



2009 AYSO+ POSTSEASON (ELECTIVE) TOURNAMENT December 12 & 13, 2009



RULES, REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

1. Registration & Acceptance

- Team application/roster form and roster revisions will be generated using an electronic process – ayso11l.org, click on 2009 Plus Tournament. The deadline for electronic application and roster submission is December 1, 2009.
- Hard copies of the application/roster form, (signed by your Regional Commissioner) and payment in full must be received by the deadline of December 4, 2009. **ONLY** hardcopies of electronic submissions of the team roster through the official website will be accepted. No handwritten copies/corrections will be accepted.
- Each team must provide a three (3) person referee team, capable of officiating a game at the gender/age of said team, as a condition of consideration for acceptance.
- The team entry fee of \$125 must be sent in with the application/roster hard copy. Instructions for mailing payment will be on the application confirmation form.
- **A limited number of teams will be accepted. Acceptance will be based on submission of all required documentation (in hard copy form), information and payment – ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

2. Dates & Locations

- The tournament will be held on the weekend of December 12 & 13, 2009, weather permitting and will be subject to completion of Area 11-L playoffs the prior weekend of December 5 & 6, 2009 due to field availability. Games will be played on venues local to South Orange County.

3. Rules & Jurisdiction

- Except as noted below current AYSO Plus and AYSO National Rules and regulations shall apply to this tournament. The following rules are intended for this tournament specifically.
- The tournament director (or a designated representative) shall have full jurisdiction over all games played. Any and all disputes will be resolved by the end of a given day. The tournament director, in conjunction with the tournament operating committee (Referee Administrator and Operations Administrator), reserves the right to alter the tournament rules and regulations should contradictory rules or unusual conditions exist requiring such action. Any such decisions made shall be final.

4. Teams

- Team eligibility – **ONLY** teams participating in the Fall 2009 AYSO+ program are eligible to participate in the tournament.
- The tournament director shall have full jurisdiction over eligibility and/or acceptance of individual teams.

5. Players

- Player eligibility – Only players that were listed on the team's Fall 2009 roster, as submitted to the AYSO+ Program Director, may be placed on the team's tournament roster. No substitutions or guest players will be permitted.
- Player's playing age is determined as of July 31, 2009.
- Roster size – 10 players maximum (U10). 15 players maximum – U11-U14.
- Coaches are responsible for carrying picture ID cards (signed by the RC and laminated) and current AYSO medical release forms with original parent/guardian signatures for each of their players. Player(s) in non-compliance will not be allowed to play until such time as the deficiency has been corrected.
- Teams registering or playing ineligible players or not playing their players a minimum of one-half of each game shall be excluded from the remainder of the tournament, and all their games will be forfeited.

6. Check-in

- Check-in will be required a minimum of one half (1/2) hour before a team's first game.
- Coaches ONLY need to be present for check-in.
- Players do NOT need to be present for check-in.
- The Tournament will provide line up cards and game cards based on the information submitted electronically/validated against team rosters submitted to the AYSO+ Program Director.
- Only tournament officials can verify the registration of a player.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring the eligibility of their players.

7. Tournament Format

Teams will play a format determined by the number of teams registered for the tournament in each age bracket.

- Duration of play shall be kept by the referee and defined by the schedule listed below. There will be no time stoppage during substitution breaks.
 - **U10 Pool Play Games = 50 minutes**
 - **U11/U12 Pool Play Games = 60 minute**
 - **U13/U14 Pool Play Games = 60 minutes**
 - **All Medal Round Games = Regulation Time**
- Pool play games may end in a tie.
- Medals will be awarded for 1st – 4th place teams in each bracket. Coaches will be advised as to medal distribution methodology at check-in. All players and coaches will receive a tournament pin.
- Standings in pool play will be determined by the following point system:
 - Win - 6 points
 - Tie - 3 points
 - Shutout - 1 point (0-0 tie awards the 1 shutout point to each team)
 - Loss - 0 points
 - Goals scored - 1 point per goal for max. 3 point per game

- Ejection - (-1) point per ejection of each coach, player or spectator. (no limit)
- A forfeit shall be recorded as a score of 1-0. A team who forfeits one game in pool play will forfeit all games in the pool play round.
- In pool play, the following tie breakers will be used:
 - Head-to-head play - outcome of the game involving the tied teams
 - Goal differential - goals scored less goals allowed (max. +/- 3 per game)
 - Team with the most goals for (max 3 per game)
 - Team with fewest goals against (max 3 per game)
 - Team with the fewest red cards issued (no limit)
 - Kicks from the penalty mark.
- Medal round games may not end in a tie. If a tie exists at the end of regulation time, then "kicks from the penalty mark" shall be used to decide the winner. The kicks may be moved to a goal not used in the game if an appropriate goal is available and the action is deemed necessary to allow another game to begin.

8. Games

- The "home" team is the first team listed on the schedule. They will have their choice of sidelines and will kick off. The "away" team will have choice of direction.
- Spectators must remain on the same side of the field as the team. Coaches are responsible for the actions of the team spectators. Coaches are confined to their respective side of the field within the coaching area (10 yards on either side of the centerline). Spectators must also remain on their side of the field.
- Any player, coach or spectator sent off must immediately leave the field and will be prohibited from playing, coaching, or attending their team's next played game. Each ejection shall be reviewed by the tournament director and may have the suspension extended beyond the mandatory one game suspension.
- All games shall be played as scheduled and will start and end on time. Exceptions hereto shall only be with the authorization of the tournament director (or his designee).
- Failure of a team to be ready at the scheduled kick-off time shall constitute a forfeit for that team and shall be recorded as a 1-0 win for the other team.
- Failure of both teams to be ready at the scheduled kick-off time shall constitute a double forfeit and shall be recorded as a loss for both teams. (Each team shall receive zero points for the game).
- Lineup cards will be prepared by the tournament based on information from online registration and will be given to the referees officiating the match. Referees will perform a player validation and safety check prior to the match.
- In the event of a color conflict the home team shall change jerseys. The home team shall present the referee with two game balls.

9. Coaches

- Coaches are limited to two per team and must stay within ten yards of the half-way line and a yard away from the touchline at all times during the game.
- Coaches (maximum of two per team) are responsible for wearing their Coach ID card, issued by the AYSO+ program, when performing their duties as a coach. Failure to comply may result in the individual being deemed ineligible to coach any game until the deficiency has been corrected.

- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators and players, as well as their own behavior.
- Spectators must stay well clear of the touch line and stay between the penalty areas, (18 yard line), in order to allow players and referees to do their jobs.

10. Referees

- All games shall be officiated using the diagonal system with a Center Referee and two Assistant Referees.
- It is the responsibility of each participating team to provide a 3 person referee team in accordance with the team's eligibility requirement.
- If a referee team fails to execute its assignment(s) properly, to include furnishing a 3 person team capable of officiating a game in the level assigned, a two (2) point deduction will be assessed to the team that said referees were representing.

11. Send Offs (red cards)

- A send-off will result in a one game suspension at minimum. Ejections for abusive language, violent conduct or unsportsmanlike behavior may result in additional sanctions, to include exclusion from the remainder of the tournament, at the discretion of the tournament director.
- Suspended coaches, players or spectators shall not be allowed within one hundred yards of the playing field from one hour prior to game start until after game completion.
- Players, coaches or spectators receiving two send offs (red cards) will be excluded from further tournament participation.
- Teams receiving a cumulative total of three send offs (red cards) will be excluded from further tournament participation.
- All prior cautions (yellow cards) are cancelled going into this tournament. All prior send offs (red cards) shall remain in force.
- All decisions in these matters shall be at the discretion of the tournament director.
- **Referees are responsible to report any ejection (red card) and/or sendoff immediately after the conclusion of the match. Reporting to be done to the Tournament Referee Administrator.**

12. Protests

- No protest shall be allowed, and referee calls shall not be subject to dispute.