

St. Paul Soccer Tournament Rules

General Rules

1. Good sportsmanship is expected of everyone at the tournament – players, coaches, spectators and referees.
2. Anyone deemed by referees or the Tournament Committee to have violated this code of conduct will be dismissed from the field of play and any surrounding areas.
3. For the safety of the players and as outlined in the CYC rulebook, no player may participate with:
 - a. jewelry – including earrings, even if covered
 - b. casts – made of plaster, metal or other hard substance in its final form, even if wrapped or padded
4. Final rosters must be submitted prior to a team's first scheduled game.
5. A minimum of seven players is required to start and finish for 3rd through 8th grade matches.
6. We will observe the current CYC soccer rulebook for all items not specifically addressed here.

Rosters & Players

CYC rules apply. The St. Paul Soccer Tournament is limited to regular season teams only. It is stressed that this tournament is for regular season teams only and not for teams put together explicitly for participating only in preseason tournaments. The Rules Committee of the tournament reserves the right to disqualify teams who violate the spirit of this rule. The primary purpose of our tournament is to provide a top quality tournament for recreational teams and players.

Teams are required to provide rosters properly validated for the current fall season. If for some reason the regular season roster is not available, a properly validated roster from the previous season is acceptable.

By the first game, we must have a copy of your team's roster. Please come to the tournament check in location to turn in your roster before your first game. Your team faces the risk of forfeiting a game if your roster is not turned in as required.

If the Rules Committee questions a player's eligibility, the burden of proof is on the player and the team in question. No player can be added after the first game is played. CYC age limits will be strictly enforced with teams allowed only four overage players; however, the overage players must be in the appropriate grade. NOTE: A player may only play on one team per grade in this

tournament. CYC may allow a player to dual roster during league play but in this tournament, a player cannot play for both teams.

Length of Games

Games will consist of the following with a 5 minute halftime:

- K, 1st & 2nd Grades - two 20 minute halves
- 3rd & 4th Grades - two 25 minute halves
- 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades - two 30 minute halves

Under severe heat conditions, the Tournament Committee may determine that the games may be played in quarters instead of halves with a two minute break between quarters. Substitutions may also be made in any dead ball situation.

Overtime

There will be no overtime until the semi-final or final playoff games. If the score is tied, there will be two five minute periods of golden goal overtime. If the game is still tied, the game will be decided by a penalty kick shootout. If a situation dictates, the rules committee reserves the right to allow co-champions.

Bracket Winners

Bracket winners will be the team with the most points. The wild card team, where indicated, will be the team in the age group scoring the most points of those teams not already bracket winners. The points are based on the following system:

- Win: 6 points
- Tie: 3 points
- Loss: 0 points
- Forfeit Loss: -3 points

In the event of a tie, the winner would be decided on the following criteria:

1. Forfeit losses.
2. Result of head-to-head match
3. Goal differential (difference between goals scored and goals allowed with 4 goals differential a game maximum)

Examples: 5-2 is a 3 goal differential. 6-1 is a 4 goal differential.

Note: Forfeit wins are recorded as 4-0

4. Fewest goals allowed (4 goals a game maximum)
5. Goals scored (4 goals a game maximum)
6. Most shutouts

7. Two 10 minute halves and if still tied, followed by a penalty kick shootout
(The Rules Committee reserves the right to modify this tiebreaker if circumstances dictate otherwise.)

Player Limits

Kindergarten, First & Second Grade

In accordance with the South Central CYC District, kindergarten, first grade and second grade teams will play 8 versus 8. This will mean seven field players and a goalkeeper. Participation awards will be given to all teams in these age groups.

Third & Fourth Grade

In accordance with the South Central CYC District, third and fourth grade will play 8 versus 8. This will mean seven field players and a goalkeeper. No coaches are allowed on the field of play during game action. We will have playoffs for these age groups, as we have for all age groups 3rd grade and above.

Coaches on the Field

In first and second grade brackets only, one coach, per team, will be allowed on the field during game action with the exception of the penalty area. In addition, one coach may stand behind the goal line near his or her own goal area. This coach may not enter the field at any time during the game except for injuries. All other coaches must be within the coach's box on the sideline.

Weather Contingency & Refund Policy

All teams are guaranteed to be scheduled for three games, but there are no guarantees that the three games will be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament (Such as rain, tornado, floods, earthquake, etc.). If games are cancelled due to such circumstances, refunds will be given at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. In the event of inclement weather or poor field conditions, the Tournament Committee shall have the authority to make changes as follows:

- A. Relocate and/or reschedule any game(s)
- B. Reduce up to fifty percent of the scheduled duration of any game(s)
- C. Cancel any game in the preliminary round with no bearing in deciding group winners
- D. Games may be decided by penalty kicks to determine preliminary round games

If the tournament is cancelled (No games played), due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament, a team will get a full refund minus \$50.00 to cover non-refundable expenses incurred (e.g. trophies, non-refundable field rental expenses, field lining costs).

Cancellation of games in the tournament after it has begun will result in \$75 (If only one game has been played) and \$50 (If only two games have been played). There will be no refunds for any games cancelled that exceed the three game guarantee.

Any team that withdraws from the tournament after the schedules have been distributed will forfeit its entry fee. Any games not played due to a forfeit will not result in a refund.

Rules Committee

The committee will consist of the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Scheduler, Head Referee and the Soccer Lay Director. It is important that if you have any questions concerning the rules of this tournament that you direct them only to a member of the Rules Committee. This will help avoid any confusion that may exist because of conversations with the referees, other coaches, etc.

All protests must be filed with the game official in accordance with CYC rules. The protests will be heard and decided upon by the Tournament Rules Committee. The Tournament Director and Rules Committee reserve the right to alter game times, game duration, playoff formats, and number of games played based on weather and darkness. All rulings made by the committee are final.