

PowerAde Soccer Invitational

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TOURNAMENT RULES

IMPORTANT: For the purposes of assigning teams to the proper age groups, the tournament committee will use the following example to bracket your team into the proper age group for the PowerAde Soccer Invitational: If your team is a U15 team in the spring 2009 season, your team will play in the U16 age group for the PowerAde Soccer (due to the Aug 1 birth date turnover date). The choice you have is to come to the tournament with your spring team (before tryouts for the 2009-2010 seasons) or come with your upcoming fall team, plus a maximum of 5 guest players. In either instance, they will be put into the U16 age group. Leagues often have difficulty turning around new rosters and player pass cards by this time frame, the PowerAde Soccer Invitational will accept either the spring (2009) or fall (2010) pass cards or rosters. They will still have to have proper birth dates and pictures (these will not likely have changed).

Rules of Play

- a. Rules of play shall be FIFA "Laws of the Game: except as modified by the USSF, USYS and MSYSA.
- b. All decisions concerning pairing, schedules, etc. are solely at the discretion of the tournament committee.

Eligibility:

- a. The tournament is open to currently registered USSF league association teams. USYSA/MSYSA pass cards must be presented to the registrar when teams check in for tournament play.
- b. Risk management cards, or equivalent documentation, will be checked for all team officials.
- c. Teams must present a signed medical release form for each player.
- d. Tournament rosters may carry no more than 18 players for U13 to U15 teams, including a maximum of five guest players. Teams U16 through U19 may have no more than twenty-two (22) players registered at any given time, including a maximum of five guest players. Game day rosters may only contain 18 of the 22 players registered to the team. U9/10 teams may carry up to 11 players on their roster including a maximum of three guest players. U11/U12 teams may carry up to 14 rostered players including a maximum of five guest players.

Protests:

No protests or appeals will be allowed. The ruling of the referee is final.

Ejection:

- a. Any player or coach that is ejected (Red Card) for violent conduct, serious foul play, or foul or abusive language will be suspended for the remainder of that game and the following two games.
- b. Any player that is ejected (Red Card) for two countable offenses (yellow cards) in one game will be suspended for the remainder of that game and the next game.
- c. Any player, coach, assistant coach, manager, etc. that is ejected (red card) during this tournament will be required to sit out the remainder of the game and the next two tournament games.
- d. Any player or coach that does not fulfill their red card suspension in the tournament, must sit out the appropriate number of games beginning with their next league game.
- e. Cautions and ejections will be reported to the corresponding league.

Inclement Weather:

- a. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear on the field of play, ready to play. Only referees and/or tournament committee may cancel or postpone a game.
- b. In the event of severe weather, the tournament committee has the authority to change the duration of the games or any other function of the tournament.
- c. DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES OR CONDITIONS BEYOND CONTROL: THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY REFUNDS.

Duration of games

- a. U9 thru U12: 2 x 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.
- b. U13 and above: 2 X 30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.
- c. Playoff games for U13 and above will be 2 x 35 minute halves with a five minute halftime.
- d. Championship games for U13/U14 will be 2 x 35 minute halves with a five minute break all other 11 v 11 teams will be two 40 minute halves with a five minute halftime.

Ball Size:

- a. U9 thru U12: Size 4
- b. U13 and up: Size 5

Substitutions:

- a. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times under the following conditions:
 1. Prior to a throw-in, by the team in possession
 2. Prior to a goal-kick, by either team
 3. After a goal, by either team
 4. After injury a one for one, by either team, once the referee stops play.
 5. At half time.

6. After a caution, the cautioned player may be substituted. The opposing team may substitute as well if the cautioned player was substituted.

Division Rankings (U13 and Above):

- a. Points: Win = 3 points. Tie = 1 point Loss = 0 points
- b. Division Tie-Breakers:
 1. Head-to-Head competition
 2. Team with the most wins
 3. Goal Differential (maximum of 4 goals) Example: Team One scores 5 goals Team Two scores 1 goal – differential = 4. Example Two: Team one scores 2 goals and Team Two scores 10 goals – differential = 4.
 4. Least Goals Allowed
 5. Coin Flip

Forfeits:

- a. A maximum 5-minute grace period will be allowed after the scheduled kick-off time.
- b. After the 5-minute grace period, a forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team. Forfeit score is 1-0.
- c. If a game is forfeited after play has begun, the actual score will only apply to the advantage of the team winning by forfeit.
- d. A minimum of 7 players is required to constitute a team for U13 and above. A minimum of 4 players is required to constitute a U9 team and 5 players for U10 through U12.

Play-off ties (U13 and Above):

- a. If two teams are tied at the end of a play-off game, 2 five-minute overtime periods will be played.
- b. If a game is still tied after the overtime periods, penalty kicks will be administered as per FIFA laws.

Home Team:

The Home and Visiting teams are as listed in the schedule.

Coaches and Teams:

- a. During play, both team benches shall be on one side of the field. Parents and all other spectators shall be on the side of the field opposite the team benches.
- b. As per FIFA laws, during play, coaches must remain within their respective technical area.

Referees:

All games will be officiated under the approved USSF system. Please forward the name of any USSF certified referee associated with your league/club who may be interested in officiating.

Game Scores:

The winning team is responsible for turning in game scores.

Awards:

Division winners will receive individual awards. The second place team will receive individual awards. All U12 and below will receive participation awards only per MSYSA guidelines.

U9 thru U12 specific rules:

- a. U9/U10 will play 6 v 6 small-sided games. All kicks will be indirect and there will be no penalty kicks. Offsides will not be called.
- b. U11/U12 will play 8 v 8 and all FIFA rules apply.

Cancellation of Tournament/Fines/Penalties:

In the event that the Tournament Committee cancels the tournament any day prior to the first day of the tournament, the tournament fee will be refunded. If a team is selected by the Tournament Committee, but is unable to complete the tournament registration process, within the dates and times outlined in the acceptance letter, the team will forfeit the tournament fee, and will not be eligible to participate in the tournament. Any player(s) who appears on a team roster, but does not have a player pass card(s), will not be allowed to participate in any tournament games.

General:

There is to be no alcohol, tobacco, pets or firearms of any type allowed on the tournament grounds. This includes all playing facilities. Where applicable, local rules and regulations apply (including local school rules). Lost or stolen items are the sole responsibility of the individual and the tournament will not be liable.

All decisions by the Tournament Director are final.