

Tournament Rules – Easter International Cup Kissimmee, FL

Tournament Headquarters: 4100 Boggy Creek Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34744
Tournament Director: Scott Spencer

RULES AND FORMAT

Age Groups:

U19 January 1- December 31 2005
U17 January 1 – December 31 2007
U16 January 1 – December 1 2008
U15 January 1 – December 31 2009
U14 January 1 – December 31 2010
U13 January 1 – December 31 2011
U12 January 1 – December 31 2012
U11 January 1 – December 31 2013
U10 January 1 – December 31 2014
U9 January 1 – December 31 2015

Roster Sizes:

22 player rosters are allowed for U13-19 but only 18 are eligible for each game and must be designated prior to the start of the game.

18 player roster sizes are allowed for u12 and younger but only 16 players (for U11-12) or 12 players (for u10 and younger) are eligible for each game and must be designated prior to the start of the game.

All games shall be played in accordance with the FIFA laws, except as specifically superseded by these rules.

Round Robin Games may end in a tie.

Group Tie breaker procedures:

1. Results of head to head competition within the group.
2. Goal Differential (4 goal Maximum per Game)
3. Least Goals Allowed (4 goal Maximum per Game)
4. Number of Shutouts
5. Most Goals Scored (4 goal Maximum per Game)
6. FIFA Penalty Kicks (at a time and location to be determined by the Tournament Director)

Knockout stages: All matches must result in a winner.

If the game is tied after regulation then PK kicks per FIFA rules will be used to determine a winner.

Championship Matches only: Resolving Ties Using Overtime Play:

If the match ends in a tie, the teams will be given a five-minute rest and then two overtime periods will be played (i.e. no sudden death). This applies to all age groups.

Length of overtime periods:

Under 12 and younger: each period = 5 minutes: total time = 10 minutes

Under 13 and older: each period = 10 minutes: total time = 20 minutes

If the game is still tied after overtime, then PK kicks per FIFA rules will be used to determine a winner.

Consolation games on the last day may end in a tie.

STAY TO PLAY POLICY: For all teams traveling from beyond Orlando area, teams must book their hotel rooms following the posted hotel policies of the tournament and the Key Bookings housing system.

Refund Policy: Once a team has been accepted, into the tournament with confirmation, there are no refunds for withdrawals.

COVID 19 REFUND POLICY :

If we were forced to cancel the tournament due to federal, state, or local guidelines concerning COVID19, refunds would be issued to teams. Refunds will be determined by subtracting unreimbursed expenses.

Substitutions

Players must enter from the center of the field. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following time

Substitution can be made at any dead ball situation, by either team, unlimited.

2. For U14 Supergroup divisions and U15+, a Maximum of 7 substitutions are allowed. No re-entry of players is allowed. For Non-Supergroups U14 Divisions and all younger divisions, unlimited substitution and re-entry is allowed.

Length of Game/Ball Size

Full Length games per times below for Semifinals/ Finals (Fri and Sat)

Division Length of Game/ Ball Size

U19/17 80 min semifinals / 80 min. finals 5

U16/15 70 min. semifinals / 80 min finals 5

U13/14 70 min. 5 (u12s playing 11v11 are in the U13 division and rules)

U12 60 min 4 with offsides 9v9

U11 60 min 4 with offsides 9v9

U10 50 min 4 with offsides 7v7

NOTE: SSG Modification: There is no heading at U11 and younger

Note: Round robin games **on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** mini-game format and matches will be:

Minigame format for round robin play for U13 and older (3 games) 50 min

Minigame format for round robin play for U12 and younger (4 games)

U12/11/10/9 40 min with offsides

Teams will play round robin matches Wed-Fri in a shortened format. After completing the round robin stages, all teams will be re-seeded into semifinal play on the Saturday for full length games.

All teams will play a minimum of 4 games.

First team listed is the home team and responsible for changing uniforms in case of a conflict with one exception. If the home team is an international team, and the away team is a domestic team, then the away team will be responsible for changing uniforms in case of a conflict. Home teams will be responsible for providing game balls.

Conduct and Discipline Policy

Players sent off and/or coaches removed from a game are automatically suspended from their team's next tournament game.

It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players and coaches. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc., is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player's check-in.

Per IIUSA Rule 504.1, red card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Players may not serve suspensions as "guest players."

The Tournament Committee shall have a Discipline Committee of three (3) members. This committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, coaches, referees, spectators, etc. using the FYSA standards as set by Rules Section 502.

Any player or manager/coach ejected (red carded) will not complete the game in which the ejection occurred. The ejected player or manager /coach will not participate in the next scheduled tournament game regardless of the cause.

Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament in accordance with FY A requirements. The committee's recommendations must be available to the affected parties no later than following the next scheduled match. At the conclusion, of the tournament, passes will be returned to the coach, even if the suspension has not been completed. A complete discipline report will be sent to the FYSA office within 72 hours of the tournament's conclusion for possible further discipline.

All participants and spectators must follow the conduct policies of the associated parks departments and facilities. These include but are not limited to:

No alcohol No smoking

No verbal or physical abuse of anyone

Breaking of conduct policies will be reviewed by the tournament director and action may include: expulsion from complex, expulsion from tournament, and warnings.

For all disciplinary matters including red cards, the tournament will report this to MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS and US Soccer Federation as required. US Soccer will report this to the home Federations of international teams.

Spectator and Coaching Areas:

Teams are to take the same side of the field, with all parents on the opposite side. Coaching areas extend 10 yards each side of the half way line.

Forfeits: Unless superseded by a ruling from the Tournament Director, or his appointed representative, there will be a 15 minute grace period. Forfeit time is at the end of the grace period. A team must have seven or more players present in order to begin or end a match.

Forfeited matches result in a 4-0 win / 0-4 loss and the forfeited team may continue in the tournament unless ruled actions are cause for expulsion.

Tournament Inclement Weather Policy:

Every attempt will be made to have all matches played. Re-scheduled games may be played under lights in the evening or may be scheduled early Saturday /or/ Sunday morning, prior to normal starting time at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Games will continue during rainstorms.

Games will be suspended by the referee or Tournament Director in the event of:

1. Lightning (as determined by the referee or Tournament Director)
2. Hail Storms (as determined by the referee or Tournament Director)
3. Un-playable field conditions (Determined by the referee or Tournament Director)

Tournament Director decisions are final and not subject to appeal. Re-scheduling attempts will be made as quickly and fairly as possible, considering referee and field availability and the normal progress of the Tournament Rules.

As a final solution, it may be necessary to employ a coin toss to determine teams advancing in knockout stages. The safety of players, referees and spectators is the tournament's primary concern followed by fairness to the affected teams and the orderly flow of competition to Divisional championships.

Games Suspended in the First Half:

Attempt to complete one-half of the match prior to the next scheduled game.

If one-half of the match is completed, the game is official and the score stands.

If one-half cannot be completed prior to the next scheduled game then the ...

Game may be re-scheduled with a score of 0-0.

Game may be re-scheduled before start of normal play on Sunday with the score at 0-0.

Game may be canceled and FIFA kicks will be used to determine a winner.

Matches called at Half time or during the second half will be considered as complete and final. The score at that time will stand.

Matches That Cannot Start At the Scheduled Time:

Teams are to remain at the site to begin the match at any point possible prior to 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the next match.

Attempt to play two equal halves, changing ends at mid-point with no break at the half.

All matches must terminate at the time designated as the starting time of the next match unless superseded but the Tournament Director.

If the shortened match time available is less than half of the regularly scheduled time, then the match shall be immediately determined by FIFA kicks from the Penalty Mark.

NOTE!!! In any event, teams must report to the scheduled game site prior to the scheduled starting time, ready to play and may not leave the site until the match is canceled by a Tournament Director.

Rescheduled match

information will be available at the Tournament Headquarters. Teams involved in a canceled match must have a representative check-in with the Tournament Director at the headquarters for re-scheduling information.

Concussion Policy, Per Florida Statute FS 943.0438 {enacted 2012}:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438) Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in her /her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY.

The injured player if able to leave the field on their own must be escorted to their coach, and the coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardians to seek medical attention.

The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The Referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure, that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES or due to the appeal from any coaching staff that the player is allowed to return to the game.

Player Equipment:

In general, Law IV of FIFA laws apply.

When the color of jerseys is similar or identical, the designated HOME team will change colors (i.e. the team listed first on the schedule when reading from L to R, is the home team). The referee shall be the final authority regarding the need to change.

Shin guards are required for all players.

Orthopedic Policy 402.2:

Orthopedic casts can be worn at any sanctioned FYSA tournament with written approval from a doctor and written permission from a tournament official, final judgement as to its safety is at the discretion of the referee. Soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgement as to safety is at the discretion of the referee.

Jewelry Policy

It is the policy of FYSA that no player be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any FYSA sanctioned match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet or necklace when taped to the body. The referee shall make the decision as to the safety of the player and the referee's decision is final. (The taping of any earring shall not be permitted under any circumstances.) If the referee notices a player wearing jewelry while the match is under way at the next stoppage of play, the referee will instruct the player

to remove the item. If the referee deems the jewelry to be dangerous to any player, the referee must stop the match to correct the situation

General:

All judgment decisions of the referee are final and binding and are not protestable.

The Tournament Committee and Director, and all sponsors and organizers, will not be responsible for any expenses

incurred by any team or club if the tournament is cancelled in whole or part, nor will any refunds be made.

The Tournament Committee and Director reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its judgment is final.

Official state USYSA rosters or US Club Soccer or official roster governed by recognized national association, approved guest player rosters (if applicable), laminated player identification/registration cards, and permits to travel must be presented at tournament registration. Rosters must be originals or approved copies with an original official state stamp or embossed certification on the roster. Players cannot compete on multiple teams in the tournament.

Five (5) GUEST PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED. All players must be registered to the team.

If international teams are sanctioned for play: International teams must check in with official team roster, player ID Cards, Passports, official travel permission notification from their governing association/federation.

Tournament Registration is at tournament check-in at headquarters. Prior to each match, teams check in with the referee 30 minutes prior to the match. All documents must be present and available at all matches.

Referees will check Cards against rosters prior to matches.

Uniform numbers must match the game day roster of all players.

All referees are certified by the federation in order to officiate a match.

Teams are scheduled 4 matches during the tournament.

Referees will report scores to the Referee assignor and field marshalls will report scores to the tournament director.

J. Protest:

No protests are allowed.

Equal Rest:

Every effort to provide scheduling that provides equal rest for each team will be a primary consideration; however, the limited fields and weather conditions may prevent this from happening. In any event, the objective is to complete the tournament in the time allowed. All divisions are flighted based on the information given about your team in the application and upon Division directors' knowledge of your team. The goal is to balance the competition as much as possible.

INCLEMENT WEATHER OR UNEXPECTED TERMINATION OF PLAY

Regardless of weather conditions, coaches, players and their teams must appear on the field of play as scheduled, ready to play unless notified by a member of the tournament committee. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match.

Only the referee or the tournament committee may cancel a match due to weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament committee has the authority to reschedule matches or cancel the tournament.

Refund Policy

There are no refunds due to inclement weather cancellation of individual matches. Every effort will be made to complete the tournament in total or partially.

After team has been accepted into the competition, NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN should the team decide to withdraw from the event. Tournament entry fee returns/refunds will be granted, as follows:

- o Within five (5) days after notification that the team has not been accepted.
- . Within five (5) days of cancellation of the tournament.
- o Within ten (10) days of request of withdrawal of the application by a team before acceptance of the application by the tournament.