



AREA 11-L LEAGUE PLAYOFFS December 3, 4, & 6, 2011



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venues:

Cooks Park – San Juan Capistrano (U9)

Highway 5 to Ortega Highway exit. Turn onto Ortega Highway and go East (inland) to Via Novia (signal). Make a right turn onto Via Novia to Calle Arroyo (stop sign). Turn left onto Calle Arroyo and follow until you reach Cooks Park. Fields are on the right side of the street.

World Cup A & B (Area L) - Mission Viejo (U10)

Located off La Paz in Mission Viejo
(Thomas Bros. Map Page 922, D-2)

From I-5 take La Paz inland (east). Continue on La Paz across Marguerite Parkway intersection. At the second light after Marguerite turn left (Thomas Potocki Conference Center Drive) into the complex. Restrooms are available.

San Juan Sportspark and Marco Forester - San Juan Capistrano (U12 & U14)

Highway 5 to Ortega Hwy. Turn onto Ortega Highway and go towards the Mission (West). Turn left on Del Obispo to Camino del Avion. Turn left onto Camino del Avion to Positiva. Turn left onto Positiva which takes you into the complex. Sportspark fields are to your right and Marco Forester fields are to your left.

Gilleran Sports Park (Area L) – Mission Viejo (U12 & U14 Finals ONLY)

Located on Felipe Rd. in Mission Viejo
(Thomas Bros Map Page 922, F-1).

From I-5 go inland (East) on La Paz Rd. to end of road. Turn right on Felipe Rd. (Olympiad to the left). Park is located on left hand side (second entrance). Field 1 is next to parking lot. Field 2 is away from parking lot. Restrooms are available.

Team Check-In Procedure:

All **COACHES (ONLY)** must check-in at the HQ tent at the field where their first game is scheduled (teams playing at Marco Forster will check-in at Sportspark).

PLAYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PART OF THE CHECK-IN PROCESS.

Coaches must check-in a minimum of one-half (1/2) hour prior to their team's first game.

Coaches will be asked to sign the Coach Disclaimer document before their first game (see posted preview).

NOTE: The Tournament Director or designated representative(s) will rule on any issue related to player eligibility. Any such decision is to be considered final and not subject to protest, dispute or further discussion.

There is no need for coaches to prepare/furnish lineup cards. These will be provided and are based on information submitted by the applicable Regional Commissioners.

Referee Check-In Procedure:

ALL referees should check in at the “**Tents**” located at the fields at least forty five (45) minutes prior to their first game assignment. (San Juan Sportsark will have a dedicated referee tent and will service games being played at San Juan Sportsark and Marco Forester).

Referees will be provided with game cards and lineup cards for matches to which they have been assigned. All are to be returned to field marshals or returned to the “tents” by the referees.

Referees will conduct a safety check at the fields.

Format of Play (U9):

Each team will play three (3) pool games within their age/gender bracket. Formation of pools based on random draw in each age/gender bracket with consideration given to the Regional champion and wild card team from same Region to be placed in the same pool. Two (2) pool games will be played on Saturday and one (1) pool game will be played on Sunday morning. A ten (10) point scoring system, as stated in the Area 11-L Rules & Regulations, will be used to determine standings within a flight. The top two teams of the flight, (top two teams out of the six in the flight), will advance to the championship game.

Format of Play (U10, U12 & U14):

Each team will play three (3) pool games within their age/gender bracket. Formation of pools is based on a random draw in each age/gender bracket with consideration given to the Regional champion and wild card team from same Region to be placed in separate pools. Two (2) pool games will be played on Saturday and one (1) pool game will be played on Sunday morning. A ten (10) point scoring system, as stated in the Area 11-L Rules & Regulations, will be used to determine standings within a flight. Four pools of three teams each will be formed; the ten regional champions and two at-large wildcard teams. The four pools will be divided into two flights of six teams each. The top two teams of each flight, (top two teams out of the six in the flight), will advance to the semi-final games. The semi-final pairings will consist of the first place team of Flight 1 vs. the second place team of Flight 2, and the first place team of Flight 2 vs. the second place team of Flight 1.

Additional Information (Pool & Semi-Final games):

Pool games may end in a tie.

In cases of ties related to flight standing following pool play, the applicable tie-breakers, as stated in the Area 11-L Rules & Regulations, will apply.

Semi-Final/Final games must have a winner. If the game is tied at the end of regulation play, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the Area 11-L Rules & Regulations.

Winners of semi-final games will play for the Area Championship on Tuesday, December 6th, 2011.

The home team of each game is the first team listed on the schedule. The home team will have their choice of direction to start the game. The away team will kick-off to start the game. **Spectators of both teams will occupy one side of the field. Players and coaches will remain on the opposite touchline, (Figure 1). No**

spectators will be allowed behind the goal lines nor within 18 yards of the goal line without the express consent of the referee. Fields will be designated either with field markings or field maps to indicate the areas that players and spectators will occupy.

Teams must be ready to begin play at the designated game time. There are time constraints based on available daylight to play games. There will be no grace period beyond the scheduled start time.

Duration of Pool Play and Semi-Final Games:

U9 & U10 – Two (2) twenty five (25) minute halves

U12 & U14 – Two (2) thirty (30) minute halves

Duration of Final (Championship) Games – Full Length

The clock will continue to run during substitution breaks, so coaches should be ready to interchange players as opposed to making this “quarter break” into a coaching clinic! The clock will be stopped only for a five (5) minute halftime.

EACH TEAM IS TO PLAY ALL ASSIGNED GAMES AS SCHEDULED, AT THE SPECIFIED TIME AND VENUE. NO EXCEPTIONS. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR AN ASSIGNED GAME WILL RESULT IN SAID TEAM FORFEITING ALL POOL GAMES, SANCTIONS AGAINST THE COACH AS DETERMINED BY AN AREA 11-L DISCIPLINARY BOARD HEARING AS WELL AS A \$300.00 MONETARY SANCTION AGAINST THE REGION REPRESENTED BY SAID TEAM.

Game Scoring/Scoreboards:

Official scoring will be done at the San Juan Sportspark location. Scores/points will be tabulated and posted upon receipt of the game cards from the referees and/or score reports from field marshals at remote sites. Scores will NOT be posted based on input from coaches or spectators.

Conduct:

Coaches bear the responsibility to ensure proper and appropriate conduct on part of themselves, their players and spectators. A maximum of two (2) coaches will be allowed in the “technical area”, the remainder of adults/children associated with a team should remain in the area designated for spectators.....as opposed to “patrolling the touchline”.....and let’s make a concerted effort to keep ALL comments POSITIVE and RESPECTFUL!

Any send-off (Coach, Player and/or Parent/Spectator) will result in an automatic suspension from participation/attendance in/at the next scheduled game. A review of the match report by the Tournament Director and his designees may result in additional sanctions.

Please remember that we are guests at the fields being used for the playoffs and should be appreciative of the venue..... be sure to CLEAN UP the sidelines and the areas around the playing field(s) after EACH game.....coaches, please ensure that you bring a couple of trash liners and designate someone to be responsible for this task.

Awards

U9 – Participants in final games will receive medals (Champion & Finalist).

U10, U12 & U14 – Participants in final games will receive medals (Champion & Finalist).
Non-winners in semi-final games will receive medals (Semi-Finalist).

Championship teams in all age/gender brackets will receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

Championship teams in BU14 & GU14 will be invited to represent Area 11-L at the Section 11 Playoffs, to be held February 11th & 12th, 2012.

Schedule:

U9 – All games are December 3 & 4, 2010 (see game schedule).

U10 – U14 Pool play & Semi Final Games – December 3 & 4, 2011 (see game schedule).

U10 – U14 Championship Games – Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

- U10 Girls - 6:30 PM [Thomas Potocki Fields \(World Cup\)](#)
- U10 Boys - 7:45 PM, [Thomas Potocki Fields \(World Cup\)](#)
- U12 & U14 Girls - 6:30 PM, [Gilleran Park – Mission Viejo](#)
- U12 & U14 Boys - 8:00 PM, [Gilleran Park – Mission Viejo](#)

We hope that everyone involved has an enjoyable experience at this year's Area 11-L League Playoffs.

Good luck to all!

THE AREA 11-L STAFF

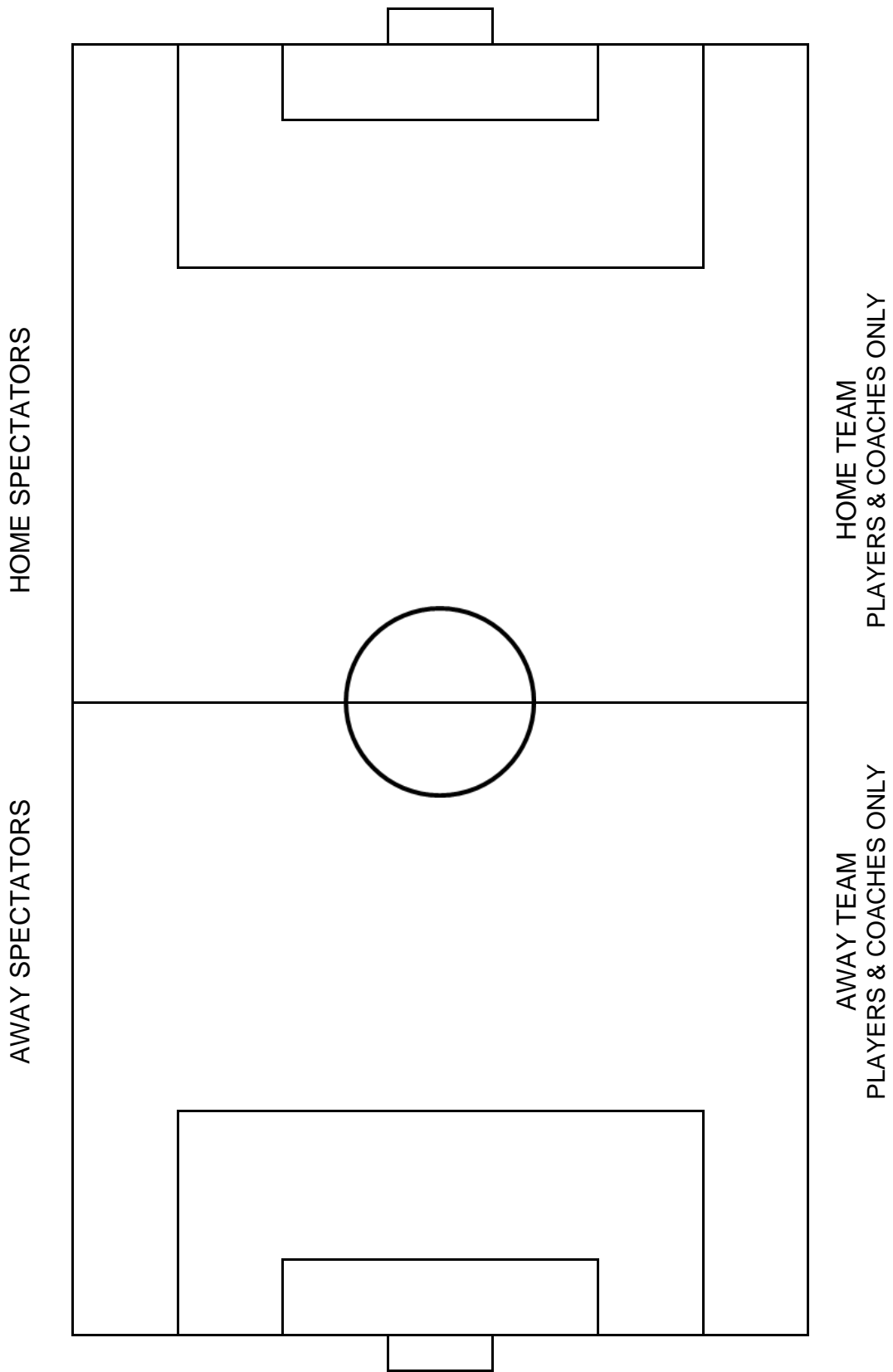


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