



Future Famers AYSO Invitational

2008 Tournament Rules & Regulations



The Future Famers AYSO Invitational Tournament will be held August 2, 2008, at the Soccer Hall of Fame fields in Oneonta, NY. The tournament will consist of 6 divisions: boys and girls U-12, U-14, and combined U-16-19. The tournament games will be short-sided (7 v 7) including goalkeepers. A maximum of eight teams will be entered in each division. Each team will be guaranteed at least three games.

Tournament information is available at <http://www.ayso3e.org>.

AYSO National Rules & Regulations for U-12 through U-19 divisions apply with the following clarifications:

Conduct

1. All participants, (coaches, players, referees, and spectators) are expected to follow these guidelines with a positive spirit for the benefit of all the young people who participate in the Tournament. Fair play is expected and anything less will not be tolerated.
2. Coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players, spectators, and guests. They are expected to follow the guiding principles of AYSO and take the lead in providing an atmosphere of fun and good sportsmanship.
3. Taunting, baiting, ridiculing motions or body language, intimidation, foul or abusive language or other acts of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated on or off the field of play. Tournament Directors or their designees and center referees may ask any person to leave the Tournament grounds for infraction of this rule.

Eligibility

1. All AYSO players must have been registered and played in AYSO during the Fall 2007- Spring 2008 season. Players who participated in only the Fall 2007 or Spring 2008 half of the 2007 – 2008 season are eligible to participate in the tournament.
2. Players may play only in their age division based upon the age guidelines in the AYSO National Rules & Regulations. U-12 aged players may “play up” in U-14 *only* if they have played up in the prior regular season and if approved by their home region regional commissioner.

For this Tournament, the ages are as follows:

U-12 – August 1, 1995 to July 31, 1997

U-14 – August 1, 1993 to July 31, 1995

U-16 – August 1, 1991 to July 31, 1993

U-19 – August 1, 1988 to July 31, 1991

Registration

The registration fee for this tournament is \$240 per team. Team registration fees must be submitted by AYSO checking account check only.

Rosters

1. Team rosters shall consist of a minimum of seven and maximum of 12 players. An individual player may not be on more than one roster or play for more than one team.
2. The tournament team's regional commissioner or area director must approve all rosters and verify each player's eligibility. Area Director approval is required ifor teams made up of players from more than one region.
3. Any changes to the roster must fulfill all the requirements above AND be approved by the Tournament Director.

Player Registration Forms

Coaches must maintain copies of *the official signed AYSO player registration forms within their possession at all times.*

Check-In and Player Identification

1. All teams must check in for the team meeting at the Tournament check-in location one hour before the start of their division. Division start times will be posted one week before the tournament date.
2. Player registration forms will be verified at check-in prior to your first game on the day of the Tournament.

Uniforms

1. Every team shall wear a matching uniform that consists of matching jersey, shorts, and socks and conforms to AYSO National Rules & Regulations. Players without a proper uniform may not play. Additional clothing for warmth shall be allowed only at the sole discretion of the center referee. In the case where uniforms are too similar, the home team is required to either change jerseys or wear scrimmage vests provided by the Tournament. The center referee shall be the sole authority in determining whether the uniforms are too similar and if change is required.
2. Shinguards are mandatory, must provide reasonable protection and must be worn under the socks.
3. Casts, splints of any kind, excessively long fingernails, jewelry of any kind or

anything a center referee may view as a hazard to player safety are not allowed.

Home Teams

1. The home team is listed first on the schedule and shall occupy the North or West (or South or East) touch line.
2. The Tournament shall provide a suitable ball for each match. The center referee will have the sole authority in determining the suitability of the ball for match play.

Coaching

1. Coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players, spectators, and guests. Only positive and instructional coaching is allowed. Negative comments towards players, opposing players, or the referee will not be tolerated by this tournament. Such behavior, if serious enough, will result in the expulsion of a team from the tournament.
2. Coaching shall be limited to within 10 yards of either side of the half-line. Spectators should stay one yard back from the touch line and at least 18 yards from the goal lines. Both teams shall reside on one side of the field during a match and all spectators shall remain on the opposite side of the field.
3. Coaches shall not enter the field of play unless requested by the referee.

Substitution

1. AYSO substitution rules shall prevail. Every player must play at least half of the playing time of every game. Coaches may substitute at quarter breaks when the referee stops the game for this purpose – approximately halfway through each half of play and again immediately after the halftime break. Quarter substitutions must occur quickly with only the substituted players coming on the field and the players they are replacing coming off.
2. Players substituting in and out at any time must report to the referee at the halfway mark at the touch line.
3. After obtaining the referee's permission, the goalkeeper may change with another player on the field at any stoppage of play.

Forfeits

1. There will be a 5-minute grace period for the start of each game. A forfeit will result if a team is not at their assigned field within the grace period.
2. No game shall start or continue if either team has less than five players. This will

result in a forfeit for the team that has too few players.

3. If a referee must terminate a game, the referee will notify the Tournament Director. The Tournament Committee will decide the resolution of the termination and will determine the outcome of the game.

Disciplinary Actions

1. A player who is sent off must leave the field of play immediately under adult supervision and the team may not substitute for that player for the remainder of the game. The player will be ineligible to play in the next scheduled game. If a substitute receives an ejection, that player is ineligible to play in the next scheduled game. Any player with two send-offs in the Tournament shall not play for the remainder of the Tournament.
2. A coach who is asked to leave by the center referee must leave the field of play immediately after the referee has determined that the assistant coach has received the player registrations. If a coach refuses to leave, the referee may terminate the match. The Tournament Committee can charge the offending team with a forfeit. The referee shall report game misconduct to the Tournament Director when turning in the game cards for the match. The coach must remain away from the field of play for the next game. Any coach guilty of two such infractions shall not return to the Tournament.
3. A spectator or guest who is asked to leave by the center referee must leave the field of play immediately. If a spectator or guest refuses to leave, the referee may terminate the match. In such an event, the referee should notify the Tournament Committee.
4. All cautions or ejections shall be noted on the game card. The referee shall report game misconduct to the Tournament Director when turning in the game cards.

Officiating

1. Referee game assignments will be made on the day of the tournament. Referee teams will be assigned a field and teams will rotate games among the available fields.
2. Referees shall officiate each game in accordance with FIFA rules except as modified for this tournament as described in this document.
3. The game scores as recorded on the official match score cards shall be the official scores. Referees shall report to the Tournament Director on
 - Any cautions or ejections issued
 - Violent conduct or serious foul play by any player
 - Any conduct by coaches or spectators interfering with the control of the match
 - Abuse of the substitution and minimum play rules which come to the attention of the referee or Tournament official.

- Any other action which the referee may determine merits a report
4. No protests of games, official rulings or judgments shall be allowed. The Tournament Committee, led by the Tournament Director, shall have the final say in any complaint or issue that arises. All decisions are final.

Matches

1. Each team will play a minimum of three games.
2. Specific match structures depend upon the number of teams entered and teams may be organized into separate flights.
 - Four teams - 3 games played in a round robin, points determine standings and champions.
 - Five teams - 4 games played in a round robin, points determine standings and champions.
 - Six teams – 5 games played in a round robin, points determine standings and champions
 - Seven teams – 6 games played in a round robin, points determine standings and champions
 - Eight teams - 2 pools of four teams, 3 games in pool play, points determine which 2 teams from each pool progress to single elimination semi-final and final game.
4. Finalized tournament rules will be posted on the tournament Web site two weeks prior to the tournament.
5. Team schedules will be determined by a random drawing at the team meeting before the start of each division, or by the Tournament Committee.
6. The Tournament Committee, led by the Tournament Director, reserves the right to alter match format.
7. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes may or may not be feasible to reschedule. All questions regarding rescheduling, including decisions on forfeits will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, led by the Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final.

Round robin and pool scoring:

1. Points for each team after each round shall be determined as follows:
 - a. Six points for a win
 - b. Three points for a tie
 - c. Zero points for a loss

2. Deductions:
 - a. 1 point deducted for each red card received by any player on a team, and for each incident in which a team coach asked to leave
 - b. 1 point deducted if Tournament Committee decides team is not giving players equal playing time.
3. If there is a tie in total points at the end of play, the following tie breakers will be used to determine a winner.

First -- Head to head results
Second -- Goals scored
Third -- Goals allowed
Fourth -- Kicks From the Penalty Mark

Awards

Trophies shall be awarded to the first place teams and medals to the second place teams in each division.

Refund Policy

A full refund will be issued if the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled. If a team withdraws from the tournaments 30 days or more prior to the tournament, a full refund is given. If less than 30 days, no refund is required unless a replacement team is found.

Future Famers Tournament Organization

Tournament Committee

Tournament Director	Steve Barth	Area 3E
Asst. Tournament Director	Sarah Puskarenko	Area 3G
Asst. Tournament Director	Mike Wessing	Area 3E
Asst. Tournament Director	Irwin Kay	Area 3T
Registrar	Steve Barth	Area 3E
Tournament Committee	Rick Davis	NSTC
Tournament Committee	Greg Eisenhut	Area 3G
Tournament Committee	Ed Kobos	Section 3
Tournament Liaison	Margie Close	NSTC

Referee Plan

Due to the size of the tournament, Each team must supply one qualified Center referee and one assistant referee. Teams that can not meet this requirement should contact the Tournament Director before registering the team.

We will also recruit referees from local Regions and Areas to cover the balance of the assignments if needed.

Referees will be scheduled for matches based upon their qualifications to officiate their assigned age group matches and every effort will be made to avoid assignments to cover games where their own teams, regions, or Areas are involved.

Tournament Purpose

This tournament is being held to provide an event for AYSO player participation during the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Any profit realized from the Tournament will be saved to invest in next year's Tournament. Should the following year tournament be cancelled any funds remaining will be split three ways among the two sponsoring Areas (Area 3E and Area 3G) and Section 3.