

# 2009 SPRING CLASSIC SOCCER TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES (Revised 01/19/2009)

## GENERAL

1. The Tournament will include up to 70 competitive/recreational coed and girls teams in the following age groups:

### Boys/Coed Teams:

U6 (born on/ after 8-1-02)	U10 (born on- after 8-1-98)	U14 (born on/ after 8-1-94)
U7 (born on/ after 8-1-01)	U11 (born on/ after 8-1-97)	U15 (born on/ after 8-1-93)
U8 (born on/ after 8-1-00)	U12 (born on/ after 8-1-96)	
U9 (born on/ after 8-1-99)	U13 (born on/ after 8-1-95)	

### Girls Teams:

U6 (born on/ after 8-1-02)	U10 (born on- after 8-1-98)	U14 (born on/ after 8-1-94)
U7 (born on/ after 8-1-01)	U11 (born on/ after 8-1-97)	
U8 (born on/ after 8-1-00)	U12 (born on/ after 8-1-96)	
U9 (born on/ after 8-1-99)	U13 (born on/ after 8-1-95)	

2. **To register** for this tournament, go to <https://register.htgsports.net/default.aspx?id=429>.
3. Team **registration fees** are: **\$175 (U6); \$300 (U7-U8); \$425 (U9-U11); \$450 (U12-U15)**
4. Matches will be played at **Tiffany Hills Sports Complex** and **Tiffany Springs Park in Kansas City, MO** during Friday, May 1, Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, 2009.
5. **Team Check-In** will be held at a local business prior to the tournament, go to <http://www.htgsports.net/scoring/Home.aspx?EventID=429> for specific time and location.

A team check-in must be completed prior to the team's first match. If the manager/coach is unable to attend formal check-in, then the team must complete check-in at the venue of their first match **at least one hour prior to their first match**. Coaches or managers must provide the following items at Check-In:

- \*\* A Copy of the Official State/League Roster (Tournament retains),
- \*\* Registration Cards with photos for all players including guest players (returned),
- \*\* Registration Cards with photos for all coaches/managers if issued by home State (returned),
- \*\* State approved Travel Permit (Tournament retains),
- \*\* Guest Player Agreement-State Form (Tournament retains),
- \*\* Original (notarized) Medical Release Forms for each player (returned).

Valid Registration Cards from the State or from the league will provide proof of age and will be used to validate game cards. Game Cards, completed by each coach/manager listing each player's name and number, will be given to the Field Marshal or a Match Official prior to each match.

6. Futura Futbol Club will not be responsible for any expenses related to travel or lodging.

# PROCEDURES

1. **Teams** will play three matched opponents in their Division of their age group. Each Division will play three-matches in the **Round Robin**. Subsequent to Round Robin play, the two teams with either the highest points within a four team division or the highest points within a designated pool or the winners of semi-final matches will compete in a **Final** match. Players participating in the **Final** match in each Division will be presented with an **Individual 1st or 2nd Place Award**.
2. In the **Round Robin**, the team listed first is the **Home Team** and will provide a game ball if one is not provided by the Tournament Field Marshal. The Team gaining the most points in the **Round Robin** will be **Home Team** in the **Final Match** or, in the case of equal points, the team listed first in the team list.
3. The **Tournament Director** will match teams based on age, skill level, and requested placement.
4. All players must be **registered** and in good standing with their State Association of the USYSA (in Missouri, MYSA or MYSA Clubs/Leagues). Coaches and managers will be registered, licensed and carded within the rules of their State Association. Team rosters are limited to 18 players or team size limits specified on the approved MYSA tournament application. **Three guest players** are allowed for each team. In no case may more than 18 players participate with any one team during the tournament.
5. Players are allowed play on multiple teams during the tournament as either a rostered or guest player. The only restriction is that a player **shall not play** for teams that are bracketed within the same tournament division. In other words, a player cannot play for two teams that **may play each other** during a Round Robin/Semi/Finals match.
6. Players must play in their own age group or up. No player can play down unless they qualify based on their legal age. **SPRING CLASSIC Exception:** Players who are a) in the 8th grade, b) required to play Under-15 due to their legal age, and c) registered to play in an Under-15 team, may play in an Under-14 Division. Further, Teams playing in SPRING CLASSIC Under-14 Divisions **shall have no more than two (2) Under-15 8<sup>th</sup> Grade players** included on the team's tournament roster.
7. Each team must have an **adult**, properly registered as a coach by their State Association, on the touchlines to be in charge during all match play. This adult must have access to each player's Registration Card and Medical Release form. All players are the responsibility of the Club and the Club's coach/manager during the entire tournament.
8. **Each Team, player, coach, manager, or spectator shall participate at his or her own risk.** The SPRING CLASSIC Soccer Tournament, The Futura Futbol Club, the City of Kansas City, the Clay County Parks and Recreation, MYSA, USYSA Tournament Sponsors, or any authorized representative, agent, or employee thereof shall not be responsible for any liability in connection with the tournament for personal injuries or property loss in connection with travel to or from, or participation in, this Tournament.
9. All matches will be played in accordance with the **FIFA's Laws of the Game** as modified by USYSA and this Tournament. All activities regarding the conduct of the match and The Laws of the Game, including players' equipment, is the sole discretion of the match Officials. *Their decisions are final.* Questions about tournament points/schedules and accommodations can be directed to the Tournament Director, Field Marshals or Field Monitors.

## MODIFICATIONS

1. The following match times apply:

AGE GROUP.	ROUND ROBIN	FINALS
U6	15-minute halves	15-minute halves
U7-8	20-minute halves	20-minute halves
U9-U10	25-minute halves	25-minute halves
U11-U12	30-minute halves	30-minute halves
U13-U15	35-minute halves	35-minute halves

2. All games will have a 5-minute **halftime** interval. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter game times, shorten games, and eliminate non-essential games in case of inclement weather. It is strongly recommended that your team warm-up in adjacent areas prior to your match. Limited time will be available between games.
3. U6/U7/U8 matches will use a **size 3 ball**; U9/U10/U11/U12 matches will use a size 4 ball; all other matches will use a size 5 ball.
4. ***Free Substitution is permitted for both teams at the centerline at anytime there is stoppage of play due to scoring of a goal, goal kick, or throw in. However, before a throw in, free substitution for both teams is permitted only when the team with possession is substituting. (U6- U8 Exception - Substitutions: Anytime ball is out of play with the permission of the Referee.)***
5. **Cautioned players** must leave the field of play and can be substituted for (if there are no substitutes available, the cautioned player's team will play SHORT). A cautioned player that has been sent off may return to play at first substitution opportunity for that player's team.
6. **Shin Guards** are mandatory; slide shorts are permitted; and soft helmets are permitted for goalkeepers. Casts, knee braces, orthopedic appliances may be permitted if all hard surfaces, edges, and hinges are sufficiently padded to meet the approval of the Head Match Official.
7. **Uniform color conflict** will be resolved by the Home Team changing jerseys or wearing colored pennies. All player equipment is subject to Referee approval. The Home Team is the first team listed.
8. **Under 6 Division** matches will be played 3v3 (three field players with no goalie per team) using reduced goals.
9. **Under 7/8 Division** matches will be played 5v5 (four field players plus a goalie per team) using reduced goals.
10. **Under 9/10/11 Division** matches will be played 8v8 (seven field players plus a goalie per team) using reduced goals.
11. **Under 12 and above 11v11 Division** matches will be played with ten field players plus a goalie per team.
12. During finals, semi-finals and quarter-finals (or any elimination round game), teams will play one 5-minute overtime if necessary, followed by FIFA Penalty Kicks. During overtimes, the "Golden Goal" rule will apply, meaning the first team to score wins.
13. **FIFA Penalty Kicks** involve players from each team challenging the opposing goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation. The order of kicks will be determined by a coin flip, with the winning captain choosing for the team to kick first or second. Five players will have chances in alternate order. Goalies will start on the goal line in accordance with FIFA rules. Teams will designate, in shooting order, 10 shooters from the players

and goalkeepers playing during the match. (Under 9/10/11 will select seven shooters; Under 8 will select six shooters). The penalty kicks continue through the first five players from each team until one team has an insurmountable advantage. If the teams are tied after the first five penalty kicks attempts, the penalty kicks continue with the same selected shooters, in order, until one team is ahead after an equal number of attempts. The rotation of shooters continues and will be repeated, in order, until a winner is determined. A *final point* will be awarded to the team winning the shootout contest. (Note: Each team will designate a goalkeeper prior to the first Penalty Kick being taken. Once Penalty Kicks begin, goalkeeper substitution will occur only as the result of injury to a team's designated goalkeeper. If one team substitutes a goalkeeper for injury reasons, the opposing team shall have the option to also substitute a goalkeeper prior to the next penalty kick being taken, regardless of the which team is shooting.)

14. **Both teams will bench on the same side of the field and the opposite side from their spectators.** Coaches are limited to their half of the field. Spectators may be seated or standing at least 2 yards off the Touch Lines.

15. **U6 (3v3) and U7/U8 (5v5) Rule Modifications:**

- \*\* Minimum number of players for a team to start or continue a match is 3.
- \*\* There is NO offside.
- \*\* All Free Kicks are indirect.
- \*\* Corner Kicks are indirect.
- \*\* There is NO Throw-in. An indirect kick is awarded at the spot the ball crosses the sideline.
- \*\* There are NO Penalty Kicks during match play; except for semi-final and final matches that end in a tie as prescribed in Modification #10 above.
- \*\* The Penalty Spot is six (6) yards out from the center of the goal line.

16. **U9/U10/U11 (8v8) Rule Modifications:**

- \*\* Minimum number of players for a team to start or continue a match is 5.

## POINTS

1. The following **points** will be awarded to each team during the **Round Robin** play to determine the teams progressing to the final match with each Age Group and Division.

- \*\* **3** points for a **win**
- \*\* **1** point for a **tie**
- \*\* **NO** points for a **loss**
- \*\* **Minus 1 point** for each **red card** issued to team players, coaches, or managers

2. In case of a **tie** in **point scores and/or the selection of a Wildcard Team**, the following protocol in descending order (i.e. starting with #1: Head to Head), based on Round Robin play, will be used to determine teams' progression to the final or semi-final match:

- a. Head to Head competition results.
- b. Goal differential in-group play, maximum 3 per game.
- c. Fewest goals scored against in group play.
- d. Most goals scored in-group play, no limit.
- e. Goal differential in-group play, no limit.
- f. Least number of ejections.
- g. Least number of yellow cards.
- h. FIFA Penalty Kicks for quarterfinals, semifinals or any situation where one team or the other faces elimination. Coin toss will be used if situation is simply for seeding purposes, as determined by Tournament Committee.

A "**Wildcard Team**" is a semi-final qualifying team with the next most points from Round Robin play that has not placed in a semi-final match based upon group/pool record.

3. Matches will be *terminated* if assigned teams are not present at scheduled match times. Three points will be awarded to the team present if only one team is present. A team is considered present if, seven players (five players for Under 9/10/11 and three players for Under 8) and a MYSA registered adult are ready for play at the start of the match.

## CONDUCT

**The TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, the sponsoring Clubs, and the Sponsors are striving to create an atmosphere of Excitement and Enrichment for our youth through the Positive support of soccer. All participants are requested to contribute to the SPRING CLASSIC SOCCER TOURNAMENT in a manner conducive to the benefit of Children.**

**Thank you,  
Todd Logan, Tournament Director**

1. Participants, coaches, and players represent their respective Clubs and should maintain a positive reputation of good sportsmanship. Players and coaches will conduct themselves within the **Gentlemen's Conduct** concepts of soccer during match play. Match play will include a team-to-team handshake at the Center Circle upon conclusion. All Tournament Officials and participants will be treated with respect! **NO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL BE PERMITTED WITHIN ANY SOCCER PARK. POLICE WILL BE CALLED.**
2. **Spectator involvement** should be limited to positive cheering and applauding.
3. **Team Disqualification:** Lack of proper USYSA roster or USYSA player I.D. cards, less than 7 players on the field for 11v11 teams, less than 5 players on the field for 8v8 teams, persistent and calculated team-wide misconduct (including misconduct of a team's supporters) or conduct that brings the game to disrepute as judged solely by the Tournament Committee.
4. **Player Disqualification:** Ejected players, coaches and managers will be disqualified from the next match. This rule applies to all ejections including being guilty of a second cautionable offense (two yellow cards). The Tournament Committee reserves the right to extend or nullify a disqualification pending the match report. A player receiving a caution (yellow card) must be substituted on that play. A yellow-carded player may reenter on the next free substitution as permitted by USYSA rules.
5. **Forfeits:** Teams that forfeit because they cannot advance will not be accepted in future tournaments. Teams that forfeit a non-essential game (i.e. so as to rest their players) will be disqualified from the tournament. Forfeit time will be 10 minutes after the official scheduled start of the game (the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the game schedule at any time. Official game schedule will be available at the tournament headquarters).
6. In the unlikely event of **conduct inappropriate to the goals of the Tournament** or youth soccer, the following procedures may be invoked by match Officials or the Tournament Director.
  - If spectators interfere with a match, Officials may instruct the coach that play will be interrupted until such interference has subsided. However, the match clock will not be stopped during such interruptions.
  - Teams causing match termination by match Officials for inappropriate behavior by players, coaches, or spectators, will not be permitted to play in final round competition.
  - Coaches will not be awarded yellow cards. Only red cards will be given. Red-carded coaches will be removed from the game and venue until completion of that match. They are prohibited from being on the team side of the field during that team's next match. There will be no coaching from the parent side.
  - Offenses by players or coaches resulting in the award of a red card by match Officials will result in an automatic suspension from the current match and from the next tournament match. In addition, the

Tournament, sponsoring Clubs or State Association may convene a disciplinary hearing to consider additional disciplinary actions in accordance with State procedures.

- When a player or coach is awarded a red card, the match official will pull the player or coach pass and return it to the match scorer until such time that individual is allowed to return to a game.

7. **Protest** on referee discretionary calls will not be permitted or upheld. Protest over Tournament scoring, Tournament procedures, etc., may only be submitted by the designated coach or manager and must be in writing presented to Tournament Director, Referee Assignor, or Field marshal prior to the team's next match or the beginning of the Final Divisional match. Protest will only be accepted with \$150.00, **non-refundable**, cash filling fee. The protest committee will be made up of the Tournament Director, the Field Marshals or their designees, and the Head Referee Assignor. The protest committee's interpretation of the Tournament Rules as applied to any situation will be final. The protest committee will strive to resolve all protests in a prompt and precise manner.

8. The SPRING CLASSIC Invitational Soccer Tournament is interested in improving services to participants. Your suggestions for changes in format, rules, scoring or tournament goals are welcome! Communicate your suggestions to a Field Marshal, Field Monitor, or the Tournament Tent.

9. ***NO ANIMALS will be allowed in the tournament area due to facility rules. Coaches are asked to inform their members of the rule prior to the tournament. Spectators with animals will be asked to immediately remove the animal from the tournament area. (Note: Please obtain prior approval from tournament director in regards to guide dogs for the visually impaired.)***

## INCLEMENT WEATHER AND REFUND POLICY

1. **RAIN INFORMATION:** A Tournament Information Hotline will be established on [www.futurafc.com](http://www.futurafc.com) to allow coaches, managers, and players to check for rain delays or schedule changes. Teams are expected to keep current of any schedule changes by calling the Hotline or checking with the Tournament Tent.
2. Match **delays, terminations, or cancellations due to inclement weather** are at the discretion of the Match Officials or the Tournament Director. Matches terminated after starting due to inclement weather will be counted as completed. Points will be determined based on the match score at the time of termination. Rescheduling of delayed or canceled matches may be attempted during the duration of the tournament if time and pitch permits.
3. **Termination of the Tournament** due to inclement weather will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director and field owners. No rescheduling to the Tournament or individual Tournament matches outside of the prescribed dates will be possible.
4. The following **Policy concerning refunding of tournament fees** applies:
  - Team withdrawal after application acceptance - No Refund, unless a substitute team is found.
  - Termination of Tournament two weeks or more prior to scheduled dates - Full Refund.
  - Termination of Tournament at any time within two weeks of scheduled tournament dates - Refund of application fees less \$150 per team (to cover non-refundable expenses).
  - If tournament is cancelled because of inclement weather, refunds will be made on the following scale:

	U6 Refund	U7/U8 Refund	U9 - U11 Refund	U12 - U15 Refund
No games played:	\$130	\$225	\$320	\$350
One game played:	\$75	\$135	\$190	\$200
Two+ games played:	No Refund	No Refund	No Refund	No Refund