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Tournament Rules and Regulations Section 2, Area A

(Whenever the term “Tournament Director” is used, it shall also be interpreted to mean “or in his/her absence, a designated representative”).

1. Pre-Tournament Activity

- A. A region may choose its representative team(s) to the area tournament by any reasonable means consistent with AYSO rules and philosophies. However, all teams must consist only of their regular season players. No players may be added or dropped and no teams may be formed specifically for the tournament.
- B. Only players officially registered with AYSO by November 1st of the year of the tournament shall be eligible to play in the Area Tournament. The Regional Commissioner shall provide rosters of each team to the tournament together with team colors to the Tournament Director on or before November 25th. Said rosters shall be signed by the Regional Commissioner verifying the players’ eligibility.
- C. The maximum number of players on a team shall be fifteen (15), except for U-16 and U-19 where the maximum number shall be 18 unless a greater number is approved by the Area Director.
- C. In addition to player rosters, the Regional Commissioner shall provide the name, address, telephone number and fax number of the coach to the Tournament Director as well as the team’s record and rank within their Region.

2. Tournament Structure

- A. The hosting region shall appoint a Tournament Director. The Tournament Director shall have jurisdiction over all games played in the tournament. All disputes will be resolved immediately by the Tournament Director or as soon as possible thereafter.
- B. The dates of the tournaments will be selected at an area meeting and all tournaments will be held on these dates. Hosting regions will also be chosen at this meeting. In case of rain, the hosting region will be responsible for making necessary decisions and notifying team representatives of any changes.
- C. Play on the first tournament date will consist of pool play. The winners of pool play will advance to play on the second date. Whenever possible, the first date will be a Saturday and the second date will be the following Sunday. If four teams advance to play on the second date, all teams should play the same number of games. Tournament directors should distribute teams with better records among the pools.
- D. The area will provide trophies for all team members of the winning team. Medals will be provided for the other team(s). Pins will be provided for all participating teams.

2. Teams

- A. A minimum of seven (7) Players constitute a team.
- B. Home team shall change jerseys when a color conflict arises. The first named team is home team. Tournament Directors shall assure that pinneys are available should a color conflict occur and alternate jerseys are unavailable.
- C. Teams shall remain on opposite sides of the field of play as designated, or if there is no designation, the HOME TEAM will have the choice of sides to occupy.
- D. Only two (2) coaches shall be 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. Also, coaches and substitute players shall allow enough room for the assistant referees to carry out their designated duties.
- E. Only players and referees are allowed on the field. All others shall remain at least three (3) yards away from the touchlines and away from the area behind the goal lines; coaches shall stay at least one yard from the touchline.
- F. Properly completed line-up cards, which should be supplied by the teams' Region, shall be presented to the referee prior to the start of the game and shall include the names of all players, present or not, and an explanation for those players who are not in attendance at the game.
- G. Emergency forms with original signatures for each player must be available at each game.
- H. Each player on the team shall wear a shirt with a different number and may not exchange it with another player for the duration of the tournament games.
- I. All players shall, during the entire duration of any tournament match, wear uniforms and proper equipment as required by FIFA and AYSO Laws and Regulations. Shorts shall be no longer than the top of the players kneecap. Headgear shall not be worn by any player except the goalkeeper as permitted by FIFA and AYSO Laws and Regulations.

3. COACHES

- A. Shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming members of AYSO.
- B. Shall at all times encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- C. Shall enforce the Rules & Regulations of AYSO.
- D. Shall participate in positive coaching that instructs and encourages players during games. Negative comments and complaints about the referees is not permitted.

4. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

- A. Referees and Assistant Referees shall be assigned by the Tournament Chief Referee or his designated representative.
- B. All games shall be officiated by a diagonal system of play (one referee and two assistant referees). If three referees are not available for all games, then two club linesmen will be provided, one from each team.
- C. All referees should be of the highest caliber possible.
- D. Referees shall at all times impose the Rules & Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO, the FIFA Laws of the Game and the Tournament rules.
- E. Properly completed and signed line-up cards must be returned to the tournament director.
- F. Any misconduct (yellow cards, red cards, spectator misconduct or coach misconduct) shall be reported to the tournament director immediately after the match.

5. GAMES

- A. All games will be played on fields and times designated by the Tournament Director.
- B. At the direction of the Tournament Director, mandatory water breaks may be imposed.

6. TIE BREAKER

- A. If two teams are tied at the end of the Tournament, the tie shall be broken as follows:
 - 1. Who beat whom, in head to head competition.
 - 2. Goal differential (computed by using a maximum of 3 goals per game, plus or minus).
 - 3. Fewest red cards.
 - 4. Coin toss.

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