

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

2024



RULES & PROCEDURES

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30th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

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Rules: This tournament is played under FIFA rules as modified by USYSA and CYSA South. All decisions and calls of the referees are final. **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Tournament Director will resolve any situation not covered by the rules. Only a registered team official/coach may represent a team during any official proceedings.

Player Eligibility: Recreational teams with USYSA are eligible. The current regular season team roster will be allowed to participate.

Recreational: Only registered player for the current fall season and loan players (no Select players allowed).

Age Group Coed/Girls	Max Roster	Loan Players	Players on field
U8	14	7	7
U10	14	7	7
U12	16	7	9
U14	18	7	11
U19	14	7	7

Home team: Home team is listed first and must change jersey or wear bibs if a color conflict occurs as determined by the referee. Home team is responsible for 3 game balls for each match. Teams must be located on opposite sides of the field, along with all spectators associated with a team. Home team will set up on the South or West side of the field.

Misconduct:

1. Two (2) yellow cards in a game equals red card EJECTION, no replacement
2. Any coach, player or spectator who has been ejected will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.
3. Any coach, player or spectator EJECTED for violent or serious foul play will not be allowed to participate for the duration of the tournament.
4. Any coach, player or spectator who assaults a referee will be expelled from this Tournament
5. ID cards will not be returned and will be forwarded to CYSA for violent conduct or referee assaults.
6. If both head coach and assistant coach are ejected before the game ends in regulation time, the game is a forfeited 0-1 final result.

Tournament Regulations: Rosters, medical release forms, player ID cards will be verified at check in. Current laminated USYSA passes will be required for all players and coaches. Team rosters will be frozen once a team has completed check-in. Players are to check in game ready with proper uniform, shin guards, cleats 45 minutes prior to start of first game.

Equipment: Shin guards are **MANDATORY** during tournament play. No soft or hard casts are allowed, no jewelry is allowed. Exceptions to this rule are medical identification bracelets.

Passes and medical releases required at all games.

Players Age Group: Those players during the fall season that played in US are allowed to play in **the U8 division.**

Player cannot play down. Example: players that are registered to a U12 team, but are young enough to play in the U10's are not eligible to play down.

Game Length-Recreational Substitutions: All divisions will have quarter substitution with 50% minimum playing time. All players must play 2 Quarters of each game scheduled.

The fifty percent (50%) play rule for players applies; all exceptions due to illness, injury, or tardiness must be documented on the match report. Offending team will forfeit that match with a resulting score of 0-2 in favor of opposing team

DIVISION	FORMAT	MAX GOALIE	PRELIMINARY	FINALS
U8	7 v 7 no headers	4 QTS.	Two 20-minute halves	Two 25 minute halves
U10	7 v 7 no headers	4 QTS.	Two 20-minute halves	Two 25 minute halves
U12	9 v 9 no headers	4 QTS.	Two 25-minute halves	Two 30 minute halves
U14	11 V 11	4 QTS.	Two 30-minute halves	Two 35 minute halves
U19	7 v 7	4 QTS.	Two 30-minute halves	Two 35 minute halves

Scoring: The point value for preliminary games will be as follows (no overtime or shoot-out in preliminary rounds):

Ten Point Scoring System

- a) Win = 6 points
- b) Tie = 3 points
- c) Loss = 0 points
- d) Goal = 1 point per goal up to three (3) goals
- e) Shut out = 1 point
- f) Forfeit = 8 points to opposing team (0-2 score with no shut-out point).

* Note: A 0-0 tie does not receive an extra point for a shutout for either team.

In the event that teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary round, the tiebreakers shall be as follows:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Number of goals scored
4. Coin toss

All quarterfinal and/or semi-final games will be on a single elimination basis. Quarterfinal and/or semi-finals ending in a tie after regulation time will go directly to FIFA shoot-out (no over time).

The finals in all age brackets that end in a tie will be followed by two 5-minute periods (no sudden death). After the first 5-minute period, teams will change sides. If the game is still tied after the two overtime periods, FIFA shoot-out will be employed to determine the winner.

Refund Policy: Refunds will be made to all teams not accepted. To receive a refund (less \$50.00 administrative fee), teams must request withdrawal prior to the application deadline. Teams that drop after the application deadline will forfeit their entire entry fee. A cancellation fee of approximately one- third of the entry fee will be withheld from each team's refund if the event is cancelled due to weather, acts of terrorism or acts of God. If the tournament is cancelled once it begins, authorizations of any refunds will be determined by the Tournament Director and Committee.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SMOKING OF TOBACCO OR VAPING, PETS, MECHANICAL OR OTHER NOISE MAKERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD