

S3 SUPER CUP RULES

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: The following items are prohibited at all field complexes for the S3 Super Cup;

- Drones and aerial video and photography devices
- Grills, gas or charcoal
- Dogs and pets (Properly marked and leashed service dogs allowed)

Failure to abide by these rules will result in the individual or offending team being removed from the premises.

ROSTERS

Roster size cannot exceed 12 players for U9-10, 16 players for U11-12 and 22 players for U13-U14. A team may use up to five (5) guest players but any team utilizing loaned players is still limited to the player maximums based upon the age groups and level of play (7v7, 9v9, 11v11). US Club Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYSA teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYSA player pass cards. A player can only play with one (1) team during the tournament weekend regardless of different age divisions or level of play unless approved by Tournament Director prior to the event.

RULES OF PLAY

FIFA Laws of the Game will apply as modified by USYSA and EPYSA as described herein.

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

<u>Division</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Finals</u>	<u>Overtime **</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U9 - U12	20 Minutes	20 Minutes	None	4
U13 - U14	20 Minutes	20 Minutes	None	5

**** Quarter-Final , Semi-Final or Final games tied after regulation will proceed immediately to penalty kicks.**

Please note every team will play a minimum of five (5) x 40 minute matches.

HALF TIME: Half Time will be exactly five minutes.

CHECK-IN CONDUCT: Failure of a team to report within five minutes of a scheduled kick off will be considered to have forfeited the game.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Substitutions will be permitted as follows:

- At any stoppage and with permission of referee
- Maximum of 7 substitutions per half per team (**No re-entry per half for U13-14 Division**)
- Unlimited substitutions for U9-U12
- Delays of the game due to substitution may result in appropriate time being added to the full game time, based on the judgment of the referee. However, all preliminary games will be terminated not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:

All players must wear shin guards. No metal-rimmed glasses or jewelry of any kind will be allowed. Casts, splints or body braces made of a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic, plaster or fiberglass must be covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than ½ inch thick, high-density polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same thickness and similar physical properties to protect the injury. **A medical release for the injured player signed by a licensed physician must be available at the game site. Players may not play with these casts without the approval of the Referee.**

COACHING: All Coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, substitutes, friends and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sideline (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted, provided:

- ◆ No mechanical devices are used;
- ◆ The tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory;
- ◆ Each coach or substitute remains within 10 yards of their 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.

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS: A player or coach receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single game is considered to have been given an Ejection (red card) for the purposes of awarding points for the Tournament competition. A player who has been ejected (sent off), will not be replaced. A player or coach who has been ejected will not return for that game and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. A player or coach who is ejected for **violent conduct** or **serious foul play** may be subject to further sanctioning. Any player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the Tournament.

SUSPENDED AND TERMINATED GAMES: If in the opinion of game officials, a game must be suspended for any reason the game may be resumed but is subject to being ended not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game. If in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench coaches, or spectators, the offending team could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. All previous points earned remain as played. Additionally, the home league and State Association will be contacted as appropriate.

INJURY: Delays of the game due to injury may result in appropriate time being added to the full game time, based on the judgment of the referee. However, all preliminary games will be terminated no less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game.

TOURNAMENT COMPETITION

DETERMINING WINNERS: Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- Three (3) points for each Win
- One (1) point for each Tie
- Zero (0) points for each Loss

In the event of a tie in points at the end of bracket play, the winner for advancement to Quarter-Final or Semi-Final will be determined as follows:

1. Highest number of points
2. Goal differential in all group matches (total)
3. Goals scored in all group matches (total)
4. Point total in head-to-head matches.
5. Goal difference in head-to-head matches.
6. Goals scored in head-to-head matches.
7. If a tie still exists after steps 1 through 6, FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark will be taken fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next round game game.

NO RULES WILL BE REVISITED

HOME TEAM: The Home Team will be the team which appears first on the game schedule. The Home Team will supply the game ball, unless supplied by the Tournament. The game ball will be subject to Referee approval. The Home Team should wear white or a light-colored jersey. The Home Team will be required to switch to alternate jerseys to accommodate a color conflict as declared by the referee. If the Home Team cannot supply alternate jerseys, the Visitor Team will change. The Home Team should be on the Left Bench when facing the field from the spectator's sideline. Teams are on the SAME SIDE. Spectators are opposite the bench areas.

FORFEITS AND BYES: Teams failing to report ready to play with a minimum of 7 players within five minutes of the scheduled kick off time. Teams failing to check in at the Mandatory Registration or for taking actions which cause a game to be terminated will forfeit the game(s) at a minimum of 1-0 but not be punished by the current result.

PROTESTS: NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

DISPUTES: All disputes will be settled by the Tournament Director or his designee and the decision will be final.

REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY (Prior to tournament): Once a team is accepted into the tournament, there will not be a refund issued. If a team must withdraw before the acceptance list is posted, a full refund will be issued.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION / REFUND POLICY: Refunds will only be granted to teams that have individually purchased Event Cancellation Insurance (ECI) with US Sports Club Insurance (USSCI) through the GotSport software. Teams that opted NOT to purchase Event Cancellation Insurance will not receive any direct reimbursement of their entry fees, cash or credit. NO REFUND for teams not choosing to select insurance.

If you did NOT purchase Event Cancellation Insurance you can still do it! You can purchase it up to 15 days prior to the start of the event. Add Event Cancellation Team Coverage to your registration today during the registration process via the GotSport Platform.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather:

- * Relocate and/or reschedule a match.
- * Change a division structure.
- * Reduce scheduled duration of a match
- * Cancel a match.

SIDELINE BEHAVIOR:

Both teams will sit on the same side of the field. Only coaches and trainers may stay on the player's sideline. Credentials will be provided at check-in. Spectators are only allowed on the opposite side of the field from the coaches and players and are limited to being in the designated area from penalty box to penalty box. No spectators are allowed behind the goal areas. **Harassment of the officials from coaches, spectators or players will not be tolerated.**