



# Chicagoland Spring Invitational Rules

*All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game observed by the USYSA/USSF/FIFA/IYSA with the exceptions noted below.*

## REGISTRATION & ELGIBILITY:

All teams and players participating in the Chicagoland Spring Invitational must provide the following documents and upload in GotSport as the final step in their tournament registration.

- **State Association/League Approved Roster** - ALL TEAMS NEED TO SUBMIT
- **IYSA Tournament Roster** - ALL TEAMS NEED TO SUBMIT
- **Risk Management Certification Form** - ALL TEAMS NEED TO SUBMIT
- **Player Passes** - ALL TEAMS NEED TO SUBMIT - All players must have a league issued player pass to participate. All players must be passed by the same governing body. No cross-pollination. • **IYSA Medical Release & Liability Waiver** - REQUIRED FOR ALL NON-IYSA TEAMS. All players/parents need to complete and submit.
- **Form NT** - REQUIRED FOR ALL US CLUB TEAMS (NISL)
- **Guest Player Forms** - All players that are rostered with another club need to submit guest player forms.  
Forms can be found on the Tournament Center (HTG Sports) [HERE](#). To access the necessary documents, you will need to login.
- **Travel Permit by State Association** - All out-of-state teams need to complete and submit. Forms can be found on the Tournament Center (HTG Sports) [HERE](#). To access the necessary documents, you will need to login.
- No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another unless the tournament director has approved a special circumstance prior to the team's first game.

## LENGTH OF GAME & ROSTER SIZE:

Age	Gender	Format	Max Roster	Game Duration
U7 – U8	Boys & Girls	5v5	10	2 x 20 Min
U9 – U10	Boys & Girls	7v7	14	2 x 25 Min
U11 – U12	Boys & Girls	9v9	16	2 x 30 Min
U13 – U15	Boys & Girls	11v11	18	2 x 35 Min
U16 – U19	Boys & Girls	11v11	22 (Dress 18)	2 x 35 Min

## **GAME PROCEDURES**

- Player and coaches pass will be checked prior to the start of the match. Only 3 licensed coaches allowed on sideline.
- The 1st named team is the home team. Home team will receive the ball in the first half, Visitors will get end of field to defend choice. Teams will switch at halftime.
- Home team wears light colored jersey and away team wears dark colored jersey. In case of uniform color conflict, the home team must change to an alternate color.
- Jerseys must be numbered. Goalkeeper's uniform must be a different color than either teams' field uniform.
- Home team is responsible to provide game ball.
- Offside rule will be enforced at all ages U8 – U19 except U7
- All U7 – U12 divisions shall use a size 4 ball. U13 – U19 divisions shall use a size 5 ball. • The tournament does not require the referee to add time to any game. Referee or tournament staff decisions in these matters are final.

In the event of a serious injury the Tournament Director will assess the need for any additional time for that match. Due to the time allowed for the completion of all games, the clock must run continuously. Half times for all games are 5 minutes in duration. Referee's time will be final. There shall be no dissent between players, fans and/or coaches and the referees. Questioning a referee is considered dissent. All coaches are responsible for soliciting the support of their fans in monitoring this policy. Any player or coach ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. Any fan ejected from a game must leave out of site of the game or park! All Players, Coaches or Fans ejected will be reviewed by Tournament Director if additional action should be taken. All coaches must have proper league identification.

## **SUBSTITUTION**

Substitutions are unlimited but can only substitute at any stoppage of play with the referee consent for U13 – U19. For U7 – U12 substitution shall be on the fly. Exiting and entering of the game must be at the centerline of the field only.

## **BUILD OUT LINE U7 – U10 / SPECIAL RULES FOR U7 – U8**

The opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play from goal kick or goalkeeper possession.

Punts & drop kicks are not allowed.

The build out line will be used to denote where offside offenses can be called.

## **HEADING BAN AMENDMENT (U7 – U11)**

In accordance with US Soccer, Illinois Youth Soccer and US Club Soccer, regulations for player's U11 and younger for all Illinois Youth Soccer Member League play, practices, and tournaments are below:

When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

## **WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CHANGES**

***Where necessitated by weather or other emergency, the tournament committee shall have the authority to:***

- Relocate/reschedule any game
- Reduce by up to half, the duration of the game
- Cancel preliminary games that have no bearing in deciding the group winner.
- Decide the final tournament standings and trophy winners by points.
- Move penalty kick to another field to avoid delay of the next game
- If a game is stopped or suspended by the referee due to weather conditions beyond the scheduled ending time for the game, the game shall be "completed". The score at the time of game stoppage will be recorded as "final".
- If any un-played game must be canceled (other than a forfeit) due to weather conditions or other unforeseen events, the game will be recorded as a 0 to 0 tie for the purpose of establishing group standings. The Tournament Committee will decide any circumstances that arise during the tournament which are not covered by these rules and their decisions will be final.
- In case of Lightning, games will be delayed at least 30 minutes or more until the Director of Tournaments re-starts games. Teams need to take shelter immediately once the horn is blown stopping play. The horn will blast three short times to notify the fields are reopened. Coaches are responsible for reassembling teams in timely fashion. Teams not properly assembled at field location at restart after weather may forfeit match.

## **SCORING, STANDINGS AND TIE BREAKERS**

Both coaches are required to confirm final score with referee and sign game card at conclusion of match. Games in the preliminary rounds will be scored as follows:

- 3 Points for a win
- 1 Points for a tie
- 0 Points for a loss

In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie in this order:

- Head-to-Head Competition
- Goal Differential (Max 4 Goals per Game)
- Fewest goals allowed
- Most goals scored
- Penalty kicks as defined by the tournament overtime rules

In the event of 3 or more teams tied, the head-to-head tie breaker will not be used and will start with goal differential first.

## **OVERTIME**

***In the event of a tie in Playoff and Championship games:***

- Winner will be determined by penalty kicks
  - Each team will designate five (5) players to take alternate kicks. The best out of five is the winner. If still tied, Sudden Death alternate penalty kicks will be taken by the remaining players until the tie is broken

## **FORFEITS**

A minimum of seven (7) for U13 – U18 (11v11); 6 for U11 - U12 (9v9), 5 for U8 - U10 (7v7); 3 for U7 – U8. If a team has less than the minimum required players to start a game, it will be granted a five (5) minute grace period before forfeiting.

In the event of a forfeit, the game will be scored as 4-0 and the winning team will be awarded 3 points for a win. Forfeited teams will receive zero (0) points and be reviewed by the Tournament Director if further action should be taken.

## **FAILURE TO SHOW AND COMPLETE THE GAME**

Any team quitting the field of play before the conclusion of any game is automatically disqualified from the tournament. The current game in play will be recorded as a forfeit. Any club whose team fails to show for any game will be banned for five (5) years from participating in the tournament (enforced by IYSA/USYSA).

## **PLAYERS EQUIPMENT**

USYSA and FIFA rules on equipment apply. Referees have the final approval as to safety. Please note: No earrings may be worn during game even with protective tape. Please have earrings removed prior to game check in. Casts and orthopedic devices may be worn only if fully covered by foam and elastic bandage and approved by head referee.

## **PROTESTS**

All referee decisions are final. \$100 protest fee (non-refundable). Protest must be filed in writing with Tournament Director within one (1) hour of game completion.

## **AWARDS**

All Age Divisions will receive 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place individual awards. The awards will be presented upon completion of the championship game at the tournament headquarters.

## **TEAMS AND SPECTATORS LOCATION**

Players and coaches of both teams shall occupy the same side of the field. Ideally the home team shall be to the right and visitors to the left of the halfway line. Spectators shall occupy the opposite side of the field across from the team they support. There shall be no coaching from the spectator side of the field.

## **CANCELLATION OF OUR TOURNAMENT AND REFUNDS**

Neither the Tournament Committee or Chicagoland United Soccer Club are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or canceled due to inclement weather. No refunds will be made unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case refunds will be disbursed on a pro-rata basis with a full refund if the event is cancelled before it starts. If the tournament is cancelled due to an "act of nature", the tournament has the option of retaining 20% of the team entry fee. No refund will be issued when teams play 3 games.

Checks/Money Orders payable to: Chicagoland United Soccer Club and will be deposited when received. The entry fee will be forfeited if your team withdraws from the tournament after acceptance. Teams not accepted will receive full refund with letter of notification.

Multi-Team Discounts: Discounts given for 10 or more teams from same club. Please contact Tournament Director for Multi-Team Pricing.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP – PLAYERS, COACHES, SPECTATORS**

It is everyone's responsibility to show good sportsmanship to all participants at this event. This includes officials, players, parents, and all the team's spectators. It is the coach's responsibility to lead by example and assist if asked in addressing any sportsmanship issues with their team's spectators. If a spectator is ejected, they are

not allowed on the playing fields of tournament sites for remainder of that day. If a coach is ejected, they must exit the field immediately and must go to the parking lot. The coach is also suspended for an additional game and may not be on any playing fields during this time. If a coach is coaching multiple teams, they may not coach any team until the suspension time for the age group of the infraction is completed. Please make this paragraph a non-issue and always show and encourage good sportsmanship.

## **CAMERAS & TRIPODS**

All cameras and tripods must be properly secured according to the manufacturer's specifications for the field and weather conditions and clubs should purchase property and liability insurance coverage for their personal property. Illinois Youth Soccer does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the use of personal property including but not limited to cameras, tripods, tents, banners, grills, seating, containers, etc. All cameras must be placed on the spectator sideline at least 5 feet behind the sideline to avoid any obstruction with the AR. Any cameras not properly anchored will be required to be taken down or the match will be discontinued.

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