

## COAST TO COAST INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

### TOURNAMENT RULES OF COMPETITION

Coast to Coast and California Madrid Elite would like to welcome the players, coaches, referees, parents and friends to our Tournament and thank everyone for attending. Below is the necessary information and rules of our tournament.

We will be using the current 2021-2022 season age brackets. It is the team's responsibility to ensure they apply in the proper age bracket.

#### General

This Class I tournament is open to all Boys & Girls U8 – U19 from US Soccer; USYS, (Cal South), US Club and all state affiliated with USSF. Qualifying applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application. All decisions, judgments and rulings of the tournament referees and officials are final. **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED OR ALLOWED.**

#### Eligibility

- Teams will play in age brackets for their previous fall league season (September 2021-January 2022 and must have player passes and medical releases for the 2021-2022 season.
- U7 (2015), U8 (2014), U9 (2013) will play 7 v 7
- U10 (2012) and U11 (2011) will play 9 v 9
- U12 (2010), U13 (2009), U14 (2008), U15 (2007), U16 (2006), U17 (2005)/U18(2004), will play 11 v 11.
- Teams must be affiliated with FIFA and/or USSF; players and coaches must have laminated cards.
- Unlimited loan players will be permitted with a maximum roster size of
  - U7 - U9 (14 players)
  - U10-U11 (18 players)
  - U12-U19 (22 players).
- All USYS teams will need proper travel papers.

#### Rosters & Team Registration

- Teams will check-in a minimum of 45 minutes prior to their first game (30 minutes for 8:00 am games) on Saturday.
- There will be no additions to the team roster after the team checks in. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Player cards or medical releases may be accepted later by Field Marshall but only if player is listed on the official team roster at time of check in.
- At check-in, Team Manager or Coach must complete, verify and sign the Team Roster on the game card provided by the tournament personnel. Coach or Manager must certify that all players are FIFA and/or USSF registered players.
- Laminated player cards with photo and medical release forms will be required at registration.
- The Tournament Field Marshall shall pull and hold player cards for any player receiving a red card.

#### Game Procedures

- ***A player can only PLAY for ONE team for the weekend. Players CANNOT play with another team even if from same club.***
- Player I.D. cards and rosters will be verified upon check-in.
- All teams must have a licensed coach and carded administrator at every game.
- All teams shall consist of at least (8) players on the field. (5 players for U8 - U10)

· **HOME TEAM** will be listed first on schedule and will sit (team, coaches, parents, bench) on the North or West side of the field, choose what side to defend, provide game ball, and change jerseys in CASE of color conflict (Referee's decision).

· **AWAY TEAM** will be listed second on schedule, will sit (bench) on the South or East side of the field, and will have the initial kick-off to start the match.

· Referees have been instructed to start all games on time. No injury time will be added.

### **Match Rules**

All games shall be played by FIFA Rules as modified by USYSA, Cal South, and the Coast to Coast Invitational tournament committee. The Tournament Director will resolve any situations/issues not explicitly covered by the rules. The Tournament Director will make final decisions relating to the interpretation of the Tournament rules. However, the Tournament Director may delegate authority to the Venue Director if the Tournament Director is not present at the game.

Duration of Games & Overtimes, by Halves, and Ball Size is as follows:

Age	Game Times (Bracket\Semis)	Finals	Ball Size
2004-2005/2010	60 Minutes	70 Minutes	5
2011-2012	50 Minutes	60 Minutes	5
2013-2015	40 Minutes	50 Minutes	4

There is no overtime on Semifinals or Finals. If tied at the end of regulation game will go directly to kicks from the penalty spot.

Preliminary games can end in a tie.

- Teams that are not ready to start at their scheduled game time will forfeit their game.
- Teams that forfeit a game will have their game scored as a 0-1 loss
- Teams that forfeit ONE game will forfeit ALL games as 0-1 forfeit loss

### **7v7 & 9v9 Game Rules**

Heading, Build Out Lines, will be based on current league play.

July 2022 Heading is allowed on 2011 – U11

### **Player Substitution**

- Substitutions may be made by both teams, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage of play.
- Substitution shall be made at midfield within (10) yards of the halfway line. The substitute player shall not enter the field of play until allowed by the referee and the player substituted has left the field of play.

### **Player Equipment-Referee Discretion**

- Shin guards are mandatory for all players
- Proper soccer shoes must be worn by all players
- Players must not wear anything that is dangerous to himself/herself or another player (including jewelry)
- No player will be allowed to play with an injury which could be aggravated by playing or which in the opinion of the referee constitutes a danger to themselves or others

**Scoring System** Win = 3 points Tie = 1 points Loss = 0 points

\* **Note: No point will be given for a shutout.** A forfeit win will be scored as 1-0.

\* **Note: No point will be deducted for red cards.**

**Tie Breaker\*** Ties in points in the pool play shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:

1. The winner in head-to-head competition, only if all teams tied have played each other in that flight.
2. Shut-out wins (forfeits not counting).
3. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 per game)
4. Least goals allowed
5. Most goals scored
6. FIFA kicks from the penalty mark
7. If there is a tie between two or more teams after step 6, penalty kicks will be used.

**\* In the event of a tie between 3 or more teams head-to-head will not be used.**

### **Awards**

Team's that play in the final will be recognized and presented with awards at the conclusion of their game at the awards area.

### **Conduct**

- Coaches have complete responsibility for the conduct of their players, bench, friends, and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted, provided:
  - No mechanical devices, horns, drums, matracas, or any type of noise maker may be used.
  - The tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory.
  - Each coach or substitute remains within 10 yards on either side of the halfway line.
  - No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators.
  - No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.
  - In the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench or spectators, the offending team can be suspended from further play and forfeit that game and all remaining games. In this event, all previous points earned remain as played.
  - Any player or coach ordered from the field of play (RED CARD) will not be allowed to participate in the next match as a minimum and if violent conduct occurs the player, spectator, or coach may be ejected for remainder of tournament at discretion of Tournament Director.
  - Two YELLOW cards during a match shall be ejected for remainder of the match BUT will be allowed to play their next game.
  - Any player, spectator (team sidelines), or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the tournament immediately and at the discretion of the Tournament Director their team may be suspended from further team participation in the tournament.

- Any cards issued will be reported to US Club and USYS in a tournament report and thereby to the home club/league of the player, coach, team or supporters involved except that all matters involving a referee assault shall, in accordance with USSF Rule II08, be referred immediately to USYS and US Club Soccer. The home state association and the home club/league of the player, coach, team or supporters shall, except in the case of referee assault, have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions within their respective jurisdictions with regard to matters arising from the tournament.

***Disciplinary measures imposed by this tournament organization for inappropriate behavior shall not be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual player, coach, and spectator or team's participation in the tournament. Such disciplinary action will be as determined by and at the discretion of the Tournament Director or designated Field Marshall and can include exclusion from further tournament participation.***

### **Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, which the Tournament Committee deems as being unsafe conditions for the players and/or the fields, and competitions cannot continue then:

- Matches that are at the half time or are in the second half will have the score stand as final.
- Matches that are in the first half of play may be shortened, kicks from the penalty mark, or other means, as determined by the Tournament Committee, may be used to determine winners.
- If the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather prior to the start of competition, teams will be issued partial refunds according to Refund Policy.

### **Refund Policy**

- Full refunds will be made to all teams not accepted.
- Teams must drop in writing 30 days prior to the start of our tournament to receive a refund. Requests for (DROPS) withdrawals from the tournament will only be accepted from Administrators (Contact Person or Coach) listed on the team application for the tournament.
- Refunds provided to teams that drop prior to the deadline, will be assessed a \$100.00 administrative fee.
- Teams that drop after the (30 days prior to the start of the tournament) deadline will forfeit their entire entry fee.
- If the tournament is cancelled as a result of weather or acts of God prior to the start of the tournament, teams will receive a full refund less an administrative fee of \$150.
- If the tournament is cancelled once it begins, refunds will be given according to the following schedule:
  - o Three Matches Played No Refund
  - o Two Matches Played \$100 Refund
  - o One Match Played \$200 Refund
  - o Cancellation of All Matches Full Refund less \$150 administrative fee.
- The Tournament is not responsible for teams who do not attend their scheduled games. No refunds will be given for games that are not played due to no shows or teams forfeiting.
- Teams who have signed up for the wrong age bracket and provide us with less than 10 days' notice will be dropped from the tournament and lose their entire entrance fee.
- Teams that play less than the guaranteed number of games will be refunded as follow: Fee paid - \$150 administrative fee divided by the number of guaranteed games will equal game refund. Example. Fee paid \$800 - \$150 admin fee equals \$650 divided by the 3 games guaranteed equals \$216.67 game fee. Team will be refunded \$216.67 for not playing their three games.

## **Score Corrections**

At the end of each game, each Coach or Team Administrator must carefully review and sign the game cards. Coach or Team Administrators should review posted scores to verify scores are properly recorded and contact Field Marshal and/or Tournament Director immediately of any possible errors. The score card is official match record and may not be changed except under the following circumstances:

- If Coaches/Team Administrators of both teams meet with Field Marshal and agree to a score correction, the Field Marshal will correct the score and other records accordingly.
- If Referee verifies incorrect score was recorded, Field Marshal (with Tournaments Director's approval) may correct score and other records accordingly.
- Scores incorrectly posted shall be investigated by Field Marshall by checking original match record and corrected accordingly.

## **Venue Rules & Restrictions**

- Smoking, of any kind is not permitted inside the soccer complex.
- No pets shall be permitted inside the soccer complex.
- No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted inside the soccer complex. No person shall be permitted to appear on, or in the vicinity of, the playing site in an intoxicated condition.
- Please help us keep the games on time by immediately collecting your team belongings and clearing your sideline after your game. This will allow the next team to move into position and prepare for the start of their game.
- Coaches and Team Managers are responsible for their team parents on the field and while on our premises. Disciplinary measures imposed by this tournament organization for inappropriate behavior shall not be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual player, coach, and spectator or team's participation in the tournament. Such disciplinary action will be as determined by and at the discretion of the Tournament Director or designated Field Marshall and can include exclusion from further tournament participation.
- Breaking the law is under the jurisdiction of the San Bernardino Police Department, not the tournament management team. Proper authorities will be contacted as deemed necessary.
- PLEASE OBEY ALL PARKING SIGNS. YOU WILL BE CITED AND/OR TOWED IN AREAS POSTING "NO PARKING" SIGNS.

**\*\* All games will be considered as final and no protests will be allowed \*\***

**RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**