

Chicago Sockers Nike Classic Cup

Rules and Regulations

TOURNAMENTS REQUIREMENTS:

- All teams and players participating must be registered and in good standing with their local **USYSA/USSF/FIFA organizations**.
- All teams must bring to the tournament, a completed roster and player passes with photo ID's.
- **Teams from USA** : Team from out of state are required to have official travel permit papers. Players must present picture identification cards (passes) issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, AYSO, other). Teams must provide proof of approval of the team's Federation Organization Member. Teams must include tournament roster and State roster.
- **Foreign Teams** : For a team coming from a CONCACAF nation - players must present passports at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require by United States. Teams are required to have and present player picture identification cards. Tournament rules must require that the team have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.
- For U12 to U14 age groups and up the maximum number of players on the roster is 18 including 3 guest players. U15 and up the maximum number of players on the roster is 22 including 3 guest players but may only dress 18 players per game. No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or **switch** from one team to another during the tournament even in different ages.
- To enter, send the completed form (1 form for each team) along with the entry fee to *Chicago Sockers Nike Classic Cup*, by the entry deadline. Additional copies of this form may be duplicated.
- You will be notified of your acceptance no later than 20 days before the tournament. If you are not accepted, your entry fee will be returned.
- Each player must complete the Emergency Medical Release of Liability Waiver **FROM THEIR HOME STATE SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION**, No Exceptions.
- Players' Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waivers copies will be kept by the tournament officials and will not be returned after the tournament.
- **If a team cancels after acceptance into the tournament, the team will forfeit its entry fee.**
- A full refund will be issued if the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled for any reason. Partial refunds will be issued in a pro-rated basis if some of the games cannot be played for severe weather conditions.

FORMAT:

- Each team will play a minimum of 3 games.
- All age groups will be divided into mini-groups of 3, 4 or 5 teams.
- After round-robin play, the TOP teams will go to a single elimination games playoff/and or final.
- We reserve the right to combine age groups if there are not a sufficient number of teams in any category. The coaches or team manager of any teams involved will be contacted prior to the tournament for their approval.
- We will be using all licensed referees for a Three-man system for age groups **U13 - U19;** Two-man system **U12.**
- The Protest Committee will rule on all protests. All protests must be submitted in writing immediately after the game. Protest can be filed with our tournament organizer along with \$100 fee.
- **Teams requesting hotel accommodations can contact Barb Cole @ 630-920-9028 to obtain a listing of participating local hotels or email her at theperfectplan@ameritech.net**

GAME PROCEDURES:

- Both teams should be on the opposing sideline of spectators.
- Home Team has kick-off and Away Team choice of side.
- In case of jerseys color conflict the Home Team changes jerseys.
- Teams are ready to play at game time or at referee's request.

- Team forfeits its match if late more than 10 minutes after scheduled game time.
- A minimum of 7 players is required to start the game. **A forfeited game is a 3x 0 score.**
- Substitutions shall be unlimited in all age groups. Both teams can sub in any stoppage with exception of corner kicks.
- The Referee will not stop his/her watch for substitutions, only for serious injury or time wasting. In the event of injury it is to the discretion of the head official to stop or add time.
- In the event that adverse conditions, not limited to weather, necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the tournament directors shall have absolute authority to make these changes to best serve the interests of the tournament as a whole, keeping in mind the need to successfully identify winners within a certain time period.
- In round robin play a point system will be used to determine placement within their division
- Point system: 3 points for a WIN - 1 point for a TIE - 0 points for a LOSS – 3 points for Forfeit - 1 point for shutout (no point awarded for 0x0 tie).
- Standings in each group will be determined by or in the event of a tie when deciding a group, winner or wild card, the following will be the tie breaker:
 - A. Points
 - B. Head to Head
 - C. Net goal differential (goals scored – goals against. Up to 3 goals per game).
 - D. Goal For
 - E. Goals Against
 - F. Coin toss
- The Tournament Director will make all determinations of teams advancing.
- The Tournament Director, to insure that two teams from the same group will not play each other in the opening game of the subsequent round, will adjust schedules.
- In playoffs games, if the game is tied at the end of regulation time, games will be decided by penalty kicks according to FIFA rules.
- In the event of inclement weather the length of game times and number of games may be adjusted. The tournament committee will attempt to adjust all game schedules so that the minimum number of games for each team can be completed in a within the dates of tournament and championship games can be contested.

Games duration:

U9 - U10 → 2 x 25 minutes

U11 - 12 → 2 x 30 minutes

U13 U18 → 2 x 35 minutes

Final games will be played in 60 minutes time slot as follow:

U9 – U12 ⇔ 2 x 20 minutes + Penalty kicks

U13 – U18 ⇔ 2 x 25 minutes + Penalty kicks

Balls size: U8 - U12 size 4 and all U13 and older teams play with size 5.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:

- All equipment must conform to IYSA/USSF rules due to insurance regulation.
- Casts and braces: The referee for each match will be the sole judge as to whether a player wearing an orthopedic cast or braces shall be eligible to participate.
- Goggles: Players with prescription glasses must wear sport goggles while participating in our event.
- Protective equipment: All players in every age group will be required to wear FIFA approved protective shin guards at all times while actively participating in a game.
- USSF guidance to referees has always been that a player may not use equipment or wear anything, which is dangerous to himself/herself or another player (including any kind of jewelry).

PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS CONDUCT:

- Red Carded players will be disqualified for the next scheduled game. This includes semi-finals and finals.
- Managers /Coaches will be responsible for the behavior of their fans.

- Any serious complaint or misconduct of a team, its players, coaches or fans will be reported to the respective organization and any referee assault will be dealt according to USSF Rule 1108.
- The site directors have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought by any other authority.
- Tournament Directors may suspend any offending manager/coach/players for the duration of the tournament if further disciplinary action is appropriate.
- If a coach has multiple teams in the tournament, any suspension shall be applicable to each age group in which the infraction occurred unless further disciplinary action is taken against this individual.
- Any team entering or attempting to enter a player into a game without the proper registration and or having been processed through the tournament registration process will result in a forfeit of the affected game; an offense of such action may result in a \$250 fine with all players card held until the fine is paid; and the team coach and Club may be subject to report to Illinois and the team/Club's home State sanctioning bodies.

GENERAL:

- The tournament committee will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in whole or part of this tournament.
- The tournament committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to decide on all tournament matters.
- Violation of tournament rules may result on immediate elimination from tournament competition.