

VII. CONDUCT

Coaches, players and spectators are required to conduct themselves within the Laws of the Game. Offensive language and/or conduct will not be tolerated at the tournament site and may result in suspension from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Committee. Zero Tolerance is the code of conduct that will be in effect.

IX. GENERAL

Under no circumstances will the Tournament Committee be responsible for any part of any expenses, including tournament fee, incurred by any team due to, but not limited to, part of or whole cancellation of this tournament.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters, and its interpretation of these rules and their decision shall be final. **NO PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED.**

All teams shall shake hands and are encouraged to exchange patches or pins at the end of each game in the center of the field as a gesture of friendship and good sportsmanship.

IIX. REFUNDS

In the event that the Tournament is cancelled prior to the first game 80% of the entry fee will be refunded as provided by New Jersey Youth Soccer Tournament Guidelines.

IIIX. GOLF CART POLICY

You must have a valid New Jersey Drivers License to operate a Golf cart at the Spring Kick Off Tournaments.

Middletown Spring Kick Off March 21, 2009

I. RULES OF THE GAME

All games shall be played under the laws set down by F.I.F.I. except as modified herein.

II. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

Competition is open to club teams as specified by U.S.Y.S.A. Soccer Guidelines as follows:

BOYS AND GIRLS

Under 8-10 Born on or after 8/1/00 (max. of 14 players)

Under 11-17 Born on or after 8/1/90 (max. of 18 players)

NO GUEST OR SECONDARY PLAYERS ALLOWED

Each team must be registered and in good standing with an association which is affiliated with USYSA/USSF. All players must have a valid players pass rostered to the same team. Players passes, rosters, notarized medical release forms and permission to travel forms (where applicable) shall be checked and/or collected at registration. A field Marshall or a division coordinator will check rosters and players passes prior to the start of each game.

III. PLAYERS EQUIPMENT AND FIELD REGULATIONS

Soccer equipment must adhere to F.I.F.A. laws. NO jewelry shall be worn. Shin guards are mandatory. NO casts or splints shall be allowed. Knee braces, if worn must be completely covered and padded. Any head covering must be worn in a safe manner. NO plastic, metal or similar material must be present that may cause injury to any participant.

FIELD POSITION - U8-10 teams shall occupy opposite sides of the playing field along with their respective parents and spectators. U11-17 teams shall occupy the same side of the playing field with their parents and spectators on the opposite side of the field. Only carded coaches shall be allowed on the team(s) side of the field.

IV. SUBSTITUTION

Unlimited substitution with the referee's permission are allowed at the following times.

- * Prior to own throw-in (U11-17)
- * Prior to throw-in if team in possession substitutes (U8-10)
- * Prior to goal kick by either team
- * At the beginning of any restart for a goal by either team and before a new period of play
- * After an injury, at the referee's discretion (one for one).
- * Players cautioned (Yellow Card) must be substituted immediately and may return after the next stoppage of play.

NO substitution will be allowed on corner kicks.

NO substitution will be allowed for an ejected player.

V. BALL SIZE/DURATION OF THE GAME/STANDINGS

Under 8-12 shall play with a number 4 ball.

Under 13-17 shall play with a number 5 ball.

All games will be played in 2- 25 minute halves/**NO** overtime.

All teams will play 2 games, **NO** playoffs or shootouts.

Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win, 0 points for a loss and 1 point for a tie. The division winner will be the team with the most points at the end of 2 games or the winner of the championship game.

TIE BREAKERS

- 1 - Head to head competition
- 2 - Fewest goals allowed
- 3 - Most shutouts (excludes 0-0 ties)
- 4 - Most wins
- 5 - Most goals scored (up to 5 per game)

In the event of a tie after the 5th tie breaker, the Tournament Committee shall determine the outcome.

NO STANDINGS WILL BE KEPT FOR U8-10 each team will receive a participation award. **Ties will stand.**

VI. INCLEMENT WEATHER

All teams and coaches must appear at the scheduled field and time regardless of the weather conditions, unless otherwise notified by the Tournament Committee. Failure to appear will result in a forfeit.

In the case of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have total authority to change, cancel or reschedule any game and/or format. This may include, but is not limited to the use of a coin toss or penalty kicks (only in U11-17) to determine the winner in extreme conditions.

The Tournament Committee determination shall be final.

VII. FORFEITS

NO grace period will be allowed from the scheduled kickoff time. Teams must be present and ready to play at the scheduled time or forfeit the game. A minimum of 5 players in Under 8-10 and 7 players in Under 11-17 constitutes a team. A forfeit will be recorded as a 1-0 result. In **NO** case shall a team that forfeits a game be eligible for 1st place in their division.