

Rules for the 2011 Midfest Soccer Classic

1. ELIGIBILITY

Tournament is open to presently registered U.S.Y.S.A/U.S.S.F. league or association teams of no more than 18 players. Four(4) guest players will be allowed, but they may only play for one team of appropriate age. Teams from outside OSYSA must submit a USYSA travel permit approved by their state association.

2. LAWS OF THE GAME

International Rules (FIFA/IUSSF) apply with the following exceptions:

Substitutes must be at midfield line

Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee as follows:

- After a goal by either team
- Before any goal kick
- Before a throw-in in your favor
- At the beginning of each period of play
- After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play
- All cautioned players must be substituted

3. AGE

Age groups are in accordance with USSF age group guidelines.

4. GAME FORMAT

Under 08; 50 Min; Finals 50 Min; 6v6 Ball Size-4 SEE SPECIAL NOTE

Under 09; 50 Min; Finals 50 Min; 6v6 Ball Size-4 SEE SPECIAL NOTE

Under 10; 50 Min; Finals 50 Min; 6v6 Ball Size-4

Under 11; 60 Min; Finals 60 Min; 8v8 Ball Size-4

Under 12; 60 Min; Finals 60 Min; 8v8 Ball Size-4

Under 13; 60 Min; Finals 70 Min; 11v11 Ball Size-5

Under 14/15; 60 Min; Finals 70 Min; 11v11 Ball Size-5

SPECIAL NOTE: On the U-08-U-10 6v6 format, there will be a single referee assigned(no AR's)Offside will NOT be enforced, however cherry picking(where an attacking player is judged to be 20-30 yards offside)is considered not in the spirit of the game and will not be allowed.

5. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

All players must wear shin guards with team socks pulled up over the shin guards. Shirts/Jerseys must be tucked into player shorts at all times. Shirts, shorts and socks must be of same team color. Shirts must be numbered. Home team is responsible for using an alternate uniform color, and shall supply a suitable game ball.

6. DISCIPLINE CONDUCT

Any player or coach ordered from the field (RED CARD) by the referee for misconduct shall be suspended from the next game. No substitution will be permitted for the ejected player during that game.

There shall be **NO DISSENT** between player and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee's call is considered dissent. All coaches are urged to solicit support from their fans and parents in monitoring and enforcing this policy.

7. PROTESTS

No protests will be allowed.

8. INCLEMENT WEATHER

The tournament committee shall have the authority to make the following changes:

- Shorten the duration of the games.
- Suspend, temporarily or permanently, any game in progress. Suspended games may or may not be concluded to the originally planned end.
- Cancel or reschedule any or all games.
- If a match is suspended each team must check with Headquarters for further instructions.

9. SCORES:

Coaches must sign the scorecards at the end of each game. Scores will be posted as quickly as possible. Coaches should report any discrepancies between the posted score and actual score to headquarters prior to the next game.

10. STANDINGS:

Each team will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss. The winner of each division will advance to the finals. In the event of ties in the standings, the following procedure will determine the division winner:

- Head to Head Competition.
- Highest number of total net goals (goal Differential) 5 max per game.
- Fewest goals allowed (gross).
- Penalty kicks (FIFA Laws of the game)
- Six team brackets will have two three team divisions. Each team will play one cross over game with a team from the other division. All results from the cross over game will count toward each team's standing except the head to head competition. One team from each division will advance to the finals.
- Four team brackets will play a three game round robin. The first and second place teams as determined by points gained and tiebreakers will advance to the finals.
- Any team that fails to complete a match or leaves the field during play shall be scored as having forfeited that match. The team winning the forfeit will be awarded the average number of goals per match that they have scored in their other preliminary matches, rounded DOWN to the nearest whole number. The opponent's score shall be zero.

11. TIE BREAKERS IN SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL GAMES

- Two 10 minute periods played to their conclusion (No Sudden Death).
- Penalty Kicks (FIFA Laws of the game)

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Coaches must bring all player cards, rosters and medical releases to every game.
- The Tournament Director's interpretation of these rules/regulations shall be final.
- Neither the Middletown Youth Soccer Association or the Tournament will be responsible for loss of funds due to the cancellation of all, or any part, of this Tournament.