



AYSO Costa Mesa Region 120 2020 Costa Mesa Classic Soccer Tournament

February 15th & 16th 2020
(Rain out dates February 22nd & 23rd)

CATEGORY	RULE								
A. JURISDICTION	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 11, 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 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>								
B. FEES	<p>A. Entire entry fee and referee deposit must be received before the team is accepted into the tournament. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.).</p> <p>B. Fees are:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>*U09/U10 (7v7)</td> <td>\$700 (\$400 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*U11/U12 (9v9)</td> <td>\$775 (\$475 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*U13/U14 (11x11)</td> <td>\$850 (\$550 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*U16 (11x11)</td> <td>\$900 (\$600 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)</td> </tr> </table> <p>C. ***If single brackets cannot be filled, we will combine teams to form to U10, U12, U14, U16 brackets</p>	*U09/U10 (7v7)	\$700 (\$400 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)	*U11/U12 (9v9)	\$775 (\$475 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)	*U13/U14 (11x11)	\$850 (\$550 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)	*U16 (11x11)	\$900 (\$600 entry fee plus \$300 referee deposit)
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C. ACCEPTANCE	<p>A. Applications are due by February 1, 2020 (or until requested division is full)</p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application and payment of all fees. 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 a team chooses not to be on a waiting list, the entry fee will be returned within 72 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 Manager on their application who has email and Internet access.</p>								
D. REFUNDS	<p>A. Teams withdrawing by February 1, 2020 will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing after February 1, 2020 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 21 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>								
E. RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION	<p>A. 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.</p>								
B. PLAYERS/TEAMS	<p>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO. 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 approval of the Regional Commissioner). However, these changes must be received by the Tournament Registrar prior to the tournament. There will be no roster changes allowed on tournament day.</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). Coed teams will be accepted. Coed teams will be placed in the boys divisions.</p> <p>D. U14 Division will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. U13 Division will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. U12 Divisions: We will have two u12 divisions a 9-v-9 and an 11-v-11. U11 Division will play 9-v-9 and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team U10 Division will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team. U09 Division will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team.</p> <p>E. All players must play at least half 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>								

C. COACHES	<p>A. Each team is limited to two coaches but must have at least one. These coaches must be listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number, be a currently registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, Concussion certified, and AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level. Proof of coach certification and training will be verified by the region commissioner.</p> <p>C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kids 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>
D. REFEREES	<p>A. Each team in the tournament will provide referees, or forfeit their referee deposit. These referees will be assigned to cover games based on their qualifications.</p> <p>B. All referees must be an AYSO currently registered and trained volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, and concussion certified.</p> <p>C. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>D. Referees for U-13 and U14 and above games must be Advanced level or above with game experience. Referees for U-11 and U-12 games must be Intermediate level or above with game experience. Referees for U-9 and U-10 games must be Regional or above with game experience.</p> <p>E. Youth referees (acting as the Referee) 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 AYSO 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. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 40 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 alternate assignment.</p> <p>I. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO Rules and Regulations 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>
E. FIELDS	<p>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff.</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.</p> <p>C. There are no pets of any kind allowed at this tournament.</p>
F. 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 games. 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>
G. CHECK-IN	<p>A. Teams must check in one hour prior to their first game, and must present 4 Game Cards. One for each game the team will play in the tournament (including medal-round games). The Game Cards must be properly completed with the players listed by first name-last name in jersey number order. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application. All players listed on the roster must appear on each game card, even if there is an expectation that one (or more) might miss a scheduled game.</p> <p>B. Each coach or team representative must provide official AYSO Player Registration Forms with original ink signatures or e-signatures for verification by tournament officials.</p> <p>C. Coaches must have these Player Registration 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 Registration Form and Games Cards to be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.</p>
H. FIELD MARSHALL	<p>A. There will be tournament Field Marshalls covering the fields, and will report to the Tournament Field Director. At the conclusion of the game, the match referees must return the completed game cards to the Referee table or Field Marshall.</p> <p>B. Field Marshalls will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by radio or telephone. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Marshall, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Marshall.</p>

<p>I. GAMES</p>	<p>A. All pool play games will consist of 25 minute halves 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 be expected 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 as shown 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 border="0"> <tr> <td>Division</td> <td>Pool Play/Semi</td> <td>Final Rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-9:</td> <td>20 minute half</td> <td>25 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-10:</td> <td>20 minute half</td> <td>25 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-11:</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-12:</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-13:</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U-14:</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> </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 balls. The home team will be situated on the north or east side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or West side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or wear pennies (provided by the tournament) in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.</p> <p>E. There will be no coin toss prior to the game. The home team will defend the north or east goal and kick off to start the game.</p> <p>F. 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>G. FORFEITS: Teams must be ready to take the field at the start of the game. 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). Any team forfeiting any game will forfeit all games. For U-9/U-10 division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For U-11 and U12 9 v 9 division teams, there is a minimum of 6 players on the field to continue a game. For all other divisions (11 v 11), 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>H. 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>I. 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 Games 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/Semi	Final Rounds	U-9:	20 minute half	25 minute half	U-10:	20 minute half	25 minute half	U-11:	25 minute half	30 minute half	U-12:	25 minute half	30 minute half	U-13:	25 minute half	30 minute half	U-14:	25 minute half	30 minute half
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<p>J. SUBSTITUTIONS</p>	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed at half-time and approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions U-9 through U-14. 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>B. Substitutions in U-16 will be monitored substitution according to the AYSO Experimental Program for U-16 Play. Substitutions will be allowed at a stoppage of play as allowed by the referee.</p>																					

K. STANDINGS	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the standard scoring system as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Win = 6 points Tie = 3 points Loss = 0 points Goal = 1 point per goal up to a maximum of 3 per game Shutout = 1 point for a shutout, including a 0-0 tie Forfeit = 8 points (scored as a 1-0 win) Send Off = 2 point deduction for team (includes 2 points for each player, spectator, or coach) <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head to head competition • Total Goals Allowed (Max 3 per game) • Total Goals Scored (Max 3 per game) • Most Shut out wins • Least number of sportsmanship point deductions • Penalty Kicks (this will take place 1 hour before the championship game). <p>C. Wildcard 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 on the tournament online schedule. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be at the conclusion of Pool Play. The Tournament Staff will have and maintain the official points and standings.</p>
L. ADVANCEMENTS	<p>A. Pool winners (and in some cases wildcard teams) will advance to medal round play.</p> <p>B. Teams will play championship final and/or semi-final matches depending on the number of teams in each pool and the format of play for that flight.</p>
M. MEDAL-ROUNDS	<p>A. All medal round matches ending in a tie shall be decided by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark. No Extra time.</p>
N. AWARDS	<p>A. Medals will be presented to players on the 1st and 2nd place teams in each flight.</p>
O. 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 18-yard lines (penalty areas in small fields). Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from halfway line).</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. Point deductions will be used as tie-breakers should that become necessary. 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 (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 his/her 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. Upon approval of the referee, the player may stay on the sideline under the supervision of the coach in the interest of player safety (usually when no parent is at the field). 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.</p>
P. MEDICAL/FIRST AID	<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 staff or Safety Director will 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>

Q. UNIFORMS/SAFETY	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only according to the National Rules & Regulations, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey, AYSO logo is recommended but not required.)</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 or not.</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>
R. PROTESTS	<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, have 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 nor subject to protest or dispute!</p>
S. RULES INTERPRETATION	<p>The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.</p>