

# UNITED SUMMER CLASSIC 2011



## **TOURNAMENT RULES AND POLICIES**

The Tournament will follow USYSA guidelines except as modified herein. All players and coaches must be registered with USYSA through their State Association. The proper State Rosters, Player Passes signed and laminated. Medical Waivers, Player Loan Agreements and Travel Permits will be required. The Tournament Director, whose decisions will be final, will rule upon all disputes, outside the field of play. Protests must be put in writing and accompanied by a \$50.00 fee, refundable if upheld, within one hour of the games end.

## **GAME MODIFICATIONS**

U-8 5V5 (including keeper) minimum of 3 players 20 minute halves size 3 ball

U-9/10 6V6 (including keeper) minimum of 4 players 25 minute halves size 4 ball

U-11/12 8v8 (including keeper) minimum of 5 players 30 minute halves size 4 ball

*The Tournament Directors reserve the right to shorten halves equally to address time delays*

## **MODIFIED RULES**

We will not enforce the offside rule in the U10 and younger divisions unless an attacker is camped out near the penalty area.

There will be NO DIRECT kicks for U8 and younger.

There will be NO SECOND CHANCES in any age division.

Substitutions: We will allow both teams to substitute anytime the ball is played out-of-bounds AND with the permission of the referee.

## **ROSTER LIMITATIONS:**

U-8 5V5 10 which may include 3 guest players

U-9/U10 6V6 11 which may include 3 guest players

U11/12 8 V 8 14 which may include 3 guest players

*NO PLAYER CAN PLAY ON TWO TEAMS IN THE SAME DIVISION OF THIS TOURNAMENT*

## **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

Each team must provide matching uniforms with a different number on the back of each player's shirt. In the event of both teams having similar colors, the referee may require the home team to change their appearance. Shin guards are mandatory with all rigid materials covered completely by the socks. All athletic shoes are allowed except those with toe and/or metal cleats.

*All player equipment is subject to referee approval.*

## **CAUTIONS AND SEND-OFFS**

Any player receiving a caution must be substituted at that time and can return at the next available substitution. Any player that is sent-off (red) will be suspended for the next game played. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to extend any suspensions. Suspensions may not be appealed.

## **COACHES AND SPECTATORS**

A maximum of three (3) registered coaches will be allowed in the 'technical area'. Teams will be on opposite sides of the field, and spectators will be seated on the same side of the field as their respective team. Coaches are responsible for their spectators. If the referee feels the spectators are disrupting the game, they will instruct the coaches to control them or usher them to the parking area. A coach may be ejected for his/her own and/or their spectators' unsporting or violent behavior. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to suspend the ejected coach or spectators for additional games. If a team does not have at least one of their registered coaches in the technical area, the game will be terminated and that team will forfeit.

## **FORFEITS**

Any team not prepared to play within five (5) minutes of scheduled starting time, or, quitting or leaving the field of play prior to the conclusion of a game shall forfeit that game. A forfeited game will be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team.

## **POINT SYSTEM**

6 pts. WIN

3 pts. TIE

1 pt. Each Goal Scored with a maximum of 3 for both teams

1 pt. SHUTOUT (in the event of a 0-0 tie, each team will receive a total of 4 points)

-1 pt. Each Red Card issued.

No game in pool play shall go into extra time or directly to penalty kicks. If this should occur due to referee error the game will be scored as a tie

## **TIE-BREAKERS** (only to decide which teams are in the play-offs or championships)

A) Winner of the head-to-head match (if applicable).

B) Team with the least amount of goals scored against.

C) Team with best goal differential (goals for minus goals against)

D) Team with least amount of cautions and/or send-offs

E) Kicks from the Penalty Mark

## **PLAY-OFF & CHAMPIONSHIP TIE-BREAKERS**

- A) Kicks from the Penalty Mark
- B) U8 Will play 5 minute Golden Goal

## **REFUNDS**

- A) Teams not accepted will receive a full refund.
- B) Teams withdrawing 5 days after tournament deadline will forfeit entire entry fees.
- C) In the event the entire tournament is cancelled due to unforeseen dangers, teams will be refunded all but 2/3 of the entry fee.
- D) In the event the games are shortened or cancelled, after the tournament begins, there will be no refunds issued once teams have played 2 games.

The Metro East Soccer Club, Oak Grove Parks and Recreation, Jackson County Parks and Recreation, MYSA, USYSA, Tournament Sponsors or any authorized representative, agent or employee of these shall not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team or person if the event is cancelled in whole or in part or for any liability for personal injury or property loss in connection with traveling to or from, or participating in the Tournament. Every team, player and spectator shall participate at his or her own risk.

*The Directors' interpretation of the foregoing rules and policies as applied to any situation shall be final!*