

AYSO Meltdown Friendly Tournament Rules 2010

I. Tournament Name and Location

AYSO Meltdown Friendly Tournament. All games played at the State Farm Insurance Soccer Complex

II. Date

February 13-14, 2010

III. Format

The tournament is designed to provide a minimum of 4 games for each team in the U09/10 to U19 age groups. AYSO and non-AYSO teams are welcome.

IV. Registration

- A.** The registration deadline is January 15, 2010. Applications received after this date may be considered, provided space exists. Teams with certified referees will receive priority.
- B.** Registration is considered complete when all required forms are filled in and received by the tournament registrar, and all required fees are received by the tournament treasurer.
- C.** Teams selected for participation will be notified by letter or e-mail within 48 hours of their acceptance.
- D.** The registration fee is \$125.00 for all teams. Any AYSO team must submit their fee on a Regional Check.
- E.** Any team not selected for participation will receive a full refund immediately.
- F.** Age Groups and Brackets
 - 1.** There will be separate divisions for Boys and Girls, following the groupings below:
 - U09: 08/01/2000 - 07/31/2001
 - U10: 08/01/1999 - 07/31/2000
 - U11: 08/01/1998 - 07/31/1999
 - U12: 08/01/1997 - 07/31/1998
 - U13: 08/01/1996 - 07/31/1997
 - U14: 08/01/1995 - 07/31/1996
 - U15: 08/01/1994 - 07/31/1995
 - U16: 08/01/1993 - 07/31/1994

- U19: 08/01/1990 - 07/31/1993

2. Brackets for U9, U11, U13, and U15 will be established only if there are at least 4 eligible teams in each. If this number is not obtained, they will be combined with the next older bracket.

3. The date of age determination is the player's age on July 31, 2009.

G. Roster Limits:

Rosters for AYSO teams will be limited as follows:

- U09/10 will be limited to 10 players and 2 coaches.
- U11/12 will be limited to 12 players and 2 coaches.
- U13/14 will be limited to 15 players and 2 coaches.
- U15/19 will be limited to 18 players and 2 coaches.

Rosters for Club teams will be limited as follows:

- U09/10 will be limited to 10 players and 2 coaches.
- U11/12 will be limited to 14 players and 2 coaches.
- U13+ will be limited to 18 players and 2 coaches.

H. All registered teams must check-in PRIOR to their first game on Saturday.

At that time all teams must provide:

- Player pass cards for each player
- And be in possession of Medical Releases

Additionally, the team must provide a photo copy or original signed roster, as described under "Player Eligibility" and travel papers, if traveling from out of state.

Up to 4 Guest players from different Team(s), Regions, or Organizations will be allowed for each team. Guest Players are required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner/Organization President and the Host Team Regional Commissioner/Organization President (see Guest Player Form).

V. Player Eligibility

- A.** All players affiliated with AYSO teams must be registered with AYSO, and must have played in a just completed or current regular season. Players on non-AYSO affiliated teams must be currently registered, and have fulfilled all playing obligations required by their league.
- B.** All teams not sanctioned by AYSO must provide proof of liability insurance and accident reimbursement equal to or better than that provided by AYSO to its players.
- C.** Coaches are responsible for ensuring that each player on the roster is eligible.
- D.** The Regional Commissioner or equivalent league official must sign the roster form to affirm that all listed players meet the eligibility criteria.
- E.** Player pass cards will be required, and must be presented at team check-in.
- F.** Open to all U09 and up AYSO teams nationally, and all non-AYSO team U09 and up.

- G. Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boy's divisions only

VI. Scheduling

- A. All teams will be guaranteed four (4) games.
- B. No team will be required to play consecutive games.
- C. Schedules will be available by February 7, 2010.
- D. In the event of unusual conditions requiring rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the Tournament Committee will have the sole authority to make such changes in the best interests of the Tournament.
- E. Games which are discontinued due to weather will be rescheduled, if possible, for completion. If rescheduling is not possible, the score at the time the game was suspended will be deemed the final score.
- F. If the tournament is cancelled prior to application deadline, a full refund will be given.

In the event that the entire tournament must be canceled due to weather, or other uncontrollable events, teams will receive a full refund.

Teams that withdraw prior to the application deadline will receive a full refund. Teams that withdraw after the application deadline will receive full refund only if a replacement team is found.

No other refunds will be given.

VII. Awards

- A. All participants will receive participation awards or a Tournament T-Shirt (if desired) – if the applications and shirt sizes were received prior to the application deadline.

VIII. Game Conduct

Referees shall at all times follow the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game

IX. Competition

- A. Players on the field:
 - Games for U13-U19 will be 11-a-side
 - Games for U11-U12 will be 9-a-side
 - Games for U9-U10 will be 7-a-side.
- B. Coaches shall not enter the field of play, unless requested by the referee. Only coaches and players will be allowed in the technical area.
- C. All games shall start on time. If a team is not ready to start a game within 5 minutes after the scheduled time, the game may be shortened in order to maintain the schedule.
- D. Minimum Players to constitute a team:

- Seven (7) players for U13 - U19
- Six (6) players for U11 - U12
- Five (5) players for U9 - U10

A scheduled game shall not commence nor be continued if one or both teams cannot field the minimum number of eligible players.

- E.** The following point structure will be in effect:
- Positive Points
- Playing the game in a positive fun manner
- Negative Points
- Red Card (Send-Off) or Yellow Card (Caution) or playing in a negative unsporting manner
- F.** There are no overtime periods.
- G.** Players “sent off” (issued a Red Card) from any game will not be permitted to play in the following game. Coaches requested to leave a game by the referee cannot be present at or coach their team's next game. Not present means not within 100 yards of the game field. All players under the age of 18 will be escorted off the field by a parent, guardian, or Safe Haven Trained Volunteer. If a parent or guardian is not present, the player will stay on the sidelines with the Safe Haven Trained Volunteer (away from the team) until a parent or guardian shows up or until the end of the game (at which time the player will be given over to the coach).
- H.** Game durations:
- U9/U10 will play 2 20-minute halves (total of 40 minute game)
 - U11/U12 will play 2 22-minute halves (total of 44 minute game)
 - U13/U14 will play 2 25-minute halves (total of 50 minute game)
 - U15-U19 will play 2 30-minute halves (total of 60 minute game)
- I.** All games will be played following the rules given in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. Thus, all registered players in attendance at games must play at least one half of each game.
- J.** Players registered, but not present at the beginning of any game must be identified on the line-up card.
- K.** Substitutions (except in the case of injury) will be permitted approximately half way through each half at the stoppage of play identified by the referee, and the half. Monitored Free substitutions are allowed for U-16 and older and Tournament staff and/or field marshals will track game time.
- L.** The referee must be notified of all substitutions.
- M.** Substitution for injury is as follows:
1. If a player is injured, the coach may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the beginning of the next quarter. Only the player who is injured is credited with the quarter's play, regardless of the actual time played.

2. The coach may choose to play 'short', thereby allowing the injured player to return during the quarter in which he/she was injured.
3. The injured player must be recognized by the referee to legally return to the game.

- N.** Late arriving players shall be substituted as follows:
1. If the player arrives during the first quarter, the player must play a minimum of two of the remaining three quarters.
 2. If the player arrives during the second or third quarter, the player must play a minimum of one quarter.

X. Officiating

- A.** Referees shall at all times follow the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- B.** Referees shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate the game in a manner conducive to fair competition and good sportsmanship.
- C.** If a player is injured, the referee, at his or her discretion, may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player even if the ball has not gone out of play.
- D.** USSF Referees must cross-certify with AYSO and be Safe Haven Certified

XI. Duties and Responsibilities of Coaches and Officials

- A.** Each **AYSO** Coach must have:
- A current season volunteer form on file with the NSTC
 - Provide their AYSO Identification Number
 - Be Safe-Haven certified

Both Head Coach and Assistant Coach must have Certifications as follows:

- U09-10 U-10 Certification or higher
 - U11-12 Youth Certification or higher
 - U13-14 Intermediate Certification or higher
 - U15+ Advanced Certification or higher
- B.** All coaches and officials must remember that they are important role models for the players. It shall be the duty of each coach and official to:
 1. Conduct himself/herself in a manner promoting good sportsmanship.
 2. At all times encourage clean competition and fair play.
 3. Uphold the Tournament Rules.
 4. Participate in positive coaching.
 5. Present a healthy athletic environment for players. Coaches, officials and spectators must not consume alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products during games or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields.
 - C.** Sideline coaching is limited to two coaches from each team. They shall be limited to a technical area that extends 10 yards on either side of the half-way line.
 - D.** Negative comments and complaints about refereeing are not permitted.

XII. Field of Play

- A. Dimensions, marking, goal area, penalty area, corner area, and goals will be at the discretion of the Tournament committee. All efforts to conform to FIFA Laws will be made.
- B. If applicable: any ball striking the football uprights is a dead ball. The game shall be restarted with a Goal Kick or Corner Kick, following the usual Laws.

XIII. Teams

- A. Roster Limits: see section IV - G
- B. A player may not play on more than one entered team.
- C. Teams discovered to have ineligible player(s) shall be disqualified from further competition.
- D. The Home Team is that which is listed first in the schedule.
- E. The Home Team shall change jerseys when there is a color conflict in uniforms. The Tournament will have some pennies available if needed.
- F. Coaches and Players from both teams will occupy the North or East side of the field. Spectators will occupy the South or West side of the field

XIV. Player Safety

- A. All Players must wear shin-guards in all tournament games.
- B. Players shall not be allowed to participate in any game with any type of cast or splint.
- C. It is recommended that all players wear soccer shoes, tennis shoes, or similar type athletic shoe. Players may wear metal cleats. The referee **MUST** inspect them to ensure that there are no burrs or sharp edges and, if they exist, burrs or sharp edges must be removed before the player is allowed to participate. Cleats that have toe cleats must be inspected by the referee to ensure they are safe to play in – some cleat configurations wrap the cleats across the toe, however, toe cleats like the ones found on baseball cleats are not allowed.
- D. Players shall not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player.
- E. Players shall not wear jewelry of any kind.
- F. Any player with a medical alert necklace or bracelet may wear it in competition if secured to the body with clear medical tape.

XV. Medical Emergencies

- A. The tournament will provide at the very minimum one individual stationed at the tournament operations tent.
- B. The Tournament Safety Director will be responsible for ensuring that there is coverage at the tent at all times.

- C. In the case of a medical emergency, the Tournament Safety Director will coordinate communications with local emergency services as needed
- D. Local emergency services will be notified of the date and times of the tournament in accordance with AYSO National Policy
- E. Field Monitors will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by radio. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Monitor, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Monitor.

XVI. Protests

**Protests will not be entertained.
Period.
Protest what?**