

BLUESPRINGS YOUTH SOCCER 2026 REC TOURNAMENT RULES



All games will be 30-minute games. Including Finals
There are No half-time in any age group. This includes finals.

- Each team will play two games.
- BYSA will provide the games cards to the Referees at start of game
- Any team trying to play illegal players will result in a forfeit (3-0 loss)
- No coin toss- Kickoffs will be by the Away team. The Home team picks which side to defend.
- Yellow Cards will not carry over to the next game.
- Red Cards will carry over to the next game. (1 game suspension minimum)
- All players MUST wear the correct Bluesprings jersey.

Free substitutions for all age groups. With the consent of the referee, teams may sub on:

all throw-ins all goal kicks
all kick offs any injury (both teams may sub)

SUBBING: Please make sure ALL players have played before you sub any players in a second time, except the Goalkeeper. Players should play at least half of each game.

POINT SYSTEM:

3 – WIN	1 – EACH GOAL UP TO 3 PER GAME
1 – TIE	1 – SHUTOUT (Must win game, No 0-0 tie)
0 – LOSS	7 – MAX POINTS PER GAME

TIEBREAKER (teams with equal points after the preliminary games)

1. Head-to-Head
2. Higher Goal Difference (**max of 3 goals**)
3. Least Goals Allowed
4. Penalty Kicks

In the case of a tie in the Finals, there will be NO overtime, we will go straight to penalty kicks to determine the winner

RULES FOR PK SHOOTOUT

- Each team gets 5 kicks.
- Each team will start with 5 players for PK. These players must be on the field at the end of the match.
- You can switch GK before the PK shootout starts **but** you must choose from players that are on the field at the end of the match, **NOT Players off the bench**. Switching keepers during PKs is only allowed if keeper is injured and cannot continue to play.
- If more than 5 kickers are needed, teams can add more players. These players must be on the field at the end of the match.

Tournament Standings will be kept by the Referee's Pavilion. Medals will be awarded to the Champions and Finalist. **Any questions/concerns must be addressed with the Tournament Directors.**

Please enjoy the tournament and make sure that ALL players & parents have a GOOD TIME!