



Sponsored by AYSO Region 112 La Verne, California

## 21st Annual Great Western Shootout Tournament AYSO Invitational Tournament Rules



CATEGORY	RULE
<b>1) JURISDICTION</b>	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 1, Area U and FIFA Laws of the Game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</p>
<b>2) FEES</b>	<p>A. Entire entry fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.).</p> <p>Fees are: U-10 \$550 (\$350 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit), U-12 \$625 (\$425 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit), U-14 \$625 (\$425 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit), U-16/U-19 \$625 (\$425 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit).</p>
<b>3) ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>A. Applications are due on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011</p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of the receipt of their applications.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If a team chooses not to be on a waiting list, the application and entry fee will be returned within 48 hours of notification.</p> <p>D. The primary form of communication between the Tournament and applying teams will be email and the Tournament website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email and Internet access.</p>
<b>4) REFUNDS</b>	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the tournament will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing less than 30 days before the start of the tournament will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found, less any costs to register that replacement team.</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued, less the cost of any pre-ordered items (items for sale by the tournament which are not included with the registration fee).</p> <p>D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the tournament.</p> <p>E. All refunds will be sent to the Regions mailing address, no refunds will be sent to coaches, referees or parents.</p> <p>F. Any team or teams that are ejected from the tournament will forfeit their Entry Fee and Referee Deposits.</p>
<b>5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION</b>	<p>A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date it will be cancelled, there will be no rainout dates. Any pre-ordered items will be sent to the team.</p> <p>B. If the tournament is cancelled due to weather during the Tournament (after partial completion), refunds will be made to teams on a prorated basis, based on the number of actual games played. If the three game guarantee has been met, no refund will be given.</p> <p>C. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, then a full refund will be sent to all teams, less the cost of any pre-ordered items (items for sale by the tournament which are not included with the registration fee). Any pre-ordered items will be sent to the team.</p>
<b>6) PLAYERS/TEAMS</b>	<p>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO, and have played in the Fall 2010 season in a minimum of one-half of the games for which they were eligible. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p>B. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be received by the Tournament Registrar prior to the tournament. There will be no roster changes allowed on tournament day.</p> <p>C. 3 Guest Players (players from a different Region from the applying team's Region) will be allowed for each team, however, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner (who must verify their eligibility) and the Host Team Regional Commissioner (see Guest Player Form).</p> <p>D. Coed teams will not be accepted.</p> <p>E. Divisions U-16 and U-19 will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 18 players per team.            Division U-14 will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team.            Division U-12 will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team.            Division U-10 will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team.</p> <p>F. All players must play at least half of each game. We encourage <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> play if your roster permits.</p>

	<p>G. Falsifying eligibility of player(s) will result in the team's expulsion from the tournament and all games forfeited. The respective Regional Commissioner will be notified of the infraction.</p> <p>H. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director.</p>
<b>7) COACHES</b>	<p>A. Each team is limited to two coaches but must have two – one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach. These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster and must possess / display the GWS Picture I.D. Badge issued at check-in.</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number, be a currently registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level and must. Proof of coach certification and training will be verified by the coach and assistant coach attaching their training record from eAYSO to the roster. Instructions to download a copy of your coach certification are included in this packet.</p> <p>C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO and "Kids Zone" behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.</p>
<b>8) REFEREES</b>	<p>A. Each team in the tournament will provide a crew of 3 referees. These referees will be assigned up to 3 games, based on their qualifications and may include a "stand-by" assignment.</p> <p>B. All referees must be an AYSO registered and trained volunteer and be Safe-Haven Certified.</p> <p>C. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>D. Referees for U16/U-19 games must be National level. Referees for U-14 games must be Advanced level or above. Referees for U-12 games must be Intermediate level or above. Referees for U-10 games must be Regional or above.</p> <p>E. Youth referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing.</p> <p>F. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the Referee Badge. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p> <p>G. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded (see REFEREE PLAN for more details).</p> <p>H. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p> <p>I. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO Rules and Regulations and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p> <p>J. At the conclusion of pool play games and subsequent shootout competition, the match referees must return the completed game cards to the Referee Tent.</p>
<b>9) FIELDS</b>	<p>A. Teams from all games shall remain on opposite sides of the field of play. The Home Team will have the North or East side of the field to occupy. The Home Team shall kick off to start the match and Visitors shall choose initial direction of play (no coin toss required).</p> <p>B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</p> <p>C. Please observe the following Facility Use Rules while attending the tournament: NO DOGS and NO SMOKING.</p>
<b>10) FORMAT</b>	<p>A. This is a pool-play tournament. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools. Each team will play a minimum of 3 preliminary play games within their respective pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple brackets / flights.</p> <p>B. Teams will advance from qualifying pools based on pool play standings points. The number of teams advancing per pool will be determined by the number of pools in the division. See advancements, section 15.</p>
<b>11) CHECK-IN</b>	<p>A. Teams must check in 60 minutes prior to their first game at the "Check-in Tent", where both Coaches will be issued Picture I.D. Badges and must present the five (5) GWS Game Cards (provided by the Tournament Staff at acceptance into the tournament) and the player medical release forms (with wet signatures) for verification by tournament officials.</p> <p>B. The Game Cards must be properly completed with the players listed by first name-last name in jersey number order. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application. All players listed on the roster must appear on each game card, even if there is an expectation that one (or more) might miss a scheduled game.</p> <p>C. Coaches must keep Player Registration Forms with them at all times and ready for presentation to Tournament Officials. Late arriving players must be escorted to the check-in station by a team official along with their Player Registration Form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.</p>

<p><b>12) GAMES</b></p>	<p>A. Pool play games will consist of 20 to 30 minute halves depending on the age division (see chart below) with a five minute half time. There will be a running clock during the match including substitutions. There will be no time added on for injuries or time wasted in qualifying rounds. Games will expect to end on time, and may be shortened if they started late. Pool play games may end in a tie.</p> <p>B. Championship games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below).</p> <p>C. Game duration shall be as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="402 331 927 485"> <tr> <td>Division</td> <td>Pool Play</td> <td>Semi, Final Rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-10:</td> <td>20 minute half</td> <td>20 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-12:</td> <td>20 minute half</td> <td>25 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-14:</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-16:</td> <td>30 minute half</td> <td>35 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-19:</td> <td>30 minute half</td> <td>35 minute half</td> </tr> </table> <p>D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the game ball. The home team will be situated on the North or East side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or West side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.</p> <p>E. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places.</p> <p>F. FORFEITS: Teams must check in at the designated Field Coordinator Station 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 1-0 for the remaining team (See STANDINGS for the points to be awarded). For U-10 division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For U-12 the minimum number is 6 players. For all other divisions, there must be a minimum of 7 players to continue a game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned and a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>G. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Tournament Committee may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions; and may distribute awards according to games played and points. The Tournament Committee will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.).</p> <p>H. ABANDONED GAMES: if any pool play games cannot be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament, the final standings of the pool will be determined by applying the Winning Percentage formula (Total Points Earned in all Game Played divided by Total Points Possible for the Number of Games Played) to each team in the pool. Note. This does not apply to games which were shortened due to late a late start. Only the Tournament Director or designee can declare a game to be abandoned or not played.</p>	Division	Pool Play	Semi, Final Rounds	U-10:	20 minute half	20 minute half	U-12:	20 minute half	25 minute half	U-14:	25 minute half	30 minute half	U-16:	30 minute half	35 minute half	U-19:	30 minute half	35 minute half
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<p><b>13) SUBSTITUTIONS</b></p>	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed at the Half and approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions U-10 through U-14, and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee.</p> <p>B. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made for injured players; however, they may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission).</p> <p>C. Substitutions in overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of each period only.</p> <p>D. Substitutions in U-16/U-19 will be monitored substitution according to the AYSO Experimental Program for U-16/U-19 Play. Playing time for each player will be recorded on a special time monitoring form by a tournament official or player representative. Substitutions will be allowed at a stoppage of play as allowed by the referee.</p>																		
<p><b>14) STANDINGS</b></p>	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the "ten-point system" as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="467 1430 1247 1598"> <tr> <td>WIN</td> <td>= 6 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TIE</td> <td>= 3 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LOSS</td> <td>= 0 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GOAL</td> <td>= 1 point per goal up to a maximum of 3 per game, win or lose.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SHUTOUT</td> <td>= 1 point for a shutout, including a 0-0 tie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FORFEIT</td> <td>= 8 points (scored as a 1-0 win)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SEND-OFF</td> <td>= 2 point deduction for any player, substitute, coach or spectator</td> </tr> </table> <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head to head competition</li> <li>Goals allowed (fewest number advances)</li> <li>Shoot Out head to head result (if no head to head matchup exists, then most number of shootout wins)</li> <li>Shoot Out goals scored (total)</li> <li>Goal differential (goals scored to three per game less total goals allowed; highest differential advances)</li> <li>Coin toss at the end of pool play.</li> </ul> <p>C. Wildcard teams will be the team(s) with the highest standings points from all teams in the division who are not automatically advancing.</p> <p>D. Standings will be updated hourly at the Tournament Scoreboard. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be at the conclusion of Pool Play.</p>	WIN	= 6 points	TIE	= 3 points	LOSS	= 0 points	GOAL	= 1 point per goal up to a maximum of 3 per game, win or lose.	SHUTOUT	= 1 point for a shutout, including a 0-0 tie	FORFEIT	= 8 points (scored as a 1-0 win)	SEND-OFF	= 2 point deduction for any player, substitute, coach or spectator				
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<b>15) ADVANCEMENTS</b>	<p>A. Pool winners (and in some cases wildcard teams) will advance to medal round play.</p> <p>B. Teams will play semi-final and/or championship final matches, depending on the number of teams in each pool and the format of play for that flight.</p> <p>C. Cross pool play may be necessary depending on the number of teams in the brackets/flights. Where cross-pool play is established, highest overall points will determine which team advances. Where uneven pools exist, a multiplier shall be applied to determine the best 2<sup>nd</sup>. If a team fails to show for their game, a forfeit will be awarded to the remaining team. Teams will advance from qualifying pools based on pool play standings points.</p>
<b>16) MEDAL-ROUNDS</b>	<p>All medal round matches ending in a tie will have two full overtime periods of five minutes in length with teams changing field direction after the first five minute period. In these matches, if still tied after overtime play, the game shall be decided by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark. Only players on the field at the end of the second overtime period are eligible for kicks from the mark and the number of those players shall be reduced to equate with the number of opponents eligible before the kicks from the mark begin. Each team will take up to 5 alternating kicks at the same goal, in an order determined by the coaches, and the best of 5 shall be declared the winner. If the game is still tied after 5 kicks have been taken by each team, then each team will take additional kicks and continue in order until one team scores and the other team fails to score. Each kick must be taken by a different player, and every eligible player must have taken a kick before any player takes a second kick. Goalkeepers may be changed after any kick.</p>
<b>17) AWARDS</b>	<p>A. Medals will be presented to all players and two coaches from the first through the fourth-place teams in each division. In addition, Winners of the Shoot Out Competition in each Division shall receive medals.</p> <p>B. A tournament pin will be presented to each player and two coaches.</p>
<b>18) CONDUCT</b>	<p>A. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team, enforce the no dogs and no smoking policies, and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain behind the control line and between the 18-yard lines (penalty areas in small fields). Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching / technical area (within ten yards either way from halfway line).</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.</p> <p>C. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of his/her parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the team's next official game and the shootouts that may follow those games. In addition, standings point deductions as outlined herein shall be applied. There will be no protesting of Red cards.</p> <p>D. Any violent conduct red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament.</p> <p>E. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, that coach will be barred from further participation in the tournament.</p> <p>F. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>G. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.</p>
<b>19) MEDICAL/FIRST AID</b>	<p>A. Emergency 911 will be utilized for all injuries requiring professional medical assistance.</p> <p>B. First aid kits will be available at all venues. There will be a First Aid station at the main tent where participants may receive ice, etc. for minor injuries.</p> <p>C. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the First Aid / Registration station.</p>
<b>20) UNIFORMS/SAFETY</b>	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only according to the National Rules &amp; Regulations, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey, AYSO logo is recommended but not required.). Shin guards worn under the socks are mandatory.</p> <p>B. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper. At the customary handshake after the game, all players MUST be wearing their jerseys.</p> <p>C. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not.</p> <p>D. Not allowed: jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair. No player will be allowed to participate with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation.</p> <p>E. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.</p>

<p><b>21) PROTESTS</b></p>	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ineligible player has played.</li> <li>• One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, have not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).</li> </ul> <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game.</p> <p>C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are neither grounds for nor subject to protest or dispute!</p>
<p><b>22) SHOOTOUT COMPETITION RULES</b></p>	<p>This is a separate competition within the Great Western Shootout and will take place regardless of the outcome of the pool play match. Shootout results may be used to break ties in pool play standings of the GWS.</p> <p>The Shootout Competition format shall be that all teams, after their regularly scheduled pool play games, should proceed to the nearest designated shootout goal and participate in the penalty kick portion of the tournament. The Shootouts shall proceed in a normal manner EXCEPT that each team shall take a MINIMUM of five (5) penalty shots and if still tied after five alternating kicks, then additional kicks will be taken on a sudden death basis. Each player must take a kick before another player can take a second kick. At least five kicks must be taken even if a team is well ahead in the shoot out. (Total goals scored will be used in the event of ties.)</p> <p>If a team fails to participate in the shoot out, then the opposing team will be awarded a win on a 5-0 basis.</p> <p>Medals will be awarded to the team in each division that has the most shoot out wins. In the event of a tie the team with the most goals scored will be awarded the title. If goals scored still results in a tie, then the team with the least goals scored against them will be awarded the title. Where uneven pools are established, an additional shootout may be scheduled by the Tournament Committee to determine the overall winner.</p>
<p><b>23) RULES INTERPRETATION</b></p>	<p>C. The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants. The Tournament Director may disqualify any team, at any point of the tournament, if a team refuses to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Tournament. Any situation not covered by these rules and regulations revert to AYSO Section 1 and National Rules and Regulations.</p>