

Fall Ball 2008 Tournament Rules

Eligibility. Eligibility. The tournament is open to accepted teams composed of no more 18 players (11v11); 14 players (8v8) and 12 players (6v6). All teams must be currently registered with their State, National or Provincial Association. No all-star teams will be permitted. Four guest players (U8 - U11) or Five guest players (U12 - U14) may be added to the original or registered roster; (the maximum roster size can not be exceeded). No player shall be allowed to register with more than one (1) team or switch from one (1) team to another during the tournament. Females are permitted to play on male team. Males are not permitted to play on female teams. Travel permission forms must be filed by all out-of-state teams.

Age. Player passes with photograph and duly authorized by their appropriate USSF State Registrar or US Club Soccer must be presented at registration and before each game to the field supervisor.

Laws of The Game

International Rules (FIFA/USSF) apply with the following exceptions:

A. Goalkeepers may not be fairly charged in the goal box.

B. Offsides will not be called at the U8 and U9 level (blatant offsides is highly discouraged).

C. Substitutions may be made as follows:

1. After a goal by either team
2. Before any goal kick
3. Both teams can sub on throw-ins so long as the team awarded the throw-in is attempting to sub.
4. At the beginning of any period of play
5. In case of injury (one for one)
6. On a yellow card – to replace a cautioned player.

Game Format

Age		Preliminary Games	Semi Finals and Finals	Ball Size	Offsides	Ref System
U13 & U14	11v11	60 Minutes	70 Minutes	5	yes	3
U11 & U12	8v8	50 Minutes	60 Minutes	4	yes	3
U10	6v6	50 Minutes	50 Minutes	4	yes	3
U8 & U9	6v6	50 Minutes	50 Minutes	4	none	1

Discipline Conduct. Any player or coach ordered from the field by the Referee for misconduct shall be suspended from the next game. Additional games may be added depending on the severity of the incident. No substitution will be permitted for an ejected player.

Forfeits. Forfeits. A minimum of seven (7) players for 11v11; 6 for 8v8 and 4 for 6v6 constitutes a team. A 10 minute grace period will be extended beyond kick off time before a forfeit will be declared. Failure to complete a match, or a team leaving the field during play, will result in forfeiture. No team that has forfeited a game will be declared a wild card or group winner. Winning teams will be awarded a four to nothing score.

Scores. All scores will be posted at the tournament headquarters – Miami Whitewater Fields - and at your field site. Scores posted to the internet are not official scores. Decisions on which teams advance to the semi-finals and finals will be made by the tournament director at the tournament headquarters – Miami Whitewater. Both coaches must sign official game card from Referee

Standings. Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win; one (1) point for a tie; and nil (0) points for a loss. In the event of ties in the standings, the following procedure will determine the Group Winner: If three or more teams are tied, start with step #2. After one team is eliminated, we do not go back to step #1, we continue on to the next step.

1. Winner of the game played between tied teams 2. Highest number of total net goals - goal differential with a maximum of (4) four goals per game. (Example: a score of 9-3 is a goal differential of +4 for winning team and -4 for the losing team) 3. Fewest total goals allowed 4. Penalty Kicks (FIFA-laws of the game)

Tie Breakers Semi-Final/Final Round

1. Two (2) 10 minute periods played to their conclusion 2. Penalty kicks (FIFA-laws of the game)

Protests. Protests must be presented in writing to Tournament Headquarters within one (1) hour of completion of game and must be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00. Referee judgment will not be a basis for protests. Coaches wishing to file a protest shall notify the referee of this intention before the completion of the game.

Players Uniforms & Equipment

Teams must wear numbers on their shirts. In the event of a color conflict, the home team will change color – (1st team listed on the schedule is the home team)

General

1. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules shall be final. 2. Only team members and guest players registered on teams official roster will receive a trophy. Coaches are not eligible for this individual award. 3. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the Fall Ball Tournament. In the event of inclement weather (i.e. rain, heat, poor conditions, etc.) the tournament will post information on the website at: www.westside-soccer.com and shall have the authority to change the format as follows:

1. Relocate and/or reschedule any game. 2. Reduce by up to 50% the scheduled duration of any game, excluding semi-finals and finals. 3. To cancel any game in the preliminary round which has no bearing in deciding group winners. 4. Cancel any or all games if necessary. 5. The Tournament Committee, The Westside Soccer Club, Inc., shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred if the weather causes any cancellations of scheduled games.