament will follow WYSA \& TCSL policies and rules, with misconduct potentially resulting in a referee requesting that the individual(s) leave the vicinity of the field before the play continues, exclusion from the premises, retention of pass by tournament officials for reporting purposes, and further disciplinary action through the MYSA, WYSA \& TCSL.
- Misconduct by spectators may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the field of play, exclusion from the grounds, and may also be reported to the MYSA, WYSA \& TCSL for additional review or sanctions.


## Game Format

## U9/U10-7x7

- Will play games in a jamboree-style format; no scores or standings will be kept 1
- Certified referee per game
- Offside is not in effect


## U11/U12 - 9x9

- 3 Certified referees per game
- Offside is in effect

U13-U19-11v11

- 3 certified referees per game
- Offside is in effect

In case of inclement weather, or other act of God, a game may be consideredcompleted at the half.

## Tournament Points (U11-U19)

- 6 points for a win
- 3 points for a tie
- 1 point for a shut out
- 1 point for each goal scored (maximum of 3 per game)
- 10 points maximum per game
- Preliminary round games ending in a tie will remain a tie
- A forfeit in play or a scheduled bye will result in a 3-0 victory
- If there is a 10 or more-goal differential at or after half, the team behind may choose to end the game at their discretion (point system above still applies)


## Bracket Winners

- $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place will be awarded to the teams with the highest tournament points in their bracket. In the event of a tie, we will utilize the following for tiebreakers (in order)
- Winner of head to head competition (not valid if 2 or more teams are tied unless 1team defeated all the other teams)
- Winner of most games
- Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) maximum of 3 per game
- Fewest goals allowed
- Kicks from the mark (shoot-out)


## Playoff Rules

U11/U12: 9x9

- Maximum "dressed" roster size is 16 , which may include 3 guest players
- 2-30 minute halves with a 5 -minute halftime
- Offside is in effect
- If a game ends in a tie: 5 minute OT
- If the game is still in a tie at OT: Best of 5 shoot out
- If the shoot-out ends in a tie: Sudden death shoot-out
- Awards will be brought to fields


## U13-U19: 11v11

- Maximum "dressed" roster size is 18 , which may include 3 guest players
- 2-35 minute halves with a 5 -minute halftime
- Will play 3 games 3 certified referees per game
- Offside is in effect
- If a game ends in a tie: 5 minute OT
- If the game is still in a tie at OT: Best of 5 shoot out
- If the shoot-out ends in a tie: Sudden death shoot-out
- Awards will be brought to fields


## Awards

U11-U19: $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place awards for brackets that do not have a Championship game will be available at Tournament Headquarters located in the building at the window to the left of the Concessions after the last game is played in the bracket.

## Severe Weather

The tournament will follow US Club Soccer guidelines for the suspension of play orcancellation of games in the event of severe weather or adverse field conditions.

- Severe weather is a possibility. Weather reports are monitored very closely.
- Severe weather generally means heavy thunderstorms accompanied by frequent lightningand/or dangerous high winds. A light or medium rain shower, in the absence of thunder orlightning, does not generally constitute severe weather. - Lightning will cease play. An air horn will blow once if teams need to evacuate the fields due to lightning. An air horn will blow twice when weather has been cleared to resume play.
- The Tournament Director may cancel some or all the games due to severe weather or adverse field conditions if, in
his or her sole judgment, continued play might be hazardousto the safety of participants and/or officials. Any game that is canceled will be recorded asa 0-0 tie.
- Referees may suspend play in any individual game due to severe weather or adversefield conditions if in their sole judgment continued play might be hazardous to thesafety of the participants and/or officials.
- If play in any game is suspended due to severe weather or adverse field conditions, thegame restart and completion is subject to the following guidelines:
- Any game which is restarted may not run past the scheduled start time of the nextgame assigned to that field.
- Games which cannot be restarted will be considered complete if one half haselapsed before play is stopped.
- Games which cannot be completed before the $1^{\text {st }}$ half of play has elapsed shallhave a recorded score of $0-0$ for tournament rankings
- The Tournament Committee has the exclusive right to reschedule any canceled games. Following widespread delays, the tournament committee reserves the right to shortenthe times of remaining games to reestablish a workable tournament schedule.
- In the event of extremely hot weather, the tournament will follow MYSA Hot Weather guidelines as solely interpreted by the Tournament Director. The length of the halvesmay be shortened and mandatory water breaks may be implemented to protect the health of the players.


## Cancellations

- Fee refunds are solely at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- No refunds will be made to teams who withdraw from the tournament after being accepted.


## Prohibitions

- No Pets
- No Alcoholic Beverages or Tobacco Products
- No Fireworks or Noise Makers
- No Tailgating

