



CAL SOUTH
THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT

RULES

DIVISIONS:

Each team will play a minimum of 3 games. Games will be played 7, 9, or 11 players a side depending on the age group of the team. The tournament divisions, half length, maximum roster size, and ball size are displayed in the table below:

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
	U08	U09	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
Format	5V5	7V7	7V7	9V9	9V9	11V11	11V11	11V11	11V11	11V11
Goalkeeper	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Heading	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Build Out Line	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Ball Size	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
Off Size	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

2010-2004 (U13-U19): Maximum active game time roster size is 18 players. Maximum registration roster size: 22 players.

Number of brackets for each division will depend on the numbers of teams that register for the tournament.

TEAM/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- ** Teams registered with Cal South or US Club they can use their own card.**
- ** Teams not affiliated with one of those organizations will need to register with Cal South.**

- The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered players on a Cal South Team within the Cal South Registration System.

- Players must be completely registered to their teams in the Cal South Registration System.

- Players must have valid **Cal South or US CLUB** players ID card and will need to present them along with the team roster to the referees prior to the match.
- It is the responsibility of each team manager to know who is not eligible to participate on his/her team.
- It is the responsibility of team administrator(s) to verify the active players in the Cal South Registration System. Unauthorized handwritten player names on the game roster are not eligible to play. The team administrator(s) are required to check the game roster for accuracy. Changes are not allowed after submitting the game roster to Tournament Officials.
- Teams wishing to withdraw from the competition after applying to the tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the tournament director via email at tournaments@calsouth.com in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw.
- Withdrawal and refund requests must be made before the tournament entry deadline to receive a full refund. A full refund minus a \$50.00 administrative fee will be processed if request is made prior to entry deadline. A refund will not be issued if team withdraws an any other time.

TEAM CHECK-IN:

A team representative is required to check team in and provide a printed tournament roster to the tournament headquarters tent. Please have team checked in 60 minutes before the team's first game.

TEAM ROSTERS:

Maximum team roster size depends on the age groups. U8-U10 maximum roster size is 16 players. U11-U12 maximum roster size is 18 players. U13-U19 can have up to 22 registered players but the max game time roster size is 18 players. Team rosters cannot be changed after the team has checked in at tournament headquarters. Rosters must be signed by coach/manager before turning in to a game official. No unregistered players will be allowed to participate in the tournament.

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees per team are determined by the age group in which the team is playing. Please refer to the chart below:

YEAR	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
AGE GROUP	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
PLAY FORMAT	5v5	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11
FEE	\$ 300	\$ 475	\$ 475	\$ 575	\$ 575	\$ 675	\$ 675	\$ 675	\$ 675	\$ 675

REFEREE FEES:

Referee fees are determined by the age group the team is playing in and the number of referees officiating the game. Referee fees are to be paid directly to the referees before the start of the game. Below is the referee fee breakdown:

YEAR	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
AGE GROUP	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
PLAY FORMAT	5v5	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11
# REFEREES	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3
FEE	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 108	\$ 108	\$ 108	\$ 108	\$ 108
COST PER TEAM	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 54

GAME LENGTH:

Game length will depend on the age groups:

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
	U08	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
FORMAT	5v5	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11
MATCH TIME	4x10 Min	2x25 Min	2x25 Min	2x30 Min	2x30 Min	2x35 Min	2x35 Min	2x40 Min	2x40 Min	2x45 Min
BREAK PERIOD	5 Min	5 Min	10 Min	10 Min	10 Min	15 Min	15 Min	15 Min	15 Min	15 Min

There will be a 5-minute grace period after the scheduled match time. A forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team if team is not ready to play within the 5- minute grace period.

POINT SYSTEM:

- Win – 3 Points
 - Tie – 1 Point
 - Loss – 0 Points
 - Forfeits – Winning team is awarded a 1-0 win.
- Game results will be updated in the tournament registration page.

TIEBREAKER FOR POOL PLAY:

Ties in points in the preliminary rounds shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed)
3. Least goals allowed
4. Most goals scored
5. Coin toss
6. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie breaker criteria listed shall be used in the order shown until one team is advanced or one team is eliminated, or both. If remaining teams are still tied at this point in the tie-breaking process, they will then be compared beginning again with Step 1 until another team is either advanced or eliminated.

MATCH RULES:

- Minimum of 7 players including the goalkeeper is required to start the match.
- Size 4 soccer ball for U8-U12 and size 5 soccer ball for U13-U19.
- Unlimited substitutions will be allowed for each team at any point during the game. Players coming into the game will need to enter field from the half line.
- Players receiving a yellow card will need to be subbed off and will not be able to return until the next opportunity to substitute. 2 yellow cards in the game will result in a red card and suspension of the following game.
- A player receiving a red card will be suspended for the remainder of the and for the following team's game. The tournament directors have the right to extend the player's suspension depending on the reason for the red card. Red card for fighting will result in the player/manager being banned for the remainder of the tournament.
- Home team will need to have alternate uniforms if both teams are same color
a. Pinnies will be available if needed.
- There will be no overtime periods. Pool play games will end in ties and finals will go directly to penalty kicks.
- The referee can terminate a match due to the action(s) of players, coaches, managers, or team spectators.

PROTESTS:

Protests can be submitted and will incur a fee of \$50 with no refunds. Any situation that arises and is not covered in the rules will be resolved by the tournament directors. The tournament director(s) decision will be final and there will not be an appeal process. Protests regarding referee calls and decisions will not be accepted.

EQUIPMENT:

Cal South supports FIFA/IFAB Law 4 – The Players Equipment FIFA/IFAB Law IV states, “A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player (including any kind of jewelry).” The determination of whether a player may play or not will be made by the Referee.

- All players must wear shin-guards (no exceptions).
- No metal cleats or screw-in studs will be allowed.
- Same jersey and short colors must be worn.
 - Home team is responsible for changing colors
 - All jerseys must have numbers
- Goalies must wear different color jerseys from both teams.
- Each team will need to provide 2 game balls, with both balls meeting the approval of the assigned referees.
- Regulation size goals will be used based on the age groups
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CODE OF CONDUCT:

- It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. The coach, manager, and team shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators from their respective teams. At no time shall offensive, insulting, or abusive language be permitted.
- Harassment towards assigned referees will not be tolerated and coaches, managers, players, are subject to ejections/suspensions. Spectators are subject to being removed from the field for inappropriate conduct.
- Red cards given to players, coaches, or managers will result in the individual being suspended for the remainder of the game and the next game.

Cal South reserves the right to amend the tournament rules as conditions may warrant.