

In the hunt for the Rotary travelling Cup



Brackets

The top two seeded team in each age group will advance to the championship game.

Game results will be posted at Headquarters,

U10 brackets will be competitive. Scores will be recorded and posted. There will be championship games.

U10 players will NOT receive participation awards.

All first placed teams will get player trophies along with the Rotary Travelling Cup that will be engraved with the teams name and year of contest. They will get to keep this until the following year's tournament when it must be returned for the next potential Champions.

- This is an open unrestricted tournament. Players may play on two different teams 5 players max.
- Groupings: We reserve the right to combine age groups dependent on the total number of teams in a particular age division. Parity of competition will be a priority when scheduling. Teams will be notified if this occurs.

GAMES

Each team will be scheduled to play three games.

U 10 games will be two 25-minute halves with a 5 minute break. U12 and older games will be two 30-minute halves with a 5 minute break... If games are behind schedule, tournament officials may reduce each half by five minutes until the tournament is back on schedule.

The home team is responsible to provide a game ball and to change jersey if there is a conflict with colors.

WEATHER

In the event of severe weather such as Lightning and Line Storms it is important that all games are suspended and that all players are removed from the open fields.

The Tournament Director will signal to all games in progress that the games have been suspended. The nearest safe public building is Central Market which is located on Highway 10 half a mile from the fields. All players and parents should make their way to this location. When the weather has passed the games will be resumed. Check on every half hour to see if the games will be played.

The Tournament Director will be in touch with the National Weather Broadcasting Station to make sure that it is safe to resume play. In the case of extreme heat, the recommended guidelines will be followed using the onsite heat index gauge.

GAME CANCELLATIONS

Fees are non –refundable if games are cancelled for any reason.

RULES OF PLAY

FIFA rules as modified by this document. U-10 offside is in effect. All kicks Indirect except in the case of a shootout.

U-11 and above Offside is in effect.

SUBSTITUTION

Unlimited at any stoppage of play.

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POINTS AND TIEBREAKERS

- 6 Points for a win
 - 3 Point for a tie
 - 1 points for a shutout (0-0 tie equals 4 points)
 - 1 point for each goal (maximum 3 points per game)
 - 10 points maximum per game
- Tiebreakers
 - Winner of head to head
 - Winner of most games
 - Fewest goals allowed
 - Goal differential (goals scored up to 3 minus goals against up to 3) per game.
 - Kicks from the mark.
 - A forfeit in play will result in a 3-0 score
 - Games ending in ties will remain ties in preliminary rounds.
 - Championship games cannot end in a tie and will proceed with two 5-minute periods. After the first 5-minute period, teams will switch sides with no break. At the end of two 5-minute overtimes, if the game is still tied, it will be decided by 5 kicks from the penalty mark. If still tied, followed by individual kicks until a winner is declared. This follows the procedures published in the USSF Laws of the Game.

CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS

All teams must check-in at least 1 hour before the team's first game with documentation and team roster. Rosters will be frozen at this time and can't be changed once games start.

ROSTERS

U9 & U10 team will be allowed to register 14 players with a max of 12 players dressed for any game. 7 v 7
U11 & U12 teams will be allowed to register 18 players with a max of 16 players dressed for any game. 9 v 9
U13 & older teams will be allowed to register 22 players with a max of 18 players dressed for any game 11 v 11
The rosters are frozen at check-in no changes will be made after that.

GUEST PLAYERS

A maximum of 5 guest players is permitted per team

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REFEREES

A one-person referee system will be used for U10.

A three-person referee system will be used for U11 and above.

Only USSF certified referees will be used.

All referee decisions are final. No protests will be entertained.

A zero tolerance policy towards referees will be applied; any player, coach or parent yelling or creating an unsafe environment for referees to do their duties and responsibilities will be expelled from the tournament.

Any complaints, issues or concerns will be handled by the onsite Referee Assignor.

CONDUCT

Misconduct by coaches or bystanders may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the game and non-participation for the remainder of the tournament. Coaches are responsible for their own words and actions, as well as those of their players and spectators. Verbal abuse of players or officials will not be tolerated. Violations may result in forfeiture of games and expulsion from the tournament. The Tournament Director has the right to resolve any situation not specifically covered in these rules. Each pitch has a technical area and coaches and players must stay within the confines of this area while watching the game.

FORFEITS

A grace period will be extended to 15 minutes beyond the scheduled kickoff time or to the completion of the preceding game before a forfeit is declared. Failure to complete a match will result in a 3-0 score to the opponent.

EMERGENCIES

- We will have a medical trainer (from the hospital) at the game site that will be able to follow concussion guidelines, as well as look after other injuries.
- Detroit Lakes Youth Soccer Association is a tobacco, drug and alcohol free organization, please help us protect the youth by abiding by this policy.
- **Dogs**
Are most welcome and encouraged to be with the family. But please be responsible and keep them under control.

Last but not least: we should enjoy and encourage the play, whether it is your player or a player from the opposing team. All comments should be positive, if not.... Silence is the best course of action (that's why a lot of coaches chew gum..)

Celebrate the world's most popular game by applauding all good fair play.

Don't be that loud mouthed obnoxious spectator!

Leave this job to someone else.