



# AYSO Area 11K Mike Fults Memorial Beach Bash Tournament Tournament Rules 2024



CATEGORY	RULE
<b>1) JURISDICTION</b>	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 11 and FIFA Laws of the game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day. <b>Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</b></p>
<b>2) FEES</b>	<p>A. Entry fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee must be a single check issued from the respective Region /Organization Account (no personal checks).</p> <p>B. Fees are: 9/10U is \$825 (entry fee \$575 plus referee deposit \$250), 11/12U is \$900 (entry fee \$650 plus referee deposit \$250), 14U is \$925 (entry fee \$675 plus referee deposit \$250) and 16U is \$975 (entry fee \$725 plus referee deposit \$250).</p>
<b>3) ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p><b>A. Applications are due no later than April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b></p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified when the tournament has received the completed tournament application.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list or have their application returned!</p> <p>D. The primary form of communication between the Tournament and applying teams will be email and the Tournament website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email and Internet access.</p>
<b>4) REFUNDS</b>	<p>A. Teams withdrawing prior to <b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b> will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing after <b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b> will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.</p> <p>D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the tournament. Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments completed versus the number required. (See item 8 Referees for requirement information).</p>
<b>5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION</b>	<p>A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date, no rain out date is scheduled.</p> <p>B. If the tournament is canceled due to weather after partially completing and it cannot be rescheduled to be completed, refunds will be made to teams on a prorated basis, based on the number of actual games played.</p> <p>C. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, then a full refund will be sent to all teams, less the cost of any pre-ordered items which were not included in the registration fee. These pre-ordered items will be sent to the team.</p>
<b>6) PLAYERS/TEAMS</b>	<p>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered in Sports Connect and have played in the just completed primary program. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p><b>B. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner however, these changes must be received by the Tournament Registrar <b>NO LATER THAN MAY 4<sup>th</sup></b>. <i>There will be no roster changes allowed on site on tournament day.</i></b></p> <p>C. Guest Players (players from a different Region/Organization from the applying team's Region) will be allowed for each team. Guest Players are required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner and the Host Team Regional Commissioner. <b>NO MORE THAN 3 GUESTS ARE ALLOWED.</b></p> <p>D. Divisions 14U &amp; 16U will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. Divisions 11/12U will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team. Divisions 9/10U will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team.</p> <p>E. All players on the submitted roster must play at least half of each game. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director.</p> <p>F. To be eligible to play in a medal round match, a player must have played in a minimum of one pool play match.</p>

7) COACHES	<p>A. Each team is limited to one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach only (must have two coaches). These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>B. Each AYSO Coach must have a current season volunteer form on file with the NSTC, provide their AYSO Identification Number be Safe-Haven certified and completed the AYSO "Heads Up" Concussion program!</p> <p>C. <b>Both</b> Head Coach and Assistant Coach must have Certifications as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 9/10U: U-10 Certification or higher</li> <li>b. 11/12U: U-12 Certification or higher</li> <li>c. 14U: Intermediate Certification or higher</li> <li>d. 16U: Advanced Certification or higher</li> </ul> <p>D. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO and Kids Zone behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.</p>
8) REFEREES	<p>A. Each team accepted into the tournament will provide a crew of 3 referees qualified to referee a match equal to the playing team they are representing. These referees will be assigned a minimum of 3 games, based on their qualifications.</p> <p>B. Each Referee must have a current season volunteer form on file with the NSTC, provide their AYSO Identification Number be Safe-Haven certified and completed the AYSO "Heads Up" Concussion program! USSF Referees with AYSO cross certification are acceptable.</p> <p>C. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>D. Referees for 16U match should be Advanced or Higher badge level Referees for 14U match should be Intermediate or Higher badge level Referees for 9/10U &amp; 11/12U match should be Regional or higher badge level</p> <p>E. Youth referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing.</p> <p>F. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO at the time of check-in. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p> <p>G. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded (see REFEREE PLAN for more details).</p> <p>H. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least <b>45</b> minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p> <p>I. Coaches and Players are strongly discouraged from officiating in the tournament, If a team decides to submit Coaches and or players to referee matches, that team must accept and be available for all assigned matches.</p> <p>J. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p> <p>K. Referee Deposits will be refunded within 14 days of the tournament, if referee assignments have been completed. Partial refunds will be given based upon the number of game slots completed.</p>
9) FIELDS	<p>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff.</p> <p>B. Trash can's will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</p> <p>C. Please observe the following Facility Use Rules <b>regarding parking and animals</b> while attending the tournament.</p>
10) FORMAT	<p>A. This is a pool-play tournament.</p> <p>B. Each age division will be assigned playing pools. Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of 3 preliminary play games within their respective pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple competition flights.</p> <p>C. Teams will advance from qualifying pools based on pool play standings points. Number of teams advancing per pool will be determined by the number of pools in the division.</p>
11) CHECK-IN	<p>A. Teams must check in <b>60</b> minutes prior to their first game, Line-up and match Cards will be provided by the tournament! Game Cards will be completed based on the information submitted to the tournament registrar at the designated deadline!</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide Player Registration forms that are computer generated and/or original ink signatures for verification by tournament officials.</p> <p>C. Coaches must always have these Player Registration forms with them and ready for presentation to any Tournament Officials.</p> <p>D. Late arriving players must be escorted to the tournament check-in station by a team official along with their Player Registration Form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.</p>

	<p>E. <b><u>Each Player and Coach will be required to have a Laminated Player ID Card</u></b>, which will include the player's name, AYSO ID# and a picture. The Player ID Card must be signed by the Regional Commissioner. These cards must be presented to the tournament official at Team Check-in and be available for inspection prior to each game by the tournament Field Monitor.</p>												
12) FIELD MONITORS	<p>A. The tournament will be using Field Monitor assigned to help facilitate this tournament and will report to the Tournament Field Director. Field Monitors will monitor matches from start to finish.</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of the game, the match referees must return the completed game cards to the Field Monitor.</p> <p>C. Field Monitors will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by radio. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Monitor, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Monitor.</p>												
13) GAMES	<p>A. <b><u>Pool play games will consist of 20 to 30 minute halves depending on the age division (see chart below) with a maximum of 4 minute half time. There will be a running clock during the match including substitutions. There will be no time added on for injuries or time wasted in qualifying rounds. Games will expect to end on time and may be shortened if they started late. Pool play games may end in a tie.</u></b></p> <p>B. There will be a running clock during all pool play games. There will be <b><u>no time added</u></b> on for injuries or time wasted during substitutions. Each coach is urged to have their team ready at the start of each half and to conduct substitutions in as expedient a manner as possible.</p> <p>C. Championship games will be full length for that division (see chart below). Championship games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below).</p> <p>D. Game duration shall be as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Division</td><td>Pool Play</td><td>Semi &amp; Final Matches</td></tr><tr><td>9/10U:</td><td>20 minute half</td><td>20 minute halves</td></tr><tr><td>11/12U:</td><td>25 minute half</td><td>25 minute halves</td></tr><tr><td>14/16U:</td><td>30 minute half</td><td>30 minute halves</td></tr></table> <p>E. The "Home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule. The Home team will be situated on the North or East side of the field, and the Visitor will be situated on the South or West side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. <b><u>HOME TEAM WILL KICK OFF TO START ALL MATCHES!</u></b></p> <p>F. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places.</p> <p>G. FORFEITS: Teams must check in at the designated Field Coordinator Station 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. There will be a three-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 1-0 for the remaining team (See STANDINGS for the points to be awarded). For 9/10U division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For 11/12U the minimum number is 6 players. For all other divisions, there must be a minimum of 7 players to continue a game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned, and a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>H. SUSPENDED GAMES: <b>The Tournament Director or their designee may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions</b>; and may distribute awards according to games played and points. The Tournament Director or designee will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.).</p> <p>I. ABANDONED GAMES: if any pool play games cannot be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament, the final standings of the pool will be determined by applying the Winning Percentage formula (Total Points Earned in all Game Played divided by Total Points Possible for the Number of Games Played) to each team in the pool. <b>Note.</b> This does not apply to games which were shortened due to a late start. Only the Tournament Director or designee can declare a game to be abandoned or not played.</p>	Division	Pool Play	Semi & Final Matches	9/10U:	20 minute half	20 minute halves	11/12U:	25 minute half	25 minute halves	14/16U:	30 minute half	30 minute halves
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14) SUBSTITUTIONS	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions 9U thru 14U and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee.</p> <p>B. Substitutions in 16U will be monitored substitution. Playing time for each player will be recorded on a special time monitoring form by a tournament official. Substitutions will be allowed at a stoppage of play as allowed by the referee.</p> <p>C. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made for injured players; however, they may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission). 16U will use the Free Substitution as advised by AYSO &amp; USSF.</p> <p>D. Substitutions in all overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of the periods only. Refer to Substitution rule "B" for 16U matches.</p>												
15) STANDINGS	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the "ten-point system" as follows:</p>												

	<p> WIN = 6 points  TIE = 3 points  LOSS = 0 points  GOAL = 1 point (one point per goal scored up to a maximum of 3 per game, win or lose)  SHUTOUT = 1 point (for an <u>earned</u> shutout, including a 0-0 tie)  FORFEIT = 7 points (scored as a 1-0 win, no shutout points as it is not an "earned" shutout)  RED CARD = 2 point deduction for team (includes 2 points for each player, substitute, or coach) </p> <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head to head competition</li> <li>Most number of wins</li> <li>Least number of sportsmanship point deductions (1 point per misconduct, 1 point per spectator incident)</li> <li>Goals allowed – total (up to a maximum of five per game; fewest number advances)</li> <li>Goal differential (goals scored to three per game less total goals allowed; highest differential advances)</li> <li>Coin toss at the end of pool play.</li> </ul> <p>C. Wildcard teams will be the team(s) with the highest standing's points from all teams in the division who are not automatically advancing.</p> <p>D. Standings will be updated as soon as each match card is turned in and verified at the Tournament Scoreboard. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be at the conclusion of Pool Play.</p>
<b>16) ADVANCEMENTS</b>	<p>A. Pool winners (and in some cases wildcard teams) will advance to medal round play.</p> <p>B. Teams will play semi-final and /or championship final matches, depending on the number of teams in each pool and the format of play for that flight.</p>
<b>17) MEDAL-ROUNDS</b>	<p>A. All medal round matches ending in a tie will have two full overtime periods of five minutes in length with teams changing field direction after the first five minute period. In these matches, if still tied after overtime play, the game shall be decided by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark.</p>
<b>18) AWARDS</b>	<p>A. Medals will be presented to coaches and players from the first-place through the fourth-place teams in each division. Please have the team report to the tournament check-in area to receive their medals!</p> <p>B. Souvenir t-shirts will be presented to all participants; players and coaches during Coach Check-in.</p> <p>C. A Team Trophy will be awarded to the coach of the winning team in each age division.</p>
<b>19) CONDUCT</b>	<p>A. All Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain behind the control line and between the 18-yard lines. Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from midfield).</p> <p>B. Referees will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.</p> <p>C. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of their parent or Safe Haven-certified adult) and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the next game. There will be penalty point deductions for all send-offs (see Standings rules).</p> <p>D. Any violent conduct, red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament.</p> <p>E. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, that coach will be barred from further participation in the tournament.</p> <p>F. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>G. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and National Office parties or appropriate Organization Official.</p>
<b>20) MEDICAL/FIRST AID</b>	<p>A. There will be a First Aid station at each satellite tent, where participants may receive ice, etc. for minor injuries.</p> <p>B. There will be a roving first aid response staff member to respond to injuries on the field. Field Monitors will communicate via radio to call the first aid staffer to the field where first aid is requested.</p> <p>C. If an injury is serious, the first aid staffer or Safety Director will have a mobile phone to call 911 for emergency response.</p> <p>D. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at each tournament station.</p>
<b>21) UNIFORMS/SAFETY</b>	<p>A. All AYSO players must wear the approved AYSO logoed uniform only. All players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper – may have a different jersey).</p>

	<p>B. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper.</p> <p>C. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will make the final decision on what can or can't be worn in their match.</p> <p>D. No player will be allowed to participate in any game with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation.</p> <p>E. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in this tournament providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.</p>
<b>22) PROTESTS</b>	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ineligible player has played.</li> <li>• One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, has not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).</li> </ul> <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game.</p> <p>C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for nor subject to protest or dispute!</p>
<b>23) RULES INTERPRETATION</b>	<b>The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.</b>