

AYSO
Region 337
SoccerFest 2008
May 30th – June 1st
Tournament Rules

A. Eligibility

- a. Open to Balanced AYSO team
 - i. All teams accepted for tournament play must have played as balanced teams during the Spring 2008 season under AYSO rules and regulations. **The regional commissioner or coach administrator must supply an official eAYSO roster.**
 - ii. Players must have participated in at least half of the Spring 2008 regular season games.

B. Guest Players

- a. Guest players will be allowed under the following circumstances:
 - i. Guest players may only be used to replace players who are not able to participate (regular players should be encouraged to participate)
 - ii. Guest players must have played on a balanced AYSO team in the participating team's region for at least half of the Spring 2008 regular season games.
- b. NO PLAYER MAY PLAY ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM. Any team that substitutes players will be dismissed from the tournament. No refund will be given.
- c. NO PLAYER MAY PLAY IN A DIVISION DURING THE TOURNAMENT THAT THEY DID NOT PLAY IN DURING THE REGULAR SEASON. A player that played up in regular season cannot play back down in the tournament.
- d. A maximum of 2 guest players will be allowed per team.

C. Age Divisions

- a. Boys: U8, U10, U12, U14 Girls: U8, U10, U12, U14
 - i. Co-ed teams will play in the boys division
- b. Team size and players
 - i. U8 teams will play with 5 players on the field and may have up to 10 on the team's roster.
 - ii. U10 teams will play with 7 players on the field and may have up to 12 on the team's roster.
 - iii. U12 teams will play with 9 players on the field and may have up to 14 on the roster.
 - iv. U14 teams will play with 11 players on the field and may have up to 16 on the roster.
 - v. NOTE: Teams may have more players than above only if they played the regular season with extra players as allowed by their Regional Commissioner or Area Director under AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

D. Laws

- a. The latest FIFA laws apply to the conduct of the game with consideration for modifications made by AYSO National and rules for this tournament.
- b. All U8 restarts are to be consistent with FIFA laws.

- c. **Region 337 recognizes the “3 before 4” rule and every team will be expected to honor that in tournament play. All players must play 3 quarters before any one player plays 4 quarters.**

E. Player and Team Check-In

- a. Coaches should bring their completed roster forms to the tournament director’s tent at least one hour before their first scheduled game.
- b. Teams must check in at their assigned field 30 minutes prior to each game of their games. At this time the coach will present a certified game card listing the name and jersey number of each player on the team to the field manager’s table at the pavilion.

F. Coaching

- a. A **maximum of two coaches** are allowed per team.
- b. Coaches are discouraged from bringing more than one team. The tournament cannot honor time request and cannot guarantee both your teams aren’t schedule at the same time. Coaches will be responsible for working out their schedule conflicts with their assistant coaches.
- c. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and friends, and all are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Refer back to points system for explanation of possible point deductions for poor sportsmanship.
- d. **Coaching shall be limited to one side of the field per team, ten yards on either side of the halfway line.**
 - i. Both teams and coaches are expected to be on one side of the field and spectators on the other.
- e. Coaches shall remain well clear of the touchline so that the assistant referees have a clear view of the field to perform their duties.
- f. Spectators must remain at least two yards back from the touchline and in the area between the penalty lines. Spectators should stay out of the coaching area.

G. Ejections (Red Cards)

- a. Any coach or player ejected from a game must leave the field of play immediately.
 - i. In the case of a player, the team shall play one player short for the remainder of the game, as well as any overtime periods which might be necessary
 - ii. Any player or coach who is ejected for violent misconduct or abusive language will be suspended from the tournament.
 - iii. All other ejections shall carry an additional penalty of a one game suspension.
 - iv. Red cards will not be issued to U8 or U10 players unless absolutely necessary.
 - v. The tournament director reserves the right to eject any persons from the Tommy Schumpert Park if deemed necessary.

- H. **NO PROTESTS SHALL BE ALLOWED.** The referee’s ruling is final.

I. Substitution Policy

- a. All age divisions will substitute by quarters. Every player on the roster must play at least half of every game. Also, all players must play 3 quarters before any one player plays 4 quarters. Substitution will be monitored by tournament officials. **Violations of this policy will result in the team forfeiting the game(s) in which the substitution violations occurred.**

J. Duration of games

- a. U8 will play two 15-minute halves with quarter breaks for substitutions.
- b. U10 will play two 20-minute halves with quarter breaks for substitutions.

- c. U12 will play two 25-minute halves with quarter breaks for substitutions.
- d. U14 will play two 30-minute halves with quarter breaks for substitutions.
- e. All players will play 3 quarters before any one player plays 4 quarters.
- f. **NOTE: Quarter breaks are for substitution of players; players not being substituted must remain on the field. Quarter breaks are to last no longer than the time the referee needs to mark substitutions on a game card.**

K. Point System for Tournament

- a. An accumulated point system will be used as follows:

Six (6) points for a win
Three (3) points for a tie
One (1) point for a shutout
Zero (0) points for a loss

One (1) point will be deducted for scoring 10 goals more than the opponent
 One (1) point will be deducted for each yellow card
 Three (3) points will be deducted for each red card
 One (1) – Two (2) points will be deducted for bad sportsmanship reported by referee depending on severity

Six (6) points for a win by forfeit
 Zero (0) points for a loss by forfeit

- b. On Saturday evening after the last game, if teams within the same group have equal point totals, the tiebreaker criteria will be used to determine team standings.

L. Tiebreaker Criteria

- a. This procedure shall be used when it is necessary to determine which team shall advance to the next level of tournament play. The following tiebreakers will be used in descending order until a tiebreaker is found.
 - i. Total points as defined in Section K
 - ii. Head-to-head results
 - iii. **Average goal differential per game**
 - iv. **Least goals allowed**
 - v. A shootout to take place at least 1.5 hours before the next schedule game is to take place.
- b. In Semifinal and Championship games, **if the game is tied at the end of regulation play then a ten-minute Golden Goal overtime period will be played.** The referee will toss a coin to determine which team shall kickoff. **A shootout will follow the overtime period if the game is still tied.**
- c. **The shoot out rules are:**
 - i. **At the beginning of a shoot out the referee will perform a coin toss to determine which team shoots first.**
 - ii. **Only players that played in the Golden Goal period may participate in the shoot out.**
 - iii. **The team coaches will inform the referee the sequence in which his players will shoot.**
 - iv. **If the scores are still tied at the end of a shoot out round then another round follows and so on until we have a result.**
 - v. **Teams will alternate shooting first from round to round.**
 - vi. **All players on the squad must participate if required**

- vii. **The sequence of shooting once established cannot be altered**
- viii. **The number of shoots per round per team will be: U14-5; U12-5; U10-4 and U8-3.**

M. Judiciary Committee

- a. Judiciary committee shall be called to determine the outcome of a game that must be terminated by the referee. The committee shall consist of a tournament official, the tournament referee administrator, and the regional commissioner.
- b. All rulings of the judiciary committee are final

N. Referees

- a. Each U8 team should provide a referee
- b. Each U10, U12, U14 team should provide a qualified officiating crew.
 - i. The crew will be qualified to officiate matches at the same level or higher of the team they represent.
 - ii. **Each referee crew is expected to officiate the same number of games as played by the team they represent. If a particular referee crew does not fulfill its obligation, the teams will forfeit two points per missing official per game.**
 - iii. The Tournament Referee Administrator and the assignment committee will assign a schedule of games and post it prior to the start of each day's matches. All attempts will be made to get the referee schedules to the referees as soon as possible.
 - iv. No referee should be assigned to more than one teams referee crew.

O. Game Cancellations Due to Weather/Field Conditions

- a. If the cancellation occurs before halftime, the results will not be final and the game will either be continued according the referee's official time at a field location and time slot to be determine by the Tournament Director or will be played under emergency rules
- b. If the cancellation occurs at any time during the second half of play, the score at the time of cancellation shall stand as the final score.

P. Emergency Rules

- a. The Tournament Director, Regional Commissioner, Referee Administrator, and Safety Director can employ emergency rules if tournament competition is threatened. Emergency rules will consist of:
 - i. Shortening time of play
 - ii. Requiring shoot-outs instead of play

Q. Game times

- a. All game schedules will be presented in the tournament packet.
- b. Every effort will be made to start the games on time.
- c. Games will end at the scheduled time.
- d. Teams the fail to "show" for games at the scheduled time will be allowed a 10-minute grace period. If a team fails to meet the starting time and the 10-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited.

R. Entry Fees

\$10.00 per registered player on each team roster

S. Registration Dates

- a. Deadline for registration is **April 28, 2008**. Open registration for regions other than 337 begins on **April 14, 2008**.
- b. Late registrations will be taken if spots are available through **May 5, 2008**
 - i. Late registration will only be accepted if there is an opening in the division you wish to play. **There will also be an additional \$30.00 fee per team.**

T. Refund policy

- a. Should the tournament be suspended due to inclement weather, play will resume the weekend of **June 6th**. If the tournament cannot be completed during the makeup dates, a refund will be issued minus expenses incurred. Full refunds will be made to all teams not accepted for the tournament. If a team backs out from participating after the **May 5, 2008** deadline, a refund will be made only if a team can be found to replace the team backing out of the tournament.