

**2011 LES SCHWAB NORTHWEST CUP
Soccer Tournament Rules**

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: PO Box 30062 Spokane, WA 99223. Tournament Director: Abbas Faridnia – (509)475-9777. Location of tournament is at Plantess 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 at Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center (1100 North Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, WA 99037) or next to the concessions stand. Check in is with the tournament director or tournament administrator. When checking in teams are required to provide the following materials (official tournament roster, player passes, and travel permission form if necessary):

- A) Teams from the USA
 - 1) The players must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, AYSO, US Club Soccer, other)
 - 2) Teams must provide proof of approval of the team's participation from the team's Federation Organization Member
 - 3) If USYS, 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-11Dev.(U10) to U19, Boys and girls. U11 Dev. and U11 maximum roster is 14 players. U12-U19 each team is allowed a maximum of 18 players. Guest Players are unlimited as long as they are registered with a US Soccer affiliated organization and all players on roster are from the same organization.

TEAMS:

- A) Home team is the first team listed on the schedule. In Playoff matches Home team is the team with the higher amount of points from group play.
- B) Both Teams must bring two sets of uniforms to each game, however if the referee determines there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change. In playoff matches the team with the lower amount of group play points are required to change.
- C) Teams will be located during games, on the same side of the field. Spectators will be on the opposite side. No persons are permitted behind the goals.

PLAYER CREDENTIALS AND UNIFORMS:

- A) Player picture identification cards are to be present and available at all matches.
- B) The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the roster supplied at check in. 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. (Example – the players changing his or her shirt)

LAWS OF THE GAME:

- A) The games will be played in conformity with the rules of FIFA, USYSA and USSF, unless otherwise stated herein.
- B) Modification of Games Rules for tournament
 - a. Game Lengths:
 - i. U11 and U11 Dev. 25 minute halves
 - ii. U12 30 minute halves
 - iii. U13 30 minute halves

- iv. U14 30 minute halves
 - v. U15 30 minute halves
 - vi. U16 35 minute halves
 - vii. U17 35 minute halves
 - viii. U18 35 minute halves
 - ix. U19 35 minute halves
 - x. In Playoffs two full 5-minutes overtime periods will be played. If a tie still exists after overtime play, FIFA "Penalty Mark" will be used to determine the winner.
- b. Substitution
- i. Substitution Time
 - 1. A player may be substituted at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.
 - ii. Substitution Age Limits
 - 1. If the age group is 15 and under, free substitution is allowed.
 - 2. For age group 16 and older, free substitution is allowed providing the age category does not include matches between national teams of any CONCACAF member countries. If it does include national teams, then up to six substitutions are allowed.
- c. Player Equipment
- i. Shin Guards – REQUIRED for all players (no exceptions.)
 - ii. Casts – soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.

TOURNAMENT AND MATCH SCHEDULES:

- A) Tournament Format – First round is round robin where numbers permit. Amount of advancing teams is based upon the numbers in the round robin play. Same for all age groups.
- B) Match Schedules – Minimum number of matches a team will play is four. Number of matches per day will be a minimum of zero to a maximum of three. Majority will be one or two per day. Same for all age groups.
- C) Procedure for Determining a Winner – Matches that require a winner (all playoff matches) if after regulation the game is still tied two full 5-minutes overtime periods will be played. If a tie still exists after overtime play, FIFA "Penalty Mark" will be used to determine the winner.
- D) Referees – All matches will use referees certified by the Federation.
- E) Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellations - Any match delays due to the weather or other situations will be handled by the tournament director based upon rescheduling openings or cancellation of play.
- F) Refund Policy – No refund of entry fee due to cancellations. If a team applies to tournament and cancels before the deadline of registration refund will be granted minus a \$75 administrative fee. If a team cancels after the registration deadline no refund will be given.

FORFEITS:

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

STANDINGS AND TIE-BREAKERS:

- A) 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.
- B) 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.

MATCH AND SCORE REPORTING:

- Referees are responsible for reporting the match results, cautions, and ejections to the tournament headquarters.
- Referees will turn in a scorecard to the tournament headquarters immediately after the game ends within 30 minutes of game ending.

PROTESTS & DISPUTES

- Protests require a \$75 fee and must be made to the tournament director within 45 minutes of the game ending wanting to protest. Fee is refunded if protest is upheld.
- Disputes – Non-referee decisions (Example – player eligibility issues or disputes over tournament rules) are handled by the judiciary chair of the tournament.
- A committee for protests and disputes is chaired and organized by the judiciary chair of the tournament.
- The Judiciary Chair will make sure and provide a quick due process
- Decisions by referees may not be appealed
- Decisions by the judiciary committee deciding a protest or dispute are final and may not be appealed.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE:

- Team and Spectator are expected to respect the referee and any tournament officials (ie field marshal, etc.) Any abusive action – whether verbal or physical will result in expulsion from the tournament and reported to the appropriate sanctioning organizations.
- NO SMOKING, ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DOGS ARE PERMITTED!!!**
- Ejections – A player or coach sent off during a match is not allowed to play or coach in the next match. The tournament committee may take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the tournament and non-eligibility for future tournaments of composed of our tournament committee. Player pass for a suspended player during the tournament will be held by the tournament director during the team's game. Suspended players and coaches will only be allowed to sit with the spectators during the suspension period of the tournament. They will not be allowed to coach during the match.
- Accumulation of Yellow Cards – If a player or coach receives three yellow cards they will be suspended for the next game.
- Report of Disciplinary Actions:
 - For United States teams, misconduct will be reported to WYS and USYS if necessary. All unserved and serious disciplinary action will be reported to WYS and USYS if necessary.
 - For CONCACAF teams to tournament committee will notify the US Soccer Federation of disciplinary action taken, and the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

GAME BALLS:

The Northwest Cup Tournament will provide the game balls. The following size breakdown is used:
Size 4 for U11 and U12 & Size 5 for U13 – U19

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.