

EBSC 2011 Labor Day Tournament Rules

Eligibility

- Participation is open to accepted teams consisting of 18 or fewer players for full-sided divisions and 14 or fewer for small sided-divisions meeting the age limit of the specified division. A maximum of 4 guest players are permitted. Players must have been born during, or subsequent to, the divisional year as defined by US Soccer Guidelines.
- Each team must be registered with a national soccer association affiliated with USYSA/USSF and must present a valid state roster. The only acceptable proof of age will be a valid USSF, state, or national registration card that includes a signature and photograph of the player and must be valid for the 2011/12 season. Any team fielding an ineligible player will be disqualified and the tournament fee forfeited.
- A player may compete for only one team participating in the tournament.
- Player passes and approved team roster cards will be checked by field marshals 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. Medical release forms, team roster card, and certified rosters must be presented at registration, and be available for review upon request.
- PLEASE NOTE: All players on a tournament roster must present player passes from the same governing body (i.e. If a team registers using US Club passes, all guest player must present valid US Club passes to be eligible to play – *no mixed passes are allowed*).

Awards and Trophies

- All small-sided teams (U-9 & U-10) will receive participation awards.
- All full-sided divisions (U-11 and above), will compete for 1st and 2nd place. Standings are kept in accordance with the rules stated below and winners declared as outlined. All 1st and 2nd place teams and players will receive a trophy.

Laws of the Game

All games are played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified in these rules.

Field and Player Equipment

- Absolutely no hard casts are allowed. The referee shall have the final decision with respect to the eligibility of a player with a soft cast.
- No metal cleats will be permitted.
- Players cannot wear jewelry, including earrings of any type.
- Players are required to wear shin guards.
- Teams must wear uniforms with numbers on the back of the jerseys.
- All members of the same team shall wear the same color jersey and shorts except the goalkeeper who must wear a jersey distinguishable from both participating teams and the referee.
- When uniform colors are similar, the designated home team (1st team listed on schedule for that game) will change colors.
- Both teams will take the same side of the field. All team supporters will take the opposite side.
- When requested by the referee, each team must supply an adult linesman. Teams shall appear at the field 25 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- Each team will be responsible for insuring that the game sites remain clean

Ball Size

- U09 through U12 divisions; Size 4
- U13 and above; Size 5
- Each team will have a game ball available for each game

Substitutions

- Unlimited substitution will be allowed in all age groups. However, teams may substitute only with referee's permission and only at the following times:
 - Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession;
 - Prior to a goal kick, by either team;
 - After a goal, by either team;
 - After an injury on either team when the referee stops play (1 for 1);
 - At halftime or start of an overtime period;
 - On a caution, only the cautioned player may be substituted at that time;
 - There will be no substitution for a player who has received a red card and has been ordered from the field by the referee.

Conduct & Bookings

Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner both on and off the field. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area and may result in suspension of the player and/or team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Director.

- A player issued 2 yellow cards in the same game or a red card must be sent off and is ineligible to play the balance of the time remaining in the game in which the offense occurred. This player may not be replaced and the team must play with 1 fewer players than were on the field at the time of the red card.
- Additionally, players, coaches and team officials ejected from a tournament game by the referee are ineligible for the next scheduled tournament game. If a coach is coaching more than one team and is red carded, the coach remains suspended from coaching any team until they have served the one game suspension with the team they received the red card with.
- Any player, coach, parent or Team official ejected from a game for violent conduct shall result in the suspension of that person for the remainder of the tournament.
- In the case of the keeper being sent off, the coach is allowed to bring in a substitute keeper from the bench if desired. An additional field player must be removed and the team must play with 1 fewer players than were on the field at the time of the red card.
- It is the coach's responsibility to control the conduct of the players, parents and spectators associated with that coach's team.
- In accordance with the USYSA Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and state association of the team involved.
- Referees must report yellow and red cards awarded to any person on the game card submitted to the tournament director and/or field site coordinator.

Game Duration and Start / End Procedure

- All games will have the following game lengths;
 - o U9-U10- 25 min. halves
 - o U11-U-18- 30 min. halves

- There will be a 5-minute break for halftime.
- There will be no stoppage of game time or extension of game time.
- The site schedule may be altered only by the Tournament Director.

Protests

No protests will be entertained.

Game and Score Reporting

Each coach will be responsible for verifying the accuracy of the game report prepared by the referee, before the field coordinator leaves the game site and reports the results to the scoring table. No changes will be made once the game report has been filed. The coach or manager shall sign the game report.

Small-sided Games (U9 and U10)

The NJYSA guidelines for U9 and U10 teams will be implemented. Accordingly, they will have 7 field players and one goalkeeper (8v8) participating during play. Field dimensions and goals will be reduced. Overtime, Shoot-Outs and official recording of results are not permitted. Game results will not be published during or after the tournament.

Forfeits

- A team shall be allowed a 10-minute grace period after the scheduled kickoff time before the match is awarded to their opponent.
 - A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team for divisions U11 and up, and if 7 players are present, the game will not be delayed.
 - A minimum of 5 players constitutes a team for the game, and if 5 players are present, the game will not be delayed.
 - Game duration will not be extended from the schedule due to late arrival.
- In no case shall a team, which forfeits a game, be declared a division winner or a wildcard team. In such an event the team with the next highest point standing will be awarded the division.
- In a victory resulting from a forfeit or disqualification, the official score will be recorded as 1-0.

Referees

- A USSF three-man system will be used whenever possible, and for all matches in the U11 age group and up.
- When a single referee is assigned to a game, each team shall supply an adult linesman who is considered a "game official" and shall not engage in any coaching whatsoever from the sidelines and shall be neutral.

Cancellation and Inclement Weather Policy

Should the tournament be cancelled for any reason before the start of the tournament, 80% of the team's application fees will be refunded. Once the tournament starts, regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear on the field of play as scheduled, unless directed otherwise by tournament officials. Only referees and/or the tournament director may cancel or

postpone a game. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will have the authority to change games as follows:

- Relocate or reschedule any game(s)
- Change the duration of any game(s)
- Cancel any preliminary game(s) that have no bearing on the selection of the division winners or playoff spots
- Preliminary games terminated after one half of play because of weather shall be considered official as of the time of the termination.

Determination of Division Standings

Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- Six (6) points for each Win
- Three (3) points for each Tie
- Zero (0) points for each Loss
- One (1) point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three (3) per game (regardless of a win or loss).
- One (1) point for each shutout
- Minus One (-1) for each player or coach sent off
- A 0-0 tie will be scored as 4 points for each team (3 for tie, 1 for shutout)

There is no advantage to winning a game by more than 3 goals. In an effort to promote good sportsmanship, coaches are asked to be aware of the point differences in their game. Goals Scored IS NOT a tiebreaker.

Tie-breakers

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

1. The winner in head to head competition (not applicable if more than 2 teams are tied).
2. Fewest goals against.
3. Goal differential, maximum of 3 per game (Team wins 4-0, only gets 3 points)
4. Most total wins.
5. Most shut outs.

The above tie-breaker steps are to be used in order until a winner is determined. If a tie exists between three or more teams the above steps are followed in order until a team is eliminated.

The tie-breaker sequence then restarts at the top beginning with Head to Head until a winner is determined. If a tie still exists after steps 1 through 5, FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark will be taken thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the Semi-Final or Final game.

Wildcard Determination

In the event that a wild card team must be selected for the playoff rounds, the above procedure will be used across the entire flight. There will be no overtime played in the preliminary games.

Shootout for Semifinal & Final Matches for Full-Sided Games

If a semifinal or final match is tied at the end of regulation, the match will be decided via FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark. There will be no overtime played in the semifinal or final matches.

Golf Cart Policy

You must have a valid US State issued License to operate a Golf cart at Tournaments.

General

- Under no circumstances will the Tournament Committee, East Brunswick Soccer Club, its agents employees or designees, or NJYSA be responsible for any expenses (including tournament entry fees) incurred by any team. This includes any situation where the tournament or any games are cancelled in whole or in part.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right and has the authority to rule on any situation pertaining to this tournament.
- The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the rules shall be binding and final.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY OF THE GAME SITES!
- PLACE ALL TRASH INTO A GARBAGE RECEPTACLE. KEEP EAST BRUNSWICK CLEAN