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16U/19U Tournament Guidelines

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Jurisdiction

Section 11 tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the following AYSO Governing Documents: National Rules and Regulations, National Bylaws, and National Policy Statement. b. Games and program activities will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game (AYSO Edition) and these Program Guidelines as contained herein.

The program will be administered by the Section 11 Tournament Director, who will be responsible for providing general administrative oversight and direction of the program. This will include managing dispute resolution/discipline review on behalf of and/or through the Section 11 Director or her designee. The Tournament Director will be authorized to appoint staff to assist in managing the program through AYSO volunteers or third-party contractors in the best interest of the program.

Area Directors are responsible for overseeing/verifying that the program requirements are met as they pertain to player eligibility, coach eligibility and team formation.

Issues requiring special jurisdiction will be evaluated and handled by the Section 11 Tournament Director in the best interest of Section 11 and AYSO. This may include appointing a three-member committee of Area Directors or Section Staff Members to resolve matters of disagreement. Any appeal of discussions handled by the above identified process will be adjudicated by the Section 11 Director or her designee.

Eligibility

Participation in this tournament is by invitation only. A limited number of invitations are awarded to each Area. Teams from the fall season are reviewed and qualified by their home Region and Area. Participating teams must agree to all tournament rules.

Teams are selected by the Area Director to represent their Area. Each Area may use any selection criteria that best fits its circumstances.

Documentation

Each team participating must submit a completed **Tournament Team Stack Sports roster**, arranged in player jersey number order, and signed by the Regional Commissioner, to the Area Director. Each Area Director must then submit these rosters electronically to the Section Director or their designated representative. Incomplete rosters will not be accepted. The roster information will be used to pre-print match line-up cards for each team.

The Head Coach of each participating team must have age-appropriate training to be eligible for the tournament. Both the coach and assistant coach must be Safe Haven certified, complete the CDC Concussion Course Training, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) training, and be identified on the team roster form. **A Coach and an Assistant Coach are both required on the roster.**

Entry Fee

The Area Director is responsible for submitting the \$300.00 entry fee per team. Payment must be made via Region or Area checks, payable to AYSO Section 11, and sent directly to the Section 11 Treasurer.

Team Check-in

All Coaches must check in at least **60 minutes** before their first match. Coaches must present the following items to the onsite Tournament check in tent:

- A Current Fall Season, Coach Photo ID Card
- Copies of each players current Fall Medical Release Form
- Signed copy of team roster (Affinity Sports 'Official Roster')
- Player ID Cards

Please note: Player Medical Release Forms in electronic or digital format, will **NOT** be accepted. Hard copies **MUST** be presented at time of check-in.

Format

The event will follow a single-elimination format, with all matches held over two days. Depending on how many teams are participating, teams may compete in as many as four rounds: Play-In, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and the Championship Round.

Play-In:

- **Teams:** Divisions with nine teams will have two teams compete in a Play-In game.
- **Matchup Criteria:** The two teams with the lowest average number of points per game during the regular season will face off in the Play-In game.
- **Advancement:** The winners of the play-in games will advance to the quarterfinals.

Quarterfinals:

- **Teams:** All remaining teams will compete in this round.
- **Matchup Criteria:** Based on the number of teams participating in the tournament, a single-elimination bracket will be created for each division.
- **Advancement:** Winners of these matches will move on to the semifinals.

Semifinals:

- **Teams:** The four quarterfinal winners.
- **Matchup Criteria:** The matchups will follow the single-elimination bracket created for each division.
- **Advancement:** The two winners will advance to the Championship Round.

Championship Round:

- **Teams:** The winners of the semifinal matches.
- **Championship Game:** The remaining two teams will compete for the Tournament of Champions title.

Roster Size

Roster sizes for each Division are indicated below unless previously approved by the Area Director and authorized by the Section Tournament Director. In no case shall the roster size exceed a number that allows every player to play a minimum of one half of each match.

Division	Maximum Roster Size	Play Format
16U	18 players	11 vs 11
19U	22 players	11 vs 11

Sidelines

Coaches, players, and spectators for both teams will be placed on the opposite sides of the field.

Home teams will setup on the North or East side of the field, while away teams will setup on the South or West side of the field.

Game Balls

The home team shall be responsible for providing the match balls. Three match balls shall be presented to the referee prior to the match. If the home team does not have suitable match balls, then the visiting team will be asked to provide them.

Match Duration

Match duration shall be as follows:

Division	Play-In & Quarter Finals	Semifinals and Finals
16U	Two 35 Minute Halves	Two 40 Minute Halves
19U	Two 40 Minute Halves	Two 45 Minute Halves

Match durations may be shortened to accommodate field availability.

Matches that are tied at the end of regulation time will go directly to Kicks From The Penalty Mark (KFTPM) to determine a winner.

Any amendments will be communicated to the coaches and referees at the tournament check-in.

Discipline

All coaches must remain within the designated coaching box throughout the match. Any player, coach, or assistant coach asked to leave the playing area (shown a Red Card) will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled match or subsequent matches, as determined by the Section 11 Tournament Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee consists of the Section Tournament Director, Section Referee Administrator, and Section Coach Administrator.

Protests

Referee decisions during a match are **final and cannot be protested**. Only matters related to player eligibility or breaches of the Section 11 Guidelines may be raised in a protest.

All protests must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the Section 11 Tournament Disciplinary Committee. However, before preparing a written document, please discuss your concerns verbally with a member of the Section 11 Tournament Disciplinary Committee.

Coach Notes

- All Coaches and Assistant Coaches **MUST** have a current Season, Region issued, Coach Photo ID Card.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** Tournament Matches.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards must be worn and remain visible at all times.
- Player ID cards **ARE** required.
- All players must be fully registered with AYSO for the current season.
- Roster changes (adding/removing players to/from a fall roster) are **NOT** allowed.
- Guest players are not allowed.
- Coaches are required to have in their possession, **AT ALL TIMES**, copies of each players current season Player Medical Release Form. (Player Medical Release Forms in electronic or digital format, will **NOT** be accepted. Hard copies are required.)
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be fully registered with AYSO, approved and rostered for the current season.
- All Coaches and Assistant Coaches must meet the certification requirements as outlined per the AYSO National Coaching Program Guidelines.
- If team uniform color conflict, home team (listed first on the schedule) to change uniform color.
- **NO** Coin Toss (Visitors kick-off, Home team selects goal to defend).
- All matches must start and end on time.
- Halftime break **NOT** to exceed 5 minutes.
- **NO** additional/extra time added for injuries or stoppages.
- Matches must have a winner. If tied at the end of regulation time, winner to be determined by KFPM.
- Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.
- Youth Referee participation in the Tournament is by invitation only.
- Lineup cards will be reviewed by onsite Tournament staff.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct and behavior of themselves, their players, parents, and spectators on their sideline. Poor sportsmanship, verbal abuse and negative yelling will not be tolerated at any time and may result in being removed from the match, facility, or tournament.
- Pets are never allowed at AYSO games or practices.

Referee Notes

- Referees must check in at the onsite Referee Tent at least **45 minutes** prior to their first match and be properly dressed (in full uniform).
 - Yellow jersey, black referee shorts, and black referee socks with 2 or 3 stripes.
 - Appropriate AYSO Referee Badge (i.e. Regional, Intermediate, Advanced, National).
 - Hats are OK, but should be all black baseball style only.
 - Referees are encouraged to bring alternate colored jerseys, in case of color conflict.
 - Improperly dressed Referees may be replaced.
- All referees must be fully registered with AYSO and approved for the current season.
- All referees must meet the certification requirements as outlined per the AYSO National Referee Program Guidelines.
- Referees must perform a player and field safety check before each match.
- All Coaches and Assistant Coaches **MUST** have a current Season, Region issued, Coach Photo ID Card.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** Tournament Matches.
- Coach and Assistant Coach ID Cards must be worn and remain visible at all times.
- Check Coach and Assistant Coach for valid Coach ID Card.
- Player ID Cards **ARE** required.
- **NO** Coin Toss (Visitors kick-off, Home team selects goal to defend).
- **PRE-PRINTED** lineup cards are required (to be provided by Tournament Staff).
 - Coach/Assistant Coach ID Cards must match pre-printed names on lineup card.
 - **NO** handwritten changes, besides jersey numbers, allowed to lineup card.
 - All changes, must be approved by the onsite Tournament Staff.
- Lineup cards will be reviewed by onsite Tournament Staff.
- Return team lineup cards and signed Tournament Game Card to the Tournament Referee Tent, immediately following the game. Tournament Game Card must be signed by each teams Head Coach and entire referee team. Total number of goals scored in each half and final goal total must be recorded prior to coaches signing.
- Start and end all matches **ON TIME**.
- Halftime break **NOT** to exceed 5 minutes.
- **NO** additional/extra time added for injuries or stoppages.
- All matches must have a winner. If tied at the end of regulation time, winner to be determined by KFPM.
- All matches should be officiated by '*neutral*' referees. Parents **SHOULD NOT** sign-up, to referee their own child's match.
- Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.
- Youth Referee participation in the Tournament is by invitation only.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches, participating in the tournament, **MAY NOT** referee matches within their respected division, regardless of pool. (i.e. 10UB Coach/Assistant Coach may not Referee 10UB matches - regardless of pool. 10UB Coach/Assistant Coach may referee 10UG Match)
- Pets are not allowed at AYSO games or practices.

Referees: *Please report all player misconducts; player, coach and spectator incidents; injuries; field issues and guideline variations to the onsite Tournament Staff at the conclusion of the match.*