

PLANO LABOR DAY XXXIV INVITATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Information, Guidelines and Rules

Classification and Age Divisions:

The Plano Labor Day XXXIV Invitational Soccer Tournament is sponsored by Plano Youth Soccer (PYSA) for League Select Teams (S1, S2, & S3) and Soccer Academy teams registered with United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and Affiliates including United States Youth Soccer (USYSA) Affiliates and United States Club Soccer (US Club Soccer). The tournament is sanctioned by North Texas Soccer (NTSSA), USYSA, and is open to USSF Affiliate sanctioned boys and girls League Select teams (S1, S2, & S3) from U-11 thru U-19 and Soccer Academy teams (U-9 thru U-10).

Team Registration:

All team applications for tournament participation must be completed accurately and payment of the entry fee received at the PYSA office (221 West Parker Rd, Suite 480; Plano TX 75023) no later than 5:00 PM August 13, 2014 for U9 - U10 and August 10, 2014 for U11 – U19. **Any teams traveling must stay at a participating tournament hotel.** North Texas Soccer (NTSSA) teams must provide a NTSSA roster (with player uniform numbers) signed by the coach of record and their local association registrar. An approved USYSA add/delete form must accompany any changes to a previously approved USYSA roster. Other USSF Affiliated teams must provide an official Team Roster. Player and Coaches/Manager ID cards for non-NTSSA teams are required at registration. USYSA teams from outside NTSSA must submit an approved USYSA travel permit and a league team roster with home association signature or a state association approved travel roster. Teams or players will not be allowed to participate without approved paperwork. Coaches/Managers may bring the approved paperwork to the tournament team check-in meeting for validation. Tournament validated rosters are required prior to participating in any match. **You must have a representative present to have your tournament game roster validated and stamped. You will need one (1) copy of your official team roster and seven (7) typed copies of your tournament game roster. Medical release forms for each player will also be required at this meeting. Non-NTSSA teams must have approved ID cards for each of the players including up to five (5) guest players and for the team coaches and managers. All team documentation must be from the same USSF Affiliate, for example USYSA or US Club Soccer.**

Game Information:

All teams are scheduled to have three preliminary games, typically two on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. Local teams may play one preliminary game on Friday evening. Quarterfinals, if required, are scheduled for Sunday afternoon. Semifinals will be held Monday morning and Finals will be held Monday afternoon. Teams will be seeded within each age group with brackets and playoffs structured to optimize the probability of the best two teams reaching the finals. *In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. In such cases, the tournament may not be rescheduled, and no refunds issued.*

Team Standing and Tie Breakers:

Team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

Win = 6 points plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)

Tie = 3 points plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)

Loss = 0 points plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)

Bonus = 1 point is awarded for a shutout

Forfeit = Scored as a 3-0 win and a total of 10 points will be awarded

Winner, runner-up, and wild card teams will be determined in the following priority order: (1) Points Total, (2) Head to Head, (3) Cum Goal Difference (max +/- 5 goal difference [GD] per game with no limit on goals scored and allowed per game), For example, a 7-1 score yields a +5 GD for the winner and a -5 GD for the loser, (4) Cum Number Shutouts, (5) Cum Goals Scored (max 5 goals scored per game), (6) Fewest Number Cum Goals Allowed (max 5 goals allowed per game), (7) Tournament Director decision. Each team and the referee will report scores. **The coach must verify the posted score prior to the team's next game.** If any discrepancy between the two teams reported scores, then the referee's score will be final. *If, in the Quarterfinals or Semifinals when there are no Quarterfinals, the predetermined pairings result in two opponents from the same bracket, realignment of the pairings may be made by the Tournament Director.*

Game length and Ball Size:

	Ball	Half-Time	Preliminary and Quarterfinals Games	Championship Games (Semifinals and Finals)	
Division	Size		Regulation	Regulation	Overtime (only if tied after regulation play)
U17-U19	5	5 min.	Two 30 minute periods	Two 45 minute periods	Two 10 minute periods
U15-U16	5	5 min.	Two 30 minute periods	Two 40 minute periods	Two 10 minute periods
U13-U14	5	5 min.	Two 30 minute periods	Two 35 minute periods	Two 10 minute periods
U11-U12	4	5 min.	Two 30 minute periods	Two 30 minute periods	Two 10 minute periods
U9-U10	4	5 min.	Two 25 minute periods	Two 25 minute periods	Two 10 minute periods

There is no overtime in preliminary games. Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final games that are tied at the end of regulation will be decided by two Overtime periods. If there is not a winner after the Overtime periods, "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will determine the winner.

Game time:

Kickoff will be at the scheduled time unless games are delayed. Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the Referee, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match.

Playing Conditions:

The home team is listed first or on top in the schedule. Both teams will occupy the same side of the field. Only players, coaches, and managers who are on the validated tournament roster may be present on the teams' sideline. Parents and un-rostered visitors will occupy the opposing side from the teams. In case of uniform conflict, the home team is responsible for changing to an alternate color, however the visitor must arrive wearing their darkest uniform. This is to circumvent a problem where the visiting team wants to wear white to force the home team into a darker uniform. The complex director will resolve any dispute. U9-U19 games will be officiated by a Center Referee and two Assistant Referees. Each team must be prepared to present a game ball to the Center Referee prior to the start of the game for his/her selection. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director and/or Field Coordinator will determine if a game is to be played. Once the game has started the decision rests with the Center Referee. If any games are canceled, it is up to the coaches of the teams to check with the Tournament Director for rescheduling information. Games shall be considered complete if one half of the game has elapsed. The score at the stoppage of play will be the final score. If one half has not elapsed and the game is stopped, the game must be rescheduled if it affects the outcome of the tournament and if weather permits. Players may be substituted with the consent of the Center Referee at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
3. After a goal by either team.
4. When the Referee approves an injury substitution by one team, the other team may substitute an equal number of players.
5. At half time.
6. When the Referee stops to caution a player, only that player may be substituted prior to the restart of the game.
7. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the Referee.
8. Players shall enter and leave the field at mid-field.

Team and Player Credential Check:

Each team must be able to present its validated tournament game roster and player, coaches/manager cards (if a non-NTSSA team) to the Tournament Official prior to the start of each match, if requested. A player may play for only one team in the tournament and must be listed on the validated tournament game roster. If a player plays in a game and is not properly registered, the team will automatically forfeit that game and may face further penalties as determined by the Tournament Director and/or Home Association.

Team Discipline ("Cumulative Card System"):

a. Yellow Cards: One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual's third yellow card. Two game automatic suspension for the games following such individual's fifth yellow card of the tournament. One game automatic suspension for the game following such individual's sixth yellow card of the tournament.

NOTE: A player/coach/assistant coach receiving a second yellow card in a single game is suspended for the balance of that game, and those two yellow cards are then added to such individual's previous total of yellow cards for that tournament to determine whether additional game suspensions, if any, are required. Red cards issued *solely* as a result of a second yellow in a single game will not be added to such individual's red card total for the tournament.

b. Red Cards: One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual's first red card of the tournament. Automatic suspension from the remainder of the tournament following such individual's second red card of the tournament. Any individual that has been ejected must leave the field area within two minutes of the ejection or the game will be forfeited. ***Also Ejection for fighting or violate conduct will automatically result in the person not being allowed to participate in the remainder of the tournament.*** Red cards issued *solely* as a result of a second yellow card in a single game will not be added to such individual's red card total for the tournament.

NOTE: In cases where, during a single game, an individual receives a yellow card followed by a "straight red card" (as opposed to a red card issued solely as a result of a second yellow) both cards will be added to such individual's respective total of red and yellow cards for the tournament and punished accordingly. If Tournament Officials determine that a red card was issued for an infraction that was not an "expulsion" offense in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, such officials may reduce the red card to a yellow card and assess sanctions accordingly. The Tournament Officials may not, however, do away with the card altogether. A full report of this action must be sent to NTSSA.

c. Seventh Card Any individual receiving a seventh card in tournament play shall be immediately suspended from the remainder of the tournament (meaning any combination of yellow and red cards totaling seven).

d. The Sit-Out Verification Form (used for any player, coach, manager, or spectator, sitting out a game due to disciplinary action) must be signed by the referee. The Coach is responsible for the actions of verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated.

Team Protests and Appeals:

Protests and appeals will be allowed only if the Referee has misapplied the rules of the game or if a team uses an ineligible player. The offended team may file a protest by submitting in writing, the nature of the violation within two hours of the incident, along with \$250 in cash to the Tournament Director. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and corrective action as determined by the Tournament Director will be taken. The Tournament Director must determine that the violation defined by the written protest materially affected the outcome of the game. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final.

Matters Not Provided For:

Any situation or questions on rules of competition not covered herein will be governed by NTSSA and USYSA Administrative Rules books, in that order. Any matter not provided for in Tournament rules or NTSSA or USYSA rules shall be determined by the Tournament Director, whose decisions shall be final. There are NO Dogs or Pets allowed at the fields. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on City of Plano facilities is against the law and will not be allowed. There is NO smoking allowed at the fields.