

Jack Frost Challenge 2010

Rules of the Games

All matches played during this tournament will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. Rules and /or interpretations provided by USYSA and/or NCYSA for youth matches are incorporated. The following items will further interpret these rules for purposes of this tournament and/or will provide the administrative framework for the operation of this tournament.

Player Eligibility

All players must have current USYSA passes and teams must provide USYSA certified (red stamp) match rosters and individual medical waivers. Three (3) guest players are allowed per team if appropriate and valid paperwork is submitted.

Inclement Weather

Regardless of playing conditions, teams must be at the field at the scheduled time ready to play. A forfeit will be awarded if a team is not prepared to play within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled match time.

Game Length

All U10 matches will be scheduled for two (2) twenty five (25) minute Halves, and all U11, & U12 matches will be scheduled for Two (2) thirty (30) minutes Halves and U13 and above will be two (2) thirty-five (35) minute Halves. All games, including the Final Matches, which are shortened by the referee due to the behavior of a team or teams and/or dangerous weather will be considered final and the score will stand. If it is necessary for any playoff, any championship/final game completed to the half, for the designated time (designated time to be determined by the referee before the start of the match), will be considered final. If one half cannot be played or teams are tied after completing one half, both teams will be declared Co-Champions. Games may be shortened if needed.

Scoring Report

The tournament will be responsible for providing a match report. The referee will bring the report to each Field Marshal. The report will then be turned in and scores will become official upon receipt of the match report at tournament headquarters.

Forfeit Match Score

Forfeited matches will be reported as 3-0 for scoring purposes, resulting in 4 points to the team present.

Tie Matches

All ties in preliminary play will stand.

Division Ranking and Team Advancement Criteria

Teams will be awarded points based on each match result as follows:

Win = 3 points Tie = 1 point Loss = 0 points Shut-out = 1 point (only if a team scores)

Total points a team can score in a match is 4 points.

Tie Breaking Criteria at the conclusion of preliminary play.

Teams will be ranked in their playing group based on points earned from wins and ties. The tie will be broken by using the following Criteria,

- a. Result of head to head competition
- b. Fewest goals allowed
- c. Least Penalty Point:
 - 1 yellow card = 1 Penalty point
 - 1 red card = 2 Penalty points
 - Any Coach ejection = 2 Penalty points
- d. FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine the winner at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director

Tie Breaking Criteria at the conclusion of championship play, if necessary

- a. Two (2) five minute overtimes, if still in a tie after second overtime.
- b. A shoot-out with players that remain on the field after the end of the second, overtime.

Teams

Each Team along with their parents/ spectators will take up opposite sides of the field.

Protest

No protests will be entertained concerning interpretation of the Laws of the Game by the referee. Any other protest will be ruled upon by the Tournament Director. Protests must be made in writing no more than one hour after the conclusion of the match being protested and the protest must be accompanied by \$100.00 in cash. The \$100.00 will only be returned if the protest is upheld.

DECISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL.

Ejection Policy

If a player receives a red card during the Tournament, that player does not have to leave the playing area for that game, but will serve a one game suspension at the next game.

If a coach/ parent/spectator are ejected during the Tournament they must leave the facility and serve a one game suspension at the next game. (Coach/Parent/Spectator or Player may not attend the next game)

Rules Interpretation

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to interpret the implementation of all tournament rules as they pertain to matches being played as part of the tournament series. The Tournament Committee's decisions are final for the purpose of tournament play and play will continue even if such decisions are appealed.