

# AREA 11-L U8 FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT

## May 8, 2010

### Notes, Rules and Regulations



#### **REGISTRATION**

Team application/roster form and roster revisions will be generated using an electronic process – [www.ayso11L.org](http://www.ayso11L.org), click on U8 Friendship Tournament. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 25, 2010.** Hard copies of the application/roster form, **(signed by your Regional Commissioner)** and payment in full must be received by the deadline of **May 1, 2010**. Roster revisions can be made up to **May 1, 2010** and hard copy (signed by your Regional Commissioner) also must be received by that date. **No revisions can be made after that date.** All applications/rosters, entry fees and/or revised rosters should be mailed per the instructions given on the online application. Roster revisions or corrections will require that the entire roster be resubmitted and signed. No line item corrections or revisions.

**First come, first serve – applications received (hardcopy & check) will be logged chronologically.** This, in turn, will serve as the basis for accepting teams, based on flighting/gaming requirements.

#### **GAME SCHEDULE**

Game schedules will be posted on the tournament web site by May 5, 2010.

#### **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

Whenever the term "Tournament Director" is used, it shall also be interpreted to mean a designated representative in the event of the Director's absence. The resolution to any subject and/or issue not covered in these Notes, Rules, and Regulations shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

#### **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE**

- Check-in will be required a minimum of one (1) hour before a team's first game. Coaches will check in their teams with the tournament officials
- Coaches ONLY need to be present for check-in.
- Players do NOT need to be present for check-in. The Tournament will provide game cards, to be given to the coaches at the time of check-in.
- Only tournament officials can verify the registration of a player.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring the eligibility of their players.
- Referees will conduct a line up check and "player safety inspection" at the field.

## **TEAMS**

- Team rosters may have a maximum of eleven (11) players. Format of play is 8 v. 8.
- A minimum of six (6) players constitutes a team.
- Teams shall remain on opposite sides of the field of play. Home and away sides will be indicated on the field map. The home team is the first team listed on the schedule.
- Only two (2) coaches are allowed on the sidelines. They shall remain on their own side of the field and are restricted to the area ten (10) yards from either side of the halfway line. Coaches must wear their Spring 2010 Coach ID card in order to be permitted to check in teams, be on the field and/or be in the technical area.
- Only players and coaches are allowed on the field. All others shall remain at least three (3) yards from the touchlines and between the twelve (12) yard line markers. No players, coaches and/or spectators are allowed behind the goal lines.
- Each player on the team shall wear a uniform conforming to AYSO's National Rules and Regulations. Each player's jersey must include the AYSO logo, with a different number, and a player may not exchange it with another player for the duration of the game.
- The home team shall change jerseys when there is a color conflict in uniforms. The home team is the first team listed on the schedule.

## **COACHES**

- Shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming members of AYSO and per those parameters detailed in the 2010 Area 11-L Spring Code of Conduct letter.
- Shall assume the responsibility of ensuring proper conduct by all spectators on their sideline.
- Shall at all times encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- Shall enforce Rules and Regulations of AYSO.
- Shall participate in positive coaching that instructs and encourages players during games. Negative comments and complaints about the referees will not be permitted.
- Shall wear their Spring 2010 Coach ID card while performing coaching functions.

## **GAMES**

- Games shall be played as scheduled. Only the referee in charge of the game, with the concurrence of the Tournament Director, has the authority to terminate any game. A grace period of five (5) minutes maximum from the scheduled kick-off time will be allowed by the game referee before terminating any game. When a game previously in progress is running late, no grace period may be allowed.
- Only the referee in charge of the game has the authority to terminate a game, once a game is in progress.
- In the event games are postponed or canceled because of weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, the decision to reschedule will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Failure of a team to be ready to commence play at the end of the five (5) minute grace period shall constitute a forfeiture.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

- Each team will be scheduled to play two (2) games. Every attempt will be made to schedule pairings of teams that did not play each other during the Spring season.
- All games during the tournament will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves.
- Games may end in a tie.
- All pool play games will count fully toward determining pool standings. Any games played outside of the designated "pool" will count equally toward the final pool standings as do pool games.
- Scores will not be recorded and no standings will be kept.

## **SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- Substitution of players will be in accordance with AYSO rules and regulations, i.e. midway during each half and at half time. Each player must participate (play) a minimum of one-half of each game.

## **REFEREES**

The Tournament Referee Administrator shall assign referees.

- All games shall be officiated by one (1) referee.
- Referees shall at all times impose the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO, FIFA Laws of the Games and Area 11-L Rules/U8 Format of Plat.

- All referees shall be assigned from regions not involved in the game being played (if possible).
- Referees must file a Misconduct Report for abusive language or unsportsmanlike conduct used by coaches, players, or spectators, and of any behavior which interfered with the game.
- Decisions of the referee are final; there is no protest and/or appeal.

### **PARTICIPANT MISCONDUCT (YELLOW AND RED CARDS)**

- While misconduct issues are highly improbable at this age level, any players, coaches or spectators sent from the field must be reported to the Tournament Referee Administrator immediately after the conclusion of the game by the referee. If the person sent off from the field is less than eighteen (18) years of age, a parent, guardian, Asst. Coach or other safe haven certified adult must accompany that person. Otherwise, the “minor” who has been sent off is allowed to remain on the sideline for the duration of the match.
- Any person sent off (may not play in, coach in or attend the following game), unless otherwise specified by the Tournament Director.
- Stronger penalties may be imposed depending on the circumstances.

### **INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS**

- Any injuries and accidents to a participant or spectator and/or damage caused by a participant or spectator must be reported to the tournament headquarters.

ANY ISSUES NOT COVERED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED RULES SHALL BE DECIDED UPON AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.