

# Dubuque Soccer Fest 2011 Tournament Rules

## LAWS OF THE GAME

• All games will be played in accordance with the laws of AYSO, Region 419 and FIFA except as noted below.

### PLAYER/TEAM EUGIBILITY

• Players age per Division

(U-8 8/1/02 thru 7/31/04) (U-10 8/1/00 thru 7/31/02) (U-12 8/1/98 thru 7/31/00) (U-14 8/1/96 thru 7/31/98)

-A player may play for only one team in the tournament. All teams must be registered with a Region under the control of AYSO Section 6 Area E , Regions 419, 719, 1103, 1112, 1468, and 1507.

• All team rosters must be approved by their appropriate Regional Commissioner. If a violation is determined during a pre-medal round match, the match in process and all previous matches will be forfeited. If the violation is determined during a medal match, the match in process and future matches will be forfeited (the results of the previous matches will stand). Each team must have at least 75% of their current roster, Exceptions must be approved by the Tournament Director.

U-8s will have a maximum roster of 12, U-10s will have a maximum roster of 16, U-12s and U-14 will have a maximum roster of 18, CO-ED must be half of each gender or approved by their RC and Tournament Director.

Roster changes must be approved by the Tournament Director during the course of the tournament.

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

-Copy of current Regional approved roster on file with the Tournament Registrar.

### MATCH INFORMATION

-All teams must report to the Match Referee for check-in 10 minutes before each scheduled match. The Match Referee will conduct an equipment check.

Teams may play down by two (2) players the opposing may choose to match or play down by one (1) player. Any team fielding a team with less than two (2) player rule will forfeit the match.

- A match will be considered a forfeit if a team is more than five minutes late for a scheduled match; refuses to field a team when the referee indicates that the match is to begin; if a team quits a match before its conclusion. Or playing down more than two (2) players.

-In the event of a forfeit, the score will be 3-0 and the winning team will be awarded 3 points, The winning team will not receive the bonus one(1) point for a shutout. **A team forfeiting a match is disqualified from the tournament.**

**OFF SIDES-** does not have to be blatant to be called (U-8)

**THROW INS** - one chance only.

**Heading only at U-12 and U14. Slide tackling, Bicycle kicks, and Flip throw-ins are PROHIBITED at all levels.**

### LENGHT OF MATCHES

• In accordance with Region 419 This may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director. U14 are 24 min. halves. Halftime for 10,12,14 5 min

-All matches will be running time and start at the scheduled time except for a major delay, e.g. serious injury. U-12 and younger will use a #4 ball; U-14 and older will use a #5 bail. U-8 use a size #3 ball.

-The team listed first on the match schedule is the Home Team; the Home Team provides the game ball (if tournament balls are not available) and kicks off; the Visiting Team will receive and defend the north or east goal.

### UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

-The Home Team will change jerseys or use pennies if the referee determines there is a conflict. All players must wear shin guards covered with socks. No jewelry allowed.

- Players with a hard cast are not permitted to play (no exceptions).

**SUBSTITUTIONS** In accordance with Region 419

-UNLIMITED with the referee's consent prior to the substituting team's throw-in or corner kick and opposing team may also substitute; prior to either team's goal-kick; or after an injury requiring an attendant. The injured player must be substituted (not including goalkeeper), and the opposing team may substitute a like number.

Substituting player must be at the halfway line. **Exception being, U-8 only Substitute at Quarter Breaks.**

### **DISCIPLINE**

Any player or coach receiving a red card will be suspended for the remainder of the match, and the next match. Two yellow cards in the same match equals a red card.  
-The coach must report to the Tournament Director to determine eligibility for any player or coach receiving a red card.

### **TEAM/SPECTATOR**

-Both teams will be on the same side of the field. Team access will be designated. All spectators will be on the other side of the field, three yards back from the touchline.  
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents, coaches, and spectators at all times and locations during the tournament. Alcohol is strictly prohibited at the Dubuque Soccer Complex and by AYSO policy. NO PETS allowed at the Dubuque Soccer Complex!  
- Harassment of the referees is unacceptable and may lead to the clearing of the area of spectators or coaches and/or suspension of play. The Tournament Director will then decide the outcome of the match if suspended. KIDS ZONE is always in effect.  
SCORING SYSTEM – Win = 3 Points; Tie = 1 Point; Shutout- 1 point; Loss = 0 Points.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR TROPHY MATCHES**

-Top teams with the most points in each pool of the group advance. Pools with only four or five teams, the final standings will be based on points earned in pool play. If you play a cross pool game it will count towards your overall standings.  
-Tiebreakers will be (in order): head-to-head competition; goal differential (up to a maximum of 1- 3 per game); fewest goals allowed; penalty kicks. Once a tie is broken between multiple teams then the tiebreaker starts over between remaining teams. If both teams are still tied then penalty kicks will determine the advancing team.  
-In trophy match games only, if a game ends in a tie the teams will play two 5-minute golden goal overtime periods. All levels may substitute during the second 5 minute period. If still tied after overtime, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner. Only the players on the field at the end of overtime will take the penalty kicks in the first round. A coin flip will decide which team shoots first. First round is 5 vs. 5, each team alternating penalty kicks. Second round is sudden death, each team alternating penalty kicks from players on the bench. Only the Referees and players taking the penalty kicks are allowed on the field, Coaches, Reserve Players, and Spectators are to remain off the field.

### **TOURNAMENT RULES COMMITTEE**

-The tournament rules committee consists of the Tournament Director, Referee Coordinator, Region419 RC and Dubuque Kiwanis Tournament Rep.  
-The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right and authority to: group age divisions based on team availability; relocate and/or reschedule match times; reduce up to half the duration of matches; cancel preliminary matches which have no bearing in deciding group and/or division winners; decide the final tournament standings and trophy winners.  
'The decisions and/or interpretations of the Tournament Committee and the referees are final. No protest will be allowed.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

•Refunds, if any, due to cancellation of the tournament or games, shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

### **POINT OF CONTACT**

Team manager or team coach must have a good contact number to be kept on file with the Tournament Registrar in case the tournament has to get in contact with the teams For any reason i.e. cancellation late game change ect..