



# Three Rivers Invitational Tournament Rules

May 16 -18, 2008  
Elk River, Minnesota





**U13/14** – Games are played with **11 players a side**. If there are 6 or more teams, the teams will be divided into 2 brackets. Each team will play a minimum of 3 games with a maximum of 2 games per day. (Note: weather or being in the playoffs may affect this). The winner of each bracket will play in the championship game. 3-ref system. 4 team minimum/8 team maximum per bracket.

## **Games**

Games will be played on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Length of games will be:

U9/10 – two 25-minute halves

U11-14 – two 30-minute halves

Each game will have a 5-minute at half time.

## **Tiebreakers**

Games in preliminary rounds ending in ties will remain ties.

In the semi-final (if required) and championship games, the event of a tie, they will play two 5 minute overtime periods. Both overtime periods will be played in their entirety regardless of whether or not a team scores. At the end of two 5-minute overtimes, if the game is still tied, it will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures published in the *FIFA Laws of the Game*. Each game will be played under FIFA rules as modified by MYSAs and as further modified within this document. The Tournament Director, or a designee, reserves the right to move the kicks from the mark to an alternate location.

To determine which teams advance to the championship round, the following procedures shall be used in sequence:

- A. If there are 4 teams in a bracket, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will play for the championship and there will be no 3<sup>rd</sup> place game. In the event of a tie in the standings, the following steps will be used to decide a tiebreaker:
  1. Highest point total
  2. Winner of head-to head competition
  3. Most Wins
  4. Goal differential (scored goals minus allowed goals); maximum 6 goals per game
  5. Penalty kicks (FIFA laws of the game)

## **League Games**

If a team's regular league games conflicts with the tournament, scheduled league games have to be rescheduled.

## **Fields**

Games will be played on soccer fields in the community of Elk River. All areas being used are tobacco, alcohol and drug free zones. Tobacco use or use of alcohol/drugs is strictly prohibited.

## **Weather**

Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel games as deemed necessary, if there is lightning in the area or if the weather could cause risk to participants and those attending the games. Tournament officials will follow MYSA weather guidelines. If games are stopped due to inclement weather and cannot be restarted, the score at stoppage will be the final score. Games that cannot start because of weather will be scored as a 0-0 tie.

## **Rules of Play**

FIFA rules as modified by MYSA will apply. Refer to the *MYSA Policies and Rules Manual*, and as further modified in this document.

## **Forfeits**

A minimum of 4 players constitutes a team in the U9 and U10 age groups. A minimum of 5 players constitutes a team in the U11 and U12 age groups. A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team in the U13 and U14 age groups. A grace period will be extended to 10 minutes beyond the scheduled kickoff time or to the completion of the preceding game before a forfeit is declared. Failure to complete a match or teams 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. The team winning by forfeit will be awarded the score 3-0.

## **Point System**

6 points for a win  
3 points for a tie  
0 points for a loss

Bonus points: 1 additional point awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of 3 points (this bonus applies to a win, tie, or loss.) One additional point is given for a shut out. A forfeit will result in a game score of 3-0. A team can accumulate a maximum of 10 points in a game.

## **Protests**

In matters concerning conduct of the games, all referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its' judgment is final.

## **Referees**

The tournament will use only USSF certified referees.

## **Tournament Conduct**

Misconduct by coaches or spectators may result in the individual/s being asked to leave the field of play and/or non-participation for the remainder of the tournament. The Tournament Committee will resolve any situation not covered in the rules. Misconduct may also be reported to MYSA for additional review and possible sanctions.

Any player receiving a red card will be sent off and not allowed to play in his/her team's next tournament game.

Any player receiving a red card for violent conduct (fighting) will not be allowed to play in any remaining tournament games regardless of number remaining.

Any player guilty of gross misconduct on tournament grounds will be barred from further competition in the tournament.

The issuance of red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or supporters will be recorded and reported as required by US Youth Soccer Tournament Hosting Agreement Rules to MYSA.

All matters involving referee assault (or abuse) shall be referred immediately to the MYSA. Head coaches are responsible for team and spectator behavior. The referee will report problems of improper behavior by coaches, players, and fans to the Tournament Director. This behavior may result in the forfeiture of the game or other appropriate action as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director.

Evidence or reports of fighting, vandalism, damage to property, or theft on tournament grounds, local businesses or lodging may result in team disqualification.

### **Refunds**

Once your registration is received and confirmed, no refunds will be made. Fees are non-refundable if games are cancelled for any reason

### **Home Team**

The first team listed in tournament booklet is the home team. Each team must wear matching uniforms. This includes shirt, shorts and socks. Home team must change in case of a color conflict.

### **Lost and Found**

Lost and found will be located at Tournament Headquarters. After the tournament, you may e-mail [trsasoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:trsasoccer@yahoo.com) or call 612-817-8755 to check for lost items. After 30 days, items will be donated or thrown away.

### **Medical Services**

It is the responsibility of the team COACH/MANAGER to provide emergency first aid, ice and water for players. Emergency medical personnel will be readily available at the tournament.

### **Tobacco/Alcohol**

Smoking is **NOT** allowed at any game site. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, drug or tobacco usage is allowed on tournament grounds.

### **Results**

Tournament results will be posted on the TRSA website [www.trsaonline.org](http://www.trsaonline.org) as the tournament weekend progresses. Results will also be posted at Tournament Headquarters throughout the tournament. Teams will be notified of advancement at Tournament Headquarters after their final group game.

## **Awards**

Participation awards will be given to all U9/U10 players. Awards will be presented to coaches/managers at time of registration and may be handed out at coaches/managers discretion.

Individual trophies will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams at age U11 and older. Awards will be presented immediately following championship games for the older ages at Tournament Headquarters.

## **Photos**

Any photographs taken during the tournament may appear on our website at [www.trsaonline.org](http://www.trsaonline.org) or in future tournament and/or advertising publications.