

**NORTHWEST CUP
Soccer Tournament Rules (2009)**

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: PO Box 30062 Spokane, WA 99223. Tournament Director: Abbas Faridnia – (509)475-9777. Location of tournament is at Plantes Ferry Soccer Complex: 12308 E. Upriver Drive, Spokane, WA 99206.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

Each team must have its certified team roster for approval.

Check-in for verification is the day before the first game or 90 minutes before the first game. Check in is next to the concessions stand with the tournament director or tournament administrator. When checking in teams are required to provide the following materials (tournament roster, player passes, insurance/medical release forms, parental permission slips, team roster, and travel permission form):

A) Teams from the USA

- 1) The players must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, AYSO, other)
- 2) Teams must provide proof of approval of the team's participation from the team's Federation Organization Member
- 3) Teams from outside the State Association where the tournament is located must provide proof of permission of travel

B) Foreign Teams – For a team coming from a CONCACAF nation:

- 1) Players must present passports at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States
- 2) Teams are required to have and present player picture identification cards
- 3) Tournament rules must require that the team have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament

Tournament is open to teams from U-10 to U19, Boys and girls. Each team is allowed a maximum of 18 players.

The games will be played in conformity with the rules of FIFA, USYSA and USSF, unless otherwise stated herein. A player may be substituted at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee. If the age group is 15 & under, free substitution is allowed. For age group 16 and older, free substitution is allowed providing the age category does not include matches between national teams of any FIFA member countries. If it does include national teams, then up to six substitutions are allowed.

PROTESTS:

NO PROTESTS CAN OR WILL BE ACCEPTED!

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

Any player receiving a red card is automatically suspended for next game. Three yellow cards are equal to a red card. Should a player receive a second Red Card, that player shall be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The misconduct will follow # 12 of USYSA tournament agreement. Same rules apply to a coach. When suspended or red carded the coach and/or player must leave the playing field. All unserved and serious disciplinary action will be reported to the State Association for US teams and to US Soccer for teams from outside the country.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

All players must wear approved shin guards covered entirely by socks. No hard casts are permitted. Soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee. No jewelry of any kind may be worn by any player.

AWARDS:

The winning team from each championship game will receive one team trophy and each player will receive a gold medal. The second place team will receive one team trophy and each player will receive a silver medal.

PLAYER CREDENTIALS AND JERSEY COLOR CONFLICTS:

If there is a conflict in jersey colors, it is the responsibility of HOME TEAM (team listed first on the schedule) to change to an alternate color jersey. If the match is a semi, quarterfinal, final or any non round robin match, the team that has the lower overall point total must change their jersey if there is a jersey conflict.

Player identification cards are to be present and available at all matches.

Identification cards are required to be checked by the referee prior to each match.

The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the daily match report or roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same.

GAME BALLS:

The Northwest Cup Tournament will provide the game balls. The following size breakdown is used:
Size 4 for U10, U11 and U12 & Size 5 for U13 and UP

POINT SYSTEM:

A point system is employed to determine the order of finish in-group play, as follows:

1. Three (3) points for a win
2. One (1) point for a tie
3. Zero (0) point for a loss
4. A team winning by FORFEIT will be awarded THREE (3) points and ONE goal.
5. If teams are equal in points, the tie-breakers, in order shall be:
 - Head to head competition (If teams did not play against each other, move to next tie-breaker)
 - Goal differential, i.e. total team goals for, minus goals against (max goal for/against is six per game)
 - Most goals scored (max goals for is six per game)
 - Less goals scored on (max goals against is six per game)
 - FIFA "Kick from the Penalty Mark."
 - A point will be deducted from total score for each red card received throughout the whole tournament.

In semifinal and championship games, two 5-minute overtime periods will be played. If a tie still exists after overtime play, FIFA "Penalty Mark" will be used to determine the winner.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

First round is round robin where numbers permit. Amount of advancing teams is based upon the numbers in the round robin play. Everyone is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. Matches that require a winner (championship and semifinal) the procedures for determining a winner is as follows: two overtime periods consisting of 5 minutes each. If match still tied, then FIFA "Kick from the Penalty Mark."

REFEREES:

All referees will be certified by the Federation. All scores, match results are reported by the referees to the tournament director.

WEATHER DELAYS:

Any match delays due to the weather or other situations will be handled by the tournament director based upon rescheduling or cancellation of play. No refunds will be allowed unless your team was not accepted into the tournament.

FORFEITS:

Forfeit will happen if a team does not show up 5 minutes after the game is supposed to start. Minimum number of players to constitute a team is seven. Once a team forfeits a match all further games will be forfeited as well. Forfeited match results in a 0-1 loss for forfeited team

GAME LENGTHS:

The duration of the matches will be:

U10 25 minute halves, 5 minute half time

U11 25 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U12 30 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U13 30 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U14 30 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U15 30 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U16 35 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U17 35 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U18 35 minute halves, 5 minute half time
U19 35 minute halves, 5 minute half time

Teams and Spectator Location at the field of play – Players and spectators are on opposite side of the fields from the opposing team they are playing.

NO SMOKING, ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DOGS ARE PERMITTED!!!