

2023 PASCO Soccer Club

North Jersey Spring

Kickoff



Rules and Regulations

1. GENERAL RULES

A. The Tournament Committee will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or part except for as stated in #15 of the tournament rules and regulations. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its judgment is final. Any team that disregards any decision by the Tournament Committee (including the inclement weather policy) will be automatically dropped from the tournament and forfeit all remaining games. No refunds will be given to these teams.

B. Some items that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust include:

- i. Relocate or reschedule a match.
- ii. Reduce the length of a match.
- iii. Cancel preliminary matches that have no impact on a flight winner.

C. All teams will complete a Tournament Roster Card containing player's name and uniform number. This roster will be submitted at registration as well as validated roster, passes, medical releases and copy of birth certificates.

D. Referees and/or Tournament Officials may and will examine player passes and the Tournament roster prior to, during, or after any match.

E. Refunds:

1. If entire tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, team fee will be refunded 80% of entry fee.
2. If partial tournament is cancelled after the first day of play, your fee is forfeited and no refund will be granted.

2. AGE & ELIGIBILITY

A. Each team must be registered for competition in a league affiliated with the USSF.

B. Proof of age for all roster players is required in the form of a current USSF or USYSA State Association or US Club Soccer Youth player pass.

C. Brackets will be offered based on calendar year January 1 to December 31 age groups

3. ROSTERS AND PASSES

A. Each team shall have a roster properly stamped by its US Club present at every game and tournament roster cards and player passes will be inspected by the field marshal at the request of either coach or on the decision of the referee (30) minutes prior to the start of each match. Rosters submitted at tournament registration shall govern. All teams are permitted one event (tournament) roster of 14 or 18 players for the entire weekend. Teams cannot replace, substitute or change a roster spot between any games for any reason.

B. Roster Size

1. U8-U12 (9v9) – max 14 players
2. U13-U18 (11v11) – max 18 players

C. Rosters and player passes MUST also be shown to Field Marshals at each site 30 minutes prior to each game.

D. Only players listed on the roster will be permitted to play in the Tournament.

4. REGISTRATION

Team Check-in Requirements

Each team must present:

- Passes
- A. Original 2022/2023 Player Passes; either USYS State Association or US Club Soccer
 - B. Original 2022/2023 Official Roster; either USYS State Association or US Club Soccer
 - C. Guest Players identified: Players Name and Pass Number written on roster
 - D. Player Passes for Guest Player
 - E. Emergency Contact Form
 - F. Permission to Travel Paperwork: Not Required for US Club Soccer Teams. USYS State Association teams from Region I do not need Permission to Travel Paperwork. USYS State Association teams from all other Regions need Permission to Travel Paperwork.

5. GUEST PLAYERS

A. Teams may use no more than three (3) guest players, which must be approved by the Tournament Director. All Guest Players need Permission Forms from their perspective US Club if the Team is from outside of the State

6. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A. A game may not start with fewer than six (6) properly uniformed players on each team for U8-U12 and eight (8) players for U13-U18. Once started, games may not continue with fewer than five (5) or seven (7) players per team. If a game cannot start or is stopped because a team has fewer than five (7) players, that team shall forfeit the game. A team shall have a 10 minute grace period from scheduled starting time before a forfeit is declared, with a running clock.

B. A forfeit in the preliminary rounds shall be awarded as three (3) points for the win. For tie breaking purposes, the score shall be set as 1-0.

C. If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game.

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

A. Substitutions without limit may be made on any stoppage of play, with the referee's permission.

B. Limited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission:

- 1. In case of stoppage of play for an injury on one-for-one basis for the injured player(s).
- 2. To replace a cautioned player.

7. PROTESTS

A. THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS. ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

8. UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT AND FIELDS

A. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's Official State/Provincial roster.

B. All player passes and the tournament roster card MUST be presented to the Field Marshall before each match. The Field Marshall will retain possession of the player passes and roster card for the duration of the match.

C. PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME.

D. Where uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. Home team is listed first on the schedule.

E. Check-in time is 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.

F. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear on the field, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game. Only referees and/or the tournament director can postpone or cancel a game.

G. Games shall be played with a #4 ball.

9. DURATION OF GAMES

A. Games times will be two 25 minute halves for U8-U12.

B. Games times will be two 30 minute halves for U13-U19.

C. There will be no overtime periods.

D. In the event inclement weather forces cancellation of a game after at least 20 minutes have been played, the game shall be considered official and the score at the point of cancellation shall be the final score. Should a game be halted before 20 minutes have been played, it shall be rescheduled for complete replay, or recommended at the discretion of the tournament director. In the event of a tie in a semi-final or final game, overtime shall be played as described above.

10. DIVISION WINNERS

A. Each team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win and one (1) point for a tie in the preliminary games. There will be no tie-breakers or champions of any sort for U-10 and younger teams.

B. Tie-Breaker

1. Head to head
2. Goal differential (**max 6 per game**)
3. Goals against
4. Goals for
5. Coin flip

11. GAME AND SCORE REPORTING

A. Field Marshals will ensure that the game report sheets are properly completed.

B. Field Marshals will ensure that the scores of each game are reported to Tournament Headquarters in a timely manner each day.

12. CONDUCT

A. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the game as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area.

B. Both teams (players and coaches) will be on the same sideline. Spectators of both teams will take the opposite side of the pitch. No one will be allowed behind either end line.

C. In the event of assault/abuse on a game official, a judiciary hearing shall immediately be convened at a Tournament site to be designated by the Tournament Director. All terms described in the USSF Official Administrative Rule Book under Rule 3.2.8, Suspension for Assault on Official, shall apply. In any event, a player, coach, or other team official who is charged with assault on a game official is suspended from further participation in the tournament.

D. Any team disregarding a decision by the referees and/or the tournament committee to either suspend or cancel tournament play, will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. Also, a written complaint will be filed with both the NJYSA and the team's state association (if different).

13. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PETS

A. The use and presence of alcoholic beverages is prohibited near and at all game sites, including parking areas. Pets are not permitted on or near the fields.

14. CLOCK STOPPAGE

A. The referee will not stop the clock during the match for any reason without approval of the Tournament Director(s) or their designee. Games halted by injury will not lose any more time than the half already in progress.

15. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

A. PASCO Soccer Club will refund a minimum of 80% of a team's entry fee if the tournament is cancelled for any reason before the start of the tournament. The reason for cancellation might include, but is not limited to, weather, field usage or sponsoring organization management decision. If the tournament is postponed or rescheduled, a new permission to host agreement must be submitted to NJYSA and all teams that applied to the original dates must be given the opportunity to withdraw from the revised dates with a full refund of their entry fees.

16. INCLEMENT WEATHER

A. Games can and will be cancelled or abbreviated due to inclement weather by either the game time officials or the PASCO Tournament Committee.

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