

Bay Challenge Cup

Invitational Soccer Tournament

2019 Tournament Rules & Regulations

AGE DIVISIONS

- U08 – born on or before January 1, 2012
- U09 – born on or after January 1, 2011
- U10 – born on or after January 1, 2010
- U11 – born on or after January 1, 2009
- U12 – born on or after January 1, 2008
- U13 – born on or after January 1, 2007
- U14 – born on or after January 1, 2006
- U15 – born on or after January 1, 2005

ELIGIBILITY

- All players, coaches and teams must abide by the rules of USSF/US Youth Soccer/US Club, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, and the Bay Challenge Cup Tournament.
- All players must be current USSF/US Youth Soccer/UC Club members in good standing.
- All players also must be current members in good standing of the listed Club or have been correctly identified as guest players.
- All members of a team, including guest players, must be registered with the same USSF affiliate member.
- All players must provide the Bay Challenge Cup Tournament a medical waiver.
- All coaches must have risk management certification and concussion certification required by Ohio laws.
- All teams traveling from outside OYSAN (Ohio Youth Soccer Association - North) must have required “permission to travel” forms.

PLAYING FORMAT

- U8, U9 and U10 teams will play 7 v 7
- U11 and U12 teams will play 9 v 9
- U13, U14, and U15 will play 11 v 11

ROSTERS

Rosters may contain no more than the following:

- 12 players for U10 and under
- 16 players for U11 & U12
- 18 for U13 and up

Each team may have up to three (3) guest players per team. Players are not allowed to play for, or be rostered on, more than one team during the tournament and cannot switch to another team during the tournament. If a coach/player breaks this rule both teams will be disqualified.

NUMBER OF GAMES

- Teams are guaranteed three (3) games.
- All championship games will be played on Sunday.

AWARDS

Awards are given to first and second place teams for all age groups in each division.

RULES OF PLAY

All games will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically noted by these Rules.

BALL SIZE

- No.4 – U8, U9, U10, U11, U12
- No.5 – U13, U14, U15

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- Metal cleats are not allowed.
- If jersey colors are similar or identical, the designated home team must change colors.
 - Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- All players must have uniforms with individual numbers on the shirt.
- All equipment is subject to approval of the referee.
- All players must wear shin guards.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- After a goal is scored by either team
- At halftime
- Before a goal kick by either team
- Before a throw-in in your favor.
 - The team in possession of the ball for a throw-in may substitute.
 - If the team in possession substitutes players, the opposing team may also substitute any number of players at the same time.
- In the case of injury on a one-for-one basis.
 - If a substitution is made for an injured player, the other team may also make a substitution.
- After a caution, one for one by both teams, if the cautioned player is substituted.

DURATION OF PLAY

- Preliminary games consist of two 25-minute halves for all age groups.
- Championship games for U8, U9 and U10 consist of two 25-minute halves.
- Championship games for U11, U12, U13, U14 and U15 consist of two 30-minute halves.
- All teams must switch ends of the field for the second half.

OVERTIME

- Overtime is played during championship games only.
- If teams are tied after two regulation halves, two overtime periods of five (5) minutes each will be played.
 - Teams must switch ends of the field for the second overtime period.
- Play will continue to the end of each five-minute overtime period, regardless of whether either or both teams score at any time during either or both overtime periods.
- If the teams are still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the winner will be decided by FIFA penalty kicks.
 - Only players on the field at the end of the second overtime period are eligible for penalty kicks.

STOPPAGE TIME

Stoppage time (for injuries, delay of game tactics, or other reasons) may be added to games at the referee's discretion.

FORFEITS

A team failing to field the minimum number of players at the start of, or at any point during the game, will forfeit the game. The forfeited game will be scored 0-4.

- 6 v 6 games require five (5) players.
- 7 v 7 games require six (6) players.
- 9 v 9 games require seven (7) players.
- 11 v 11 games require nine (9) players.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams **MUST** appear on the field of play, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game. Only referees and/or Tournament Committee members can cancel a game.

Inclement weather before games

- In case of severe weather conditions before play, referees and/or Tournament Committee members **MAY** reduce the length of the game by 50%.

Games interrupted in the first half

- If time permits, play to completion.
- If time permits, play to completion of at least the first half and record the score as complete.
- If the first half cannot be completed, the game will be called a scoreless tie and each team will be awarded one point.

Games interrupted after completion of first half

- If time permits, play to completion.
- If time does not permit, the game will be called complete and the score at the time of the interruption recorded.

In any event, games will not be played past the scheduled start time of the next game due to weather delays.

Tournament Committee members reserve the right to alter game length due to weather conditions.

PROTESTS

THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS.

Any question concerning these rules should be directed to a Tournament Committee member.

REFEREES

- ALL DECISIONS OF THE REFEREE ARE FINAL AND BINDING.
- U8, U9 and U10 games will have one registered referee.
- U11, U12, U13, U14, and U15 games will have a three-man referee system.

OFFSIDE RULE

The offside rule is in effect for all age divisions.

HEADING

Players age 10 and younger may not head the ball. Intentionally heading the ball will result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction - or from the top of the penalty area for infractions inside the penalty area.

COACHES AND PLAYERS

- Coaches and players must be stationed on the side of the field opposite spectators.
- Coaches and players who are not active in play will be restricted to an area along the touch line within 20 yards of their side of midfield. Coaching type instructions to players by others from any area of the field is not consistent with the spirit of the game and will be reported to a Tournament Committee member.
- Coaches and players may be carded, and if red carded, are expected to leave the field of play for the duration of the game in which the red card is given.
- Tournament Committee members will review reasons for red cards given to coaches and players and a decision will be made concerning his/her status for the next game.

STANDINGS AND PLAYOFFS

Refer to division schedules for teams advancing to the championship match. Any questions should be directed to a Tournament Committee member.

Standings leading to championship play will be determined as follows:

- Most points: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.
- In the event of ties in point standings, the following tie breaker sequence will be used:
 - Head to Head: result of the game played between tied teams.
 - Games Won: most games won.
 - Goal Differential: total net score for tournament games.
 - Net Score equals goals for less goals against.
 - A maximum differential of four goals per game will count for this purpose.
 - If the goal differential is negative for a team, zero will be used for the calculation.
 - Goals Against: least number of goals allowed.
 - PKs: FIFA penalty kicks.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

- Spectators are expected to exhibit good conduct and sportsmanship at all times.
- Spectators must be located on the side of the field opposite coaches and players and may not be behind either goal line.
- Use of noisemakers such as air horns, cowbells, etc. is considered unsportsmanlike and is not be allowed.
- Coaches are expected to aid Field Marshals in controlling parent/spectator behavior.
- Tournament Committee members may eject spectators from the tournament at their discretion.

FIELD RESTRICTIONS

- The playing fields for the Bay Challenge Cup have legally based restrictions against the presence and use of alcoholic beverages. No alcohol is allowed at or around any field at the tournament.
- In addition, no vehicle is permitted on the fields or grass adjacent to the fields.
- No overnight camping, including the use of recreational vehicles, is allowed at any tournament field location or adjacent parking lots.
- Please observe these rules and report any observed violations promptly to field marshals or security officers.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

- The Tournament Committee and the Bay Soccer Club will not be responsible for non-entry fee expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is cancelled in whole or part.
- Should any division be cancelled, each affected team will receive a full refund of its tournament entry fee.
- Accepted teams that withdraw from the tournament prior to the application deadline will receive a full refund.
- Accepted teams that withdraw from the tournament after the application deadline will NOT receive a refund.

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