

**CAPITAL SOCCER CLUB
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES**

Tournament Hot-Line Phone Number: 573-636-3434

Rules and Tournament Format:

All games shall be played in accordance with USYSA guidelines unless modified by these tournament rules. All players and coaches must be registered with USYSA through their State Association. The proper State Rosters, Player Passes, Medical Waivers, Player Loan Agreements and Travel Permits will be required. Medical waivers & USYSA coaches/player cards must be in coach's possession at all times.

Protests:

All referee judgment calls and decisions with regard to the facts and laws of the game are final. No referee's decision, issuance of a red or yellow card, or coach or team ejection will be reviewed or overturned. The Tournament Director, the Head Referee and a third person will settle the disputes regarding the general conduct of the tournament. A protest fee of \$100.00 must accompany any filed protest. All protest concerning the judgment of the match officials will be denied and the fee shall be retained. Before the protest is heard, it must be submitted in writing 30 minutes after the disputed game and have the accompanying fee.

Team Eligibility/Acceptance:

This tournament shall be open to all teams comprised of properly registered youth and are in good standing with their USYSA state youth association. The tournament director reserves the right to accept or reject any team application. Should a team not be accepted, the entry fee will be returned. To be considered for acceptance into the tournament a tournament application, official USYSA state roster and full payment must be submitted prior to the registration deadline. The Tournament Director reserves the right to extend the entry deadline at any time.

Roster Limits for 2009-2010 :

- U9 thru U11 (8v8) - maximum roster of 14, 3 of which may be guest players
- U11 thru U12 (11v11) - maximum roster of 18, 3 of which may be guest players
- U13 thru U14 (11v11) - maximum roster of 18, 5 of which maybe guest players
- U15 and older (11v11) - maximum roster of 22, 5 of which maybe guest players

A player must play in their age division or higher and cannot play on two teams in the same age bracket during the tournament; however, the player can play in two different age brackets during the tournament. No roster changes will be allowed after the start of your first game.

Guest Players:

A maximum of three (3) guest players will be allowed per team at U9 - U11 (8v8), U11 - U12 (11v11), and U13 - U18 (11v11) and are allowed five (5) guest players per team wit the proper paperwork. Each guest player must have a USYSA player pass, medical waiver, and signed guest form.

Age Divisions:

Every attempt will be made to have pure age divisions; however, the tournament director reserves the right to establish divisions in the best interest of fair competition and to combine age groups as needed. Age groups will be listed by USYSA, therefore, a team roster and player's qualification to play in a particular division will be determined by the player's age as of August 1.

- U19 players will be allowed only if they are currently enrolled in High School.
- **Fall Tournaments** - Boys who are a) in the 8th grade (proof of grade level i.e. grade card ect. must be presented at registration), b) required to play U15 due to their legal age, and c) registered to play on an U14 team in the prior spring league or on a U15

- team in the ensuing spring league, may play on an U14 team in the fall tournament.
- **Spring Tournaments** - Girls who are a) in the 8th grade (proof of grade level i.e. grade card ect. must be presented at registration), b) required to play U15 due to their legal age, and c) registered to play on an U14 team in the prior fall league or on a U15 team in the ensuing fall league, may play on an U14 team in the spring tournament.

Team Check-In:

You may register your team at the pre-tournament registration location if announced or no later than one hour before your first scheduled game at the tournament headquarters tent. **Teams with an outstanding balance due will not be allowed to participate in tournament play.** Referees will collect all ID cards prior to the start of each game. At registration, please remit the following:

- any payment due,
- a copy of your official USYSA roster with player's uniform numbers,
- signed USYSA player cards,
- signed and notarized medical authorization forms for all players,
- USYSA guest player for,
- And USYSA travel form (if outside of Missouri).

Forfeits:

Teams without proper identification or less than 7 players on the field will forfeit. Forfeit time is 10 minutes after scheduled game time. Failure to complete a match, or a team leaving the field during play will result in forfeiture. Once a team had forfeited a game, that team will be disqualified for the remainder of tournament play. **The team that forfeits receives 0 points and the opponent will receive 7 points.**

Scheduling/Brackets:

A minimum of three games will be scheduled for each team. Every attempt will be made to accommodate scheduling for coaches who are coaching more than one team in the tournament to avoid game conflicts. **Each coach is limited to TWO teams when referring to conflicts.** Special request for game time may be considered if notice was written on application & received prior to deadline; however game times cannot be guaranteed.

The number of teams accepted in each division will determine size of brackets. In the event numerous applications are received in an age division, the tournament director reserves the right to split the brackets into two divisions; premier and competitive. Teams placed in the premier division will be teams who rated themselves as strong or their team record was comparable to the other applicants who rated themselves as strong on their application. Teams placed in the competitive division will be teams who rated themselves as average or weak and their team record was comparable to the other applicants who rated themselves as average or weak on their application. **Teams placement is at the discretion of the Tournament Director only. The Tournament Director reserves the right to assess a \$100.00 fee to any team requesting bracket or game time changes after schedules had been distributed.**

Player Uniforms/Equipment:

All players except goalkeeper must have a numbered jersey that has a different number from all the other team players. The team listed first will be considered the home team. Home teams must change jerseys in case of color conflicts. Shin guards are mandatory. All players' equipment subject to referee's approval.

Game Balls:

Each team is asked to have one game-quality ball available. U12 and younger will use a size 4 ball. All others will use a size 5.

Length of Games:

The tournament Director may change duration of games. In the event of inclement weather the Tournament Committee shall have the authority to change the format as follows: Relocate and/or reschedule any game; to reduce by up to 50% the scheduled duration of any game; to cancel any game in the preliminary rounds which has no bearing or group winners; to modify rules for tie breaks in case all games are not played in full due inclement weather.

U9 - U10 (6v6) & (8v8)	2 x 25 min. halves
U11 - U12 (8v8) & (11v11)	2 x 30 min. halves
U13 - U14	2 x 30 min. halves
U15 - U18	2 x 35 min. halves

All half time intervals shall be of (5) five-minute duration. Semis & Finals are the same length.

THE MERCY RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT

A game with an 8-goal differential will be considered complete regardless of the time remaining.

Substitutions:

Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed in accordance with USYSA rules and with the referee's consent. Substitutions shall be made from the mid-field line.

Player Disqualification:

A red-carded player, coach, or spectator will automatically miss the next scheduled game including championship matches. If a coach is ejected from a game and coaching more than one team, they will automatically miss the next scheduled game in the age bracket they ejected from. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the tournament director reserves the right to extend the disqualification up to the duration of the tournament. **For conduct unbecoming the game of soccer, anyone can be dismissed from the tournament.** 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.

Point System:

The following point system will be used throughout preliminary games:

For a Win:

- 1) 6 points
- 2) 1 point for shutout
- 3) 1 point for each goal (up to a maximum of 3)

For a Loss:

- 1) 0 points

For a Tie:

- 1) 3 points for each team
- 2) 1 point for each goal (up to a maximum of 3)
- 3) In a 0 - 0 tie, each team will receive 4 points (3 for the tie plus 1 for the shutout)

Championship Games:

The top team in each division's bracket will qualify for a championship game. First and second place awards will be presented in each age division.

In case of a tie in a bracket, the winner will be determined using the following tie-breaker priority:

- 1) Head to head competition,
- 2) Win/Loss record,
- 3) Most Shutouts,
- 4) Goal differential (maximum of 3 per game) (only positive goals are counted),
IE; Game 1 score 5-2 (positive goals =3)
 Game 2 score 6-1 (positive goals =3)
 Game 3 score 5-4 (positive goals =1)
- 5) Fewest Goals allowed,
- 6) Kicks from the mark.

If a championship game ends in a tie, the winner will be determined by:

- 1) Two (2) complete overtime periods of ten (10) minutes, with a two minute half time
- 2) Kicks from the mark
 - A) After 5 players per team
 - B) Sudden victory shootout.

CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT:

Both teams will be situated on the same side of the field with spectators on the opposite side of the field. Players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves with the letter and spirit of "THE LAWS OF THE GAME." The site directors have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses to good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about the other authority. 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 to usher them to the parking area.

Tournament Fee & Cancellation:

The Tournament Committee, and/or host club will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or whole of this tournament. Complete tournament cancellation two weeks prior to the commencements of the event will result in a full refund of the entry fee. Tournament cancellation due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances will result in a 75% refund of the entry fee (due to covering fixed costs such as referee assignor fees, medals/trophies/tournament facility rental, equipment rental, ect). Tournament fees are **non-refundable after the posted deadline date on the tournament application**. If extraordinary conditions result in last-minute game cancellation during any part of the tournament, a portion of the entry fee will be refunded based on the following format:

- \$275.00 refund if the tournament is canceled after a team has completed one game,
- \$150.00 refund if the tournament is canceled after a team has completed first half of the second game.
- **No refund will be provided once a team had competed two scheduled tournament games.**

In cancellation situation, the top two teams overall equal will determine award placement game played score in each division as bracketed. In a tiebreaker situation, bracket rules will apply.

Inclement Weather Policy:

Every effort will be made to complete all tournament-scheduled games. The 63 sports complex directors, Capital Soccer Club Tournament Director, and Tournament Referee Assignor together reserves the right to cancel, stop, or shorten the tournament games as needed in the event of inclement weather.

Please call The Capital Soccer Club at 573-636-3434 for field and game status if inclement weather arises. The recording will be updated throughout the tournament.

Liability Disclaimer:

The Capital Soccer Club, Capital Soccer Tournament Directors, Capital Soccer Referee Assignor, Missouri Youth Soccer, 63 Sports Complex, The City of Jefferson, or any authorized representatives, agents, or employees of these or this tournament shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the event is canceled in whole or part or any liability in connection with the tournament for personal injury or property loss in connection with traveling to, participating in or traveling home from the tournament. Each team, player, coach, or fan shall participate at his or her own risk.

The Tournament Director's interpretation of the foregoing rules and policies as applied to any situation shall be final!