



2026 Mike Marks Mission Classic Tournament Rules



CATEGORY	RULE
1) JURISDICTION	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations and FIFA Laws of the game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Area Director, Site Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</p>
2) FEES	<p>A. Entire fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee must be a single check issued from the respective Region's account (no personal checks, cashier's checks or money orders).</p> <p>B. Fees are: 10U \$900 (entry fee \$550 plus referee deposit \$350), 12U \$950 (entry fee \$600 plus referee deposit \$350), 14U \$1000 (entry fee \$650 plus referee deposit \$350), 16U/19U \$1025 (entry fee \$675 plus referee deposit \$350).</p>
3) ACCEPTANCE	<p>A. <u>Applications are due by April 19, 2026 for 10U-14U & April 26, 2026 for 16U-19U.</u></p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of the receipt of their applications.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If the team chooses not to be placed on a waiting list, their packet including fees will be returned within 48 hours of notification.</p> <p>D. The primary form of communication between the Tournament and applying teams will be email and the Tournament website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email & Internet access.</p>
4) REFUNDS	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the tournament will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing less than 30 days before the start of the tournament will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.</p> <p>D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the tournament. Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments actually completed versus the number that were assigned.</p>
5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION	<p>A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date, it will be rescheduled to the weekend of TBD. All teams will be expected to return on that date to resume the tournament. Any team not able to return will only receive a refund if a replacement team can be found.</p> <p>B. If the tournament is cancelled due to weather after partially completing and it cannot be rescheduled to be completed, refunds will be made to teams on a prorated basis, based on the number of actual games played.</p> <p>C. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, then a full refund will be sent to all teams, less the cost of shirts. Shirts will be sent to the team.</p>
6) PLAYERS/TEAMS	<p>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO, and have played in the Fall 2024 season. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p>B. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner). Roster changes will be allowed up to the first check in of the team (Roster must have original RC signature).</p> <p>C. Signature will be verified with other rosters on file for region. No photo copies of rosters will be accepted.</p> <p>D. 3 Guest Players (players from a different region from the applying team's region) will be allowed for each team. However, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's regional commissioner and the Host Team regional commissioner (see Guest Player Form).</p> <p>E. Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boy's divisions only.</p> <p>F. Division 16u & 19u will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 22 players per team. Division 14U will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. Division 12u will play 9 v 9, and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team. Division 10u will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team.</p> <p>G. All players must play at least 2 quarters of each game. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director</p>



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<p>7) COACHES</p>	<p>A. Each team is limited to one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach only (must have one of each). These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level that they are coaching in this tournament, be a currently registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, Concussion Awareness certified, Safesport certified, Live Scan Fingerprinted.</p> <p>C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kid Zone behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.</p>
<p>8) REFEREES</p>	<p>A. Each team in the tournament will provide a crew of 3 referees. These referees will be assigned up to 3 games.</p> <p>B. In order to get refund, referee team MUST BE CERTIFIED & QUALIFIED to referee the same age group that is supplying the referee team.</p> <p>C. All referees must be an AYSO registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, Concussion Awareness certified, Safesport certified, Live Scan Fingerprinted, and be AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level</p> <p>D. The diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>E. Youth referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing.</p> <p>F. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the Referee Badge. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p> <p>G. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded.</p> <p>H. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p> <p>I. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p>
<p>9) FIELDS</p>	<p>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff.</p> <p>B. Trash cans are provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</p> <p>C. Please observe the following Facility Use Rules while attending the tournament.</p> <p>D. Absolutely NO DOGS ALLOWED ON PREMISES (regardless of shape or size).</p> <p>E. Absolutely NO SMOKING. NO SIMULATED SMOKING DEVICES.</p> <p>F. NO BBQS</p> <p>G. NO ALCOHOL - ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED AT THE COMPLEX</p> <p>H. NO NOISEMAKERS ALLOWED IN FACILITY</p>
<p>10) FORMAT</p>	<p>A. This is a pool-play tournament.</p> <p>B. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools. Each team will play a minimum of 3 preliminary play games within their respective pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple competition flights.</p> <p>C. Teams will advance from qualifying pools based on pool play standings points. Number of teams advancing per pool will be determined by the number of pools in the division.</p>



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11) CHECK-IN	<p>A. Teams must check in 60 minutes prior to their first game, and must present Game Cards for as many games as the team will play in the tournament (including medal-round games). The Game Cards must be properly completed with the player's listed first name-last name in uniform order. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application.</p> <p>B. Each coach or team representative must provide AYSO Player Medical Release forms with original ink signatures or digitally AYSO signed for verification by tournament officials.</p> <p>C. Coach must have these Player Medical Release forms with them at all times and ready for presentation to Tournament Officials.</p> <p>D. Late arriving players must be escorted to the check-in station by a team official along with their Player Medical Release form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.</p>															
12) MONITORS	<p>A. There will be a tournament Field Monitor assigned to each field, and will report to the Tournament Field Director. Field Monitors will check in teams prior to each game, and present the verified game cards to the match referees.</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of the game, the match referees must return the completed game cards to the Field Monitor.</p> <p>C. Field Monitors will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by cell phone. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Monitor, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Monitor.</p>															
13) GAMES	<p>A. Pool play games will consist of 40 to 70 minutes (according to your game durations below) with a five minute half time. There will be a running clock during the match including substitutions. There will be no time added on for injuries or time wasted in qualifying rounds. Games will expect to end on time, and may be shortened if they started late. Pool play games may end in a tie.</p> <p>B. Championship games will be full length for that division (see chart below). Championship games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below).</p> <p>C. Game duration shall be as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Division</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Pool Play, Qtr Finals</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Semi, Final Rounds</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10u</td> <td>20 minute half</td> <td>20 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12u</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>25 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14u</td> <td>30 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16u/19u</td> <td>35 minute half</td> <td>35 minute half</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the game ball. The home team will be situated on the North or West side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or East side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pennies' in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team.</p> <p>E. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places.</p> <p>F. FORFEITS: There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 1-0 for the remaining team (See STANDINGS for the points to be awarded). For 10u division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For all other divisions, there must be a minimum of 7 players to continue a game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned and a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>G. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Tournament Committee may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions; and may distribute awards according to games played and points. The Tournament Committee will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.).</p> <p>H. ABANDONED GAMES: if any pool play games cannot be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament, the final standings of the pool will be determined by applying the Winning Percentage formula (Total Points Earned in all Game Played divided by Total Points Possible for the Number of Games Played) to each team in the pool. Note. This does not apply to games which were shortened due to late a late start. Only the Tournament Director or designee can declare a game to be abandoned or not played.</p>	Division	Pool Play, Qtr Finals	Semi, Final Rounds	10u	20 minute half	20 minute half	12u	25 minute half	25 minute half	14u	30 minute half	30 minute half	16u/19u	35 minute half	35 minute half
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<p>14) SUBSTITUTIONS</p>	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately midway through each half for ALL divisions 10u through 19u, and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee. NO FREE SUBSTITUTION.</p> <p>B. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made for injured players; however, they may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission).</p> <p>C. Substitutions in all overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of the periods only.</p>
<p>15) STANDINGS</p>	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the "ten-point system" as follows: WIN = 6 points TIE = 3 points LOSS = 0 points GOAL = 1 point (one point per goal scored up to a maximum of 3 per game, win or lose) SHUTOUT = 1 point (for an earned shutout, including a 0-0 tie) FORFEIT = 7 points (scored as a 1-0 win, no shutout points as it is not an "earned" shutout) RED CARD = 1 point deduction for team (includes 1 point for each player, substitute, coach or spectators that are asked to leave the game or premises) NON-ADA SERVICE DOG ON YOUR TOUCHLINE = 2 point deduction – coach must notify tournament staff if there is an ADA Service dog to be on their touchline prior to start of game</p> <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined as follows: Least Number of Red Cards Head to head competition Most number of wins Most Shutouts Least Amount of Goals allowed – total (up to a maximum of five per game; fewest number advances) Goal differential (goals scored to three per game less total goals allowed; highest differential advances) Shots from the mark.</p> <p>C. Wild card teams will be the team(s) with the highest standings points from all teams in the division who are not automatically advancing.</p> <p>D. Standings will be updated hourly at the Tournament Scoreboard. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be at the conclusion of Pool Play.</p>
<p>16) ADVANCEMENTS</p>	<p>A. The number of teams in the tournament will determine how many teams advance to the medal rounds. No more than two teams from each group, but as low as one team from each group will advance.</p> <p>B. Teams will play semi-final and/or championship final matches, depending on the number of teams in each pool and the format of play for that flight.</p>
<p>17) MEDAL ROUNDS</p>	<p>A. All medal round matches ending in a tie shall be decided by FIFA shots from the penalty mark. There will be no overtime period.</p>
<p>18) AWARDS</p>	<p>A. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Place teams in the medal rounds.</p> <p>B. A tournament pin and t-shirt will be presented to each player and two coaches (Head and Assistant).</p>



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<p>19) CONDUCT</p>	<p>A. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team, and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain behind the control line and between the 18-yard lines. Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from midfield).</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will indicate on the reverse of the game cards any point deductions for poor sportsmanship. Points deduction will be used as tie-breakers should that become necessary. Referees will be required to complete a game misconduct report for all misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.</p> <p>C. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of their parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the next game. There will be penalty point deductions for all send-offs (see Standings rules).</p> <p>D. Any violent conduct red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament.</p> <p>E. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, that coach will be barred from further participation in the tournament.</p> <p>F. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>G. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.</p>
<p>20) MEDICAL/FIRST AID</p>	<p>A. There will be a First Aid station at the main tent where participants may receive ice, etc. for minor injuries.</p> <p>B. There will be a roving first aid response staff member to respond to injuries on the field. Field Monitors will communicate via radio to call the first aid staffer to the field where first aid is requested.</p> <p>C. If an injury is serious, the first aid staffer or Safety Director will have a mobile phone to call 911 for emergency response.</p> <p>D. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the First Aid station.</p>
<p>21) UNIFORMS/SAFETY</p>	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey and the AYSO traditional logo is highly recommended).</p> <p>B. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper.</p> <p>C. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather. However the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed.</p> <p>D. Not allowed: jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair. No player will be allowed to participate with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation.</p> <p>E. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.</p>



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<p>22) PROTESTS</p>	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ineligible player has played. • One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, has not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee). <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game</p> <p>C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for not subject to protest or dispute!</p>
<p>23) RULES INTERPRETATION</p>	<p>The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of the tournament. Tournament Director also retains the right to modify rules on game day in the best interest of the tournament.</p>
<p>24) POOL BRACKETS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division with 2 pools of 3 teams in each pool: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cross Pool games will be played. Each team in Pool "A" will play each team in Pool "B". b) Four teams with the Highest Points after Pool Play will advance to the Medal Rounds. c) Top two teams with Highest Points will play for First and Second Place. d) Next 2 teams will play for Third and Fourth Place. • Division with 2 pools of 4 teams in each pool. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Teams will play each another in the same pool. Tournament staffs will try to balance each pool based on coach's rating of team. b) After Pool Play, Top team in each pool will play for First and Second Place. Second Place team in each pool will play for Third and Fourth Place. • Division with 5 teams in a pool. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Each team in the pool will play each another. b) Team with Highest points after pool play will get First Place. c) Team with next Highest Points will get Second Place. d) Team with third highest Points will get Third Place.
<p>25) OTHER TOURNAMENT RULES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a primary fund raiser for AYSO Area 10/V and as such teams will not be allowed to bring in private catering services. • NO portable BBQ may be brought in. • Bicycles and/or wheeled cart/toys may not be ridden on the grass. • NO PARKING ON THE BASEBALL SIDE OF THE COMPLEX • DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE PARK!!!! • NO ALCOHOL - ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED AT THE COMPLEX • NO NOISEMAKERS ALLOWED IN FACILITY • NO SMOKING OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED INCLUDING SIMULATED DEVICES