



2019 District 3 & 4 Commissioner's Cup Rules of Play

General Information

Format: Round Robin/Pool Play

Team Eligibility:

1. All applying and participating teams must be properly registered with an affiliated Cal South Recreation League per Cal South Bylaws (Balanced teams and 50% play time requirements.)
2. All Commissioner Cup Teams must be from the current fall season.
3. Can borrow up to 3 players from respective program and not outside program. This is not the opportunity to take 3 players off your roster because they are not strong players. Borrowing the players is because you are short players due to parents not able to commit to event.
4. All players must have played in a Cal South recreational team during the 2019-2020 Fall Season.
5. All players must be registered and rostered to their current Fall team under the 2019-2020 Fall Season.
6. Players may only participate for one team registered in the tournament.
7. Current laminated USYSA/Cal South ID cards will be required for all players and coaches. Team Administrators must possess a current Cal South ID Card.

A. PLAYING RULES (Using the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives)

1. U10/2010 age bracket will play a 7v7 format on a Length 55-65 – Width 35-45 with 6'x18' or 7'x21' goal size
2. U12/2008 age bracket will play an 9v9 format on a Length 70-80 – Width 45-55 with 6x18' or 7'x21' goal size
3. U14/2006 will play an 11v11 format with FIFA Standard field with regulation 8'x24' goal size
4. For Bracket Pool play games the game lengths will be the following:
U10/2010 – 20 Min halves – 40 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break
U12/2008 – 25 Min halves – 50 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break
U14/2006 – 30 Min halves – 60 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break
5. For Semi-Final play games the game lengths will be the following:
U10/2010 – 20 Min halves – 40 Min Games + 5 minute halftime break
U12/2008 – 25 Min halves – 50 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break
U14/2006 – 30 Min halves – 60 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break

6. For Final games, duration will be regulation:
U10/2010 – 40 minutes + 5-minute halftime break
U12/2008 – 25 Min halves – 50 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break
U14/2006 – 30 Min halves – 60 Min Games + 5-minute halftime break
7. Any game played at least to half time shall be considered an official game.
8. All round robin games can end in a tie.
9. The Finals with ties at the end of regulation time will go straight to penalty kicks FIFA rules.
10. Each team will be given a 10-minute grace period for the minimum number of player/coach to arrive for the game. Failure to field a team of 5 players for U10/2010 teams and to field a team of 7 players for U12/2008 through U14/2006 teams will result in a forfeit.
11. Unless previously notified of a postponement, both teams must show up at the field, and be ready to play.
12. All Age brackets will have unlimited substitution. It is the direct responsibility of the Coach to ensure that a player's 50% minimum playing requirement is never breached. Injured players may be substituted for during the game and the injury documented on the game report.
13. All substitutes shall be at the discretion of the Center Referee. Substituted player infractions are not protestable.
14. A size 4 soccer ball shall be used for all U10/2010 through U12/2008 games. Size 5 soccer ball shall be used for all U14/2006 games.
- 15. For U10/2010 Age Group will play using the Build Out Line**
16. Off-Sides:
 - a. The current off-sides rules shall apply from build out line.
17. Heading:
 - a. There is **NO HEADING** in 7v7 U10/2010 age group and 9v9 U12/2008
 - b. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
 - c. If a defensive player deliberately heads the ball inside of their own penalty area, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the attacking team parallel to the spot of the infringement **OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA.**
 - d. If an attacking player deliberately heads the ball inside of the opposing team's penalty area, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the defending team from the point of the infringement.
 - e. There will be no attempt by Referees to identify players playing up on older teams. Compliance of the Youth Heading Policy is left to the coach to implement and monitor.

B. REFEREE FEES

1. Fees paid for team entry to Commissioners Cup will be used to cover for referee fees.

C. UNIFORMS

1. Every team should have a set of colored pennies at each game
2. Knit caps, sweatshirts under the jersey, bicycle or sliding shorts of any color, or similar items may be worn. Socks shall cover the players shin guard. Goalies may wear gloves, leg coverings, elbow and kneepads.
3. Shin guards are mandatory for all players in practices, games, and tournaments within Cal South.

4. No player wearing an orthopedic cast, temporary cast, non-oral brace (such as knees or other areas of the body) with hard, hinged or rigid supports or splint shall be permitted to play in any sanctioned play.

D. STANDINGS AND TIE BREAKER RULES

1. In the age bracket standings, each team will be awarded:
 - a. 3 points for a victory
 - b. 1 point for a tie
 - c. 1 point for each goal (3 max)
 - d. 1 point for Shutout (If 0-0 both teams receive a point for both shut out and tie)
 - e. Zero points for a loss.
 - f. All forfeit games shall be considered a score of 1-0. Should a team drop from the tournament bracket, all remaining games for that team shall be considered forfeit games (1-0F).
 - g. - 1 for each red card for players
 - h. - 2 for each coach ejection
2. The tie-breakers listed below in this order shall determine the outcome of a tie at the conclusion of Pool Play/Round Robin:

Head-to-Head
Most Shut Outs
Fewest goals against
Most goals for
Penalty kicks

E. ADVANCING OUT OF POOL PLAY/ROUND ROBIN

1. In age brackets where teams have the following:
 - Pool play/bracket teams are selected by blind draw
 - Based off number of teams in bracket (See website for # of advancing teams)

F. ID CARDS AND MATCH REPORTS

1. Each coach shall complete and sign the Official Match Report /Game Card prior to the game and present it to the referee along with the team's CAL SOUTH ID cards at player check-in. After player check-in and before the game starts, it is highly recommended that player cards be returned to the coach/team. (Coaches sign their own game card before the game verifying all information on the card is correct. Coaches sign the opponent's game card after the game to verify the final score). The Official Match Report /Game Cards are the official records of the Cal South Commissioners Cup.
2. Each team, coaches, administrators, and spectators shall be on opposite sides of the field, wherever possible. Coaching and encouraging players shall occur from that team's side of the field only.
3. Both teams will keep the completed game cards, along with any additional information about sideline conduct, cautions or ejections. All results, yellow cards, red cards are reported online immediate following the game. Individual player ID cards or coach ID cards shall not be taken from the coach/team should a red card be issued. The League/Club Coordinator will review the game cards and forward to the Cal South office only those game cards that have yellow card, red card or sideline conduct problem information.

G. CONDUCT/SUSPENSIONS

1. The safety of all participants and maintaining an atmosphere of good sportsmanship is the responsibility of all members.
2. Any player/team found responsible for promoting violence, instigating, or enticing a team disturbance, causing the referee to suspend play prior to the completion of regulation time, will have forfeited that game (even if they are winning at the time of the incident).

3. Coaches are responsible for all conduct on their sidelines. This includes themselves, team administrators, players, parents, friends, visitors and spectators. Any player, coach, administrator, parent or spectator promoting violence, enticing team dissent, or generally in violation of sub-paragraph a (above) should be brought before the local hosting League/Club for possible disciplinary action (including suspension or removal of that player, coach, administrator, parent and spectators). Any appeals of local League/Club actions may be brought before the Commissioners Cup Circuit Director. Individuals may be subject to the Cal South and USYS Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures.
4. Misconduct on the field offenses shall be subject to suspension (These guidelines will be inclusive and apply to all circuit activities including seasonal play and post-season play):
 - a) Any player, coach or administrator receiving three (3) yellow cards (warning / caution) may be brought before a committee. An individual receiving a fourth yellow card (warning/caution) shall be suspended for the next scheduled game. After a suspension of this type, the count of yellow cards is set to one (1).
 - b) Any player, coach or administrator receiving a red card (ejection/send off – whether by a straight red card or 2 yellow cards) from the referee shall be suspended for that game and their team's next scheduled game. (An ejection caused by two yellow cards shall not be counted as yellow cards described in sub-paragraph a. above).
 - c) Any player, coach or administrator receiving two (2) red cards (ejection / sendoff) in one tournament will be suspended from playing, coaching or attending games until that person has been brought before a committee for a review of the ejections. The Committee shall determine the eligibility of the player, coach, spectator or administrator in question.
5. Player Safety (from Cal South Rules and Regulations 2.4 Player Safety)
 - a) No player should be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled league or tournament game with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others.

H. PROTESTS

1. NO PROTESTS ON REFEREE JUDGMENT CALLS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

I. APPEALS

1. The Commissioners Cup Tournament Director shall be the first point of appeal for actions taken by the local hosting League/Club.
2. The Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee shall be the next and final point of appeal.

J. OTHER TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Round Robin Games Only, the following applies:
 - a. Home Team chooses direction to attack, Visitors Kick Off. No Coin Flip.
 - b. Home Team has choice of sidelines.
 - c. Home Team must change Jersey if there is a conflict.

K. AWARDS

1. Champions and finalists will be awarded playoff awards in each age group. Teams must be present for award presentation.