



5th Annual Ventura Viper AYSO Elite Soccer Tournament AYSO Invitational Tournament Rules

CATEGORY	RULE
1) JURISDICTION	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 10 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, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Administrator, Coach Administrator and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day.</p> <p>C. 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).</p> <p>B. Fees are: U-14 (Boys & Girls) = \$750 (entry fee \$550 plus referee deposit \$200); U19 Girls = \$550 (entry fee \$350 plus referee deposit \$200); U19 Boys = \$450 (entry fee \$350 plus referee deposit \$100)</p>
3) ACCEPTANCE	<p>A. Applications are due no later than April 1st, 2017. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. Applications must be typed or hand printed using the online form, then printed and mailed! Applications must have Coaches and Regional Commissioner or Regional Tournament Teams Director Signature. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. Applications will be considered upon receipt of a complete package. Teams will be notified of acceptance status by e-mail and posted on the website after divisions are filled. Teams with incomplete applications will be notified of their deficiencies by e-mail within 48 hours of receipt. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list or will have their entire registration packet, including fees, mailed back within 48 hours. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>E. 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 and Internet access. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
4) REFUNDS	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the tournament (on or before 22 March 2017) will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing less than 30 days before the start of the tournament (after 22 March 2017) will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found, less any cost to register the replacement team. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. If the tournament is cancelled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued. <input type="checkbox"/></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 (no later than 7 May 2017). Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments actually completed versus the number that were assigned. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION	<p>A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date, it will be rescheduled for 6-7 May 2017. <input type="checkbox"/></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. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, then a refund will be sent to all teams, less the cost of any pre-ordered items. Pre-ordered items 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 2016 season. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. Only eAYSO Rosters will be accepted! The eAYSO roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner or Regional Tournament Teams Director. Roster changes may be submitted. Roster changes will be allowed up to and on tournament day (prior to the team's first game) provided all required signatures are provided. However, these changes must be an eAYSO roster and have all appropriate signatures to be allowed. Players may play for only one team. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. 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). <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D. Coed teams will not be accepted. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>E. EXTRA teams will be accepted. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>F. Divisions U-14 and U-19 will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 18 players per team for U19 and 15 players per team for U14, no exceptions.</p> <p>G. All players must play at least half of each game. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to possible forfeiture of that game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director.</p>
7) COACHES	<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. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. Each Coach (Head and Assistant) must be currently registered volunteers, AYSO age-specific trained, and completed AYSO's Safe-Haven (within last two years) and CDC Concussion Awareness training. Each coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number as part of the application. Only eAYSO rosters will be accepted and will serve as proof of appropriate training level. <input type="checkbox"/></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>
8) REFEREES	<p>A. Each team in the tournament will provide a crew of 3 referees. These referees will be scheduled up to 3 assignments, based on their qualifications. No referee can represent more than one team during the tournament.</p> <p>B. All referees must be currently registered, AYSO trained, and Safe-Haven Certified within last two years.</p> <p>C. Only the diagonal system of control (three referees) will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>D. Referee assignments for all games will be at the discretion of the tournament referee staff.</p> <p>E. Youth referees must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing, cannot be playing in the</p>

	<p>tournament.</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 (see REFEREE PLAN for more details).</p> <p>H. <u>Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assignments in full uniform. This includes stand-by assignments. Failure to appear on time and properly dressed may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the match. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for an alternative assignment if available. This may affect a team's referee deposit refund.</u></p> <p>I. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any willful 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>
9) FIELDS	<p>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. Please observe all Facility Use Rules while attending the tournament. NO PETS ARE ALLOWED!</p>
10) FORMAT	<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.</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>
11) CHECK-IN	<p>A. Coaches must check in 60 minutes prior to their first game, and must present Game Cards provided by the tournament 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 players 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. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. Each coach must provide AYSO Player Registration forms with original ink signatures for verification by tournament officials. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. Coach must have these Player Registration forms with them at all times and ready for presentation to Tournament Officials. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D. Late arriving players must be escorted to the check-in station by a team official along with their Player Registration Form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.</p>
12) FIELD MONITORS	<p>A. There will be a tournament Field Monitor assigned to each field, and will report to the Tournament Field Director.</p> <p>B. Field Monitors may be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by radio. 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. All games with the exception of the all U19 Girls games and U19 Boys Championship and Consolation games will be full-length games 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 pool play. Games will be expected to end on time, and may be shortened if they started late (please ensure two equal halves). Pool play games may end in a tie.</p> <p>B. Championship games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below).</p> <p>C. Game duration shall be as follows: Pool Play Games: U-19 Boys: 45 minute half U-19 Girls & U-14 Boys & Girls: 35 minute half Championship/Consolation Games: U-19: 35 minute half U-14: 35 minute half</p> <p>D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing three game balls. The home team will be situated on the South or West side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the North or East side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If there are any questions regarding a color conflict, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.</p> <p>E. There will be limited time for warming up on the field and teams must lineup for check-in as soon as the referee calls for equipment check. Teams should 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. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>F. FORFEITS: There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game 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 all 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. <input type="checkbox"/></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. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
14) SUBSTITUTIONS	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately mid way through each half, at halftime, and injury for Boys and Girls U-14 and will be recorded on the game cards by the assistant referees.</p> <p>B. <u>Boys and Girls U19 will have Monitored Substitutions per the USSF Guide to Procedures. Players must play at least half of each game.</u> Playing time for each player will be monitored and recorded on a special time monitoring form by a member of the tournament staff. The Referee team will not be responsible for tracking substitutions. During the game, the Tournament Staff Member monitoring the game will apprise the Coach of any players who are in jeopardy of not playing 50% of the game. The Coach will sign the Time Monitoring form and submit to the Referee crew for submission to the Tournament Staff who will retain completed forms. Form will be mailed along with game cards to the coaches approximately 1-week prior to the tournament. Coaches are expected to fill out the substitution forms along with the game cards with player numbers, first and last name and bring them to their team check-in prior to their first game. Substitutions will be allowed as defined below.</p> <p>C. Free Substitutions will be allowed in Boys & Girls U19 as follows and only with the approval of the Referee:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Both teams after a goal is scored ii. Both teams on a goal kick iii. Team with possession on a throw-in; the opposing team may reciprocate iv. Team with possession on a corner kick; the opposing team may reciprocate v. All players exiting the field of play must do so on their own touchline at the halfway line vi. All substitutes entering as players must do so from the halfway line and may not enter until the referee beckons them onto the field <p>D. 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 or next substitution opportunity 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>E. Substitutions in all overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of the periods only.</p>
15) STANDINGS	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the "ten-point system" as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <u>earned</u> 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) YELLOW CARD = ½ point deduction RED CARD = 2 point deduction (includes two yellow cards to same person) EXPULSION = 2 point deduction (coach or assistant coach inappropriate behavior) <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head to head play Most wins Goal differential (max 3 per game) Fewest goals allowed Most goals scored (max 3 per game) Number of shutouts Fewest yellow, red card, and expulsion deductions Kicks from the penalty mark <p>C. Standings will be updated periodically at the Tournament Scoreboard and online at www.ayso39.org. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be at the conclusion of Pool Play.</p>
16) ADVANCEMENTS	<p>A. Pool winners and runners up will advance to medal round play.</p> <p>B. Pool winners will play for Championship and second place. Pool runners up will play for third and fourth place.</p>
17) MEDAL-ROUNDS	<p>A. All medal round matches ending in a tie will have two full overtime periods of five minutes in length with teams changing field direction after the first five minute period. In these matches, if still tied after overtime play, the game shall be decided by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark. There will be no golden goal in these overtime periods.</p>
18) AWARDS	<p>A. Medals will be presented to coaches and players from the first-place, second-place, third-place, and fourth-place teams in each division.</p> <p>B. A tournament pin will be presented to each player and coach.</p> <p>C. Souvenir t-shirts will be presented to all players and coaches (Please complete the T-Shirt order form and submit with your team application).</p>
19) CONDUCT	<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 two penalty areas. Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching technical area (within ten yards either way from the halfway line).</p> <p>B. Referees will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> 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 and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red card) must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (under supervision of their parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including the post-game handshake and is suspended from participation in the next game. There will be penalty point deductions for all cautions and send-offs (see Standings rules).</p> <p>D. <u>Any send-off or expulsion for violent conduct will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament.</u></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>

	H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.
20) MEDICAL/FIRST AID	<p>A. The tournament hires trained and certified EMT's to be on the premises at all times during the tournament.</p> <p>B. There will be a First Aid station at the main tent where participants may receive ice, etc. for minor injuries.</p> <p>C. 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>D. 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>E. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the First Aid station.</p>
21) UNIFORMS/SAFETY	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excluded) including both socks of the same color on all players.</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. Undergarments may be worn during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not.</p> <p>D. Jewelry (including earrings), casts, and splints of any kind or hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair will not be allowed. Fingernails will be part of the safety check and players will not be permitted to play if their nails are deemed to be dangerous/too long in the opinion of the referee.</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 it causing injury to the other players on the field.</p>
22) PROTESTS	A. Protests will not be considered.
23) RULES INTERPRETATION	A. The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.