

SPRING 2023 TOWAMENSING CUP
RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Age and eligibility

- A. Participation in Towamensing Cup is open to all age groups.
U11 will play 9v9
U9 will play 7v7
U7 will play 4v4
- B. All Players must be listed on team roster.
- C. According to USYSA/EPYSA Policy, age groups for coed teams are as follows:
U5, U7, U9, U11, U13, and U16.
- D. Players may not play for more than one team in their age group.
- E. All players must be registered in club for the current season and must be on team roster to play. No guest players are permitted in this tournament!

II. Duration of games

Age Group	Ball Size	Minutes (per game; all games)
U11	Size 4	30 (15 minute halves)
U9	Size 4	Normal Game
U7	Size 3	20 (10 minute halves)

- A. All games will be played with a running clock with a two-minute halftime. The referee may stop the clock for injuries. Stopping the clock for an injury will result in that player having to come out of the game until next substitution.
- B. If the referee stops the clock or beckons the coach to come out, then the player must leave the field. If coach comes out without beckoning, the player must come off the field.

III. Registration

A. Each team must check-in at Towamensing Cup Control Center (on the U5 field) at least 30 minutes prior to start of the first game. A team roster will be submitted at the Control Center listing player's names and numbers. These rosters may be reviewed by the Towamensing Cup Committee. A head coaches meeting will occur 15 minutes prior to the first game on the U5 field.

IV. Field and Game Equipment

A. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms. These numbers should coincide with those listed on team official tournament roster. There are to be no repeated numbers per team.

B. Players are required to wear shin guards and soccer cleats in accordance with FIFA laws of the game. Socks must cover the shin guards. Metal football cleats with the front toe cleat are never permitted.

C. Each team in U9 and above will be asked to provide a linesperson for each game.

D. Teams are permitted to warm up on game field, but they may warm up in a designated area prior to reporting. Teams must report to the field five minutes before scheduled start time. Games will promptly start at the scheduled time.

E. There is a coin toss. The team that wins the coin toss will decide to kick off or what goals the teams will defend. U7 will not switch sides after half.

V. Failure to show and forfeits

A. There is no grace period at the start of a game. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled start will forfeit the match.

B. If a team is unable to play or is direct result of terminating, that team will be considered to have forfeited the match.

VI. Substitutions

A. Unlimited substitutions may be made, as per the referee's permission

1. After goal has been scored
2. At the beginning of the second half
3. At a goal kick by either team
4. At a throw-in by either team

B. Limited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission

1. In case of stoppage of play for an injury (one for one basis for the injured player(s))

C. NO substitutions on corner kicks will be permitted

VII. Game and score reporting

A. The winning team coach is responsible for turning in score card in a timely manner to the Towamensing Cup Control Center.

VIII. Determining Game Winner

A. A match may end in a win or a tie.

IX. Determining Division Winner

A. The Towamensing Cup Tournament will be a Round Robin tournament in which each team in the division will play each other. Coaches will randomly select a letter at the control center to see which team they are in the tournament.

B. A win will earn 1 point, a tie will earn a 0.5 point, and a loss will receive 0 points. The team with the most points is declared the division winner.

C. In the event of a tie, the next set of criteria will be goals scored for each team. In the event of another tie, the team with the least number of goals scored against will be used next. In the event of yet a tie, a shootout will determine the division winner.

U7 Shootout is as follows (after game #3 in the event of multiple ties; see above):

1. 3 Players will be chosen from the field when time has expired.
2. Each player will play a 1 v 1 contest. No goalie; open net
3. Ball will be placed in center of the circle with 1 player from each team on the outer side of the circle.
4. When the whistle is blown, they will ensue a 1 v 1 until one of the players score.
5. This will continue until 1 team wins best 2 out of 3

U9 and above Shootout Rules (after game #3 in the event of multiple ties; see above):

1. Players must be picked from players who were on field when time expires in Game 3.
2. Once shootout goalie is selected, that player will remain goalie until the end and not be eligible to score (shoot at goal).
3. Teams should line up in order they are shooting.
4. If the score is still tied after first 3 players, each team will select one bench player at a time until one team is determined the winner. Teams should be lined up in sequential order with the 3 players that have already shot being at the end of the line for each team.

U7 and U11 will only play the preliminary rounds with points awarded as described above.

X. Protests

There will be no protest!!! The referee's decision is final!

XI. Conduct

A. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit and the letter of the LAW. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. The Towamensing Soccer Club Respect and Discipline Policy still applies for cup play and applies to all participants, even visiting clubs.

B. Players, coaches, and team officials ejected from the game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game. The referees do, however, have the right to eject players, coaches, or parents who the referee believes are exhibiting behavior in gross disrespect of the game. Any parent ejected will be permanently banned from the tournament.

C. Teams will be assembled on the same side of field with spectators on the opposite side. Nobody should be behind the goals or the end line during game play.

XII. Inclement Weather

A. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority to change games as follows:

1. Relocate or reschedule any game.
2. Change the duration of any game.
3. Cancel any Championship game and declare a division champion.

B. Any game terminated by referee or tournament officials after one half of play shall be considered official as of the time of termination.

XIII. General

A. The tournament committee's interpretation of these rules is FINAL.