



# Art Hennig Avon Memorial Day Tournament Rules & Regulations Updated 03/2024

<p><b>36th Annual</b> Art Hennig Avon Memorial Day Tournament May 23rd &amp; 24th 2026</p>	<p>Sponsored By: Avon Soccer Club <a href="http://www.avonsoccerclub.org">www.avonsoccerclub.org</a></p>
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**Spirit of the Tournament:** This tournament has been organized to promote healthy competition among players of the game of soccer. It is genuinely hoped that all participants, including players, coaches and spectators, will join in the positive support for the referees, tournament officials, vendors and parent volunteers. Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for their own behavior, as well as the behavior of their players and spectators. Tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify any team from the tournament due to the gross misconduct of its coaches, players or spectators.

This tournament is sanctioned by the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA). All tournament games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA/USSF, except where provided below.

Once accepted as a participant in this tournament, each team's club, players, coaches, managers and spectators acknowledge and accept these Rules & Regulations and hereby agree to comply with the terms listed herein.

Tournament officials reserve the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament and any judgments shall be final and binding.

## **I. Registration**

- A. All teams must be registered prior to the tournament
- B. Registration will occur online via the GotSport website
- C. All accepted teams **must upload** their official team roster and team medical waiver prior to the tournament. Documents will not be accepted at the tournament.
- D. Teams are not considered as participating until they have been accepted by the Tournament Committee. Initial registration is not a guarantee of acceptance. Teams will receive notice of acceptance, at which point entrance fees will be charged.
- E. Each team must arrive at the scorer's table to check in no later than 30 minutes prior to their first game.

## **II. Scheduling**

- A. Best efforts by the Tournament Committee will be made to:
  - 1. Schedule 5 games for each team
  - 2. Keep all individual age brackets separate
  - 3. Avoid two teams from the same Club playing each other in the same age bracket
- B. However, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of games scheduled, combine age brackets, and/or schedule teams from the same Club to play each other as the situation dictates. These circumstances may include weather-related changes, the number of teams registered for each age group, last minute withdrawals, and any other event that may arise.
- C. Head coaches who coach multiple participating teams must make arrangements for game coverage should teams be scheduled to play at the same time. Due to the number of teams registered and the complexity of schedule creation, the Tournament Committee cannot guarantee that coaches will not be "double-booked". Coaches must have substitute coverage with rostered assistant coaches listed on the team roster in the event of game overlap.
- D. No games will be changed to a different time unless initiated by the Tournament Director(s). Do not request a different time.

## **III. Uniforms and Equipment**

- A. A player may not use equipment or wear anything that is deemed by the referee to be dangerous to himself/herself or another player. **THIS INCLUDES ALL JEWELRY.**
- B. Players must wear a number on the back of their jersey. If there is a conflict in the color of uniforms, the visiting team is required to change shirts. The visiting team is listed second on the schedule. The tournament will not provide shirts, thus it is the teams' responsibility to have alternate

jerseys available for players. All teams should bring pinnies as a last resort in case they are needed.

- C. Players MUST wear shin guards in all games.
- D. Keepers must wear a jersey that clearly identifies them as different from the home team, visiting team and referees.

#### **IV. Positions of Coaches, Players & Spectators**

- A. Both teams shall occupy the same side of the field.
- B. Spectators will only be allowed on the opposite side of the field.
- C. No coaches, players or spectators shall take a position behind the goal line.
- D. Only players who are currently playing the game are allowed on the field of play. All others, including bench personnel, must receive permission from the referee to come onto the field. Anyone not receiving such permission will be subject to disciplinary action by the referee and/or the Tournament Director.

#### **V. Disciplinary Actions, Cautions & Ejections**

- A. Cautions and ejections under FIFA rules are in effect.
- B. Red Cards: Any player receiving a red card shall be suspended from the current game and from the next consecutive scheduled tournament game.
  - 1. A second red card shall suspend the player from the remainder of the tournament.
- C. Yellow Cards: A second yellow card in the same game will be interpreted as a red card.
- D. Ejections: A coach, bench personnel or spectator receiving an ejection from a game will not be allowed to remain around the field area for the remainder of the current game and for the entirety of the next team game. This includes any areas where the team gathers between games. The ejected person shall either leave the Fisher Meadows complex entirely or remain in the parking area until allowed to return to the field as stated above.

#### **VI. Protests/Appeals**

- A. Protests/appeals of any game will not be accepted.
- B. Any questions or problems that may arise that are not covered in the Tournament Rules shall be decided by the Tournament Director(s), whose decision shall be final.

#### **VII. No Shows**

- A. Teams are encouraged to arrive at their field 15 minutes prior to game time.
- B. Any team not ready to play within 5 minutes after the scheduled start time shall forfeit the game to its opponent by a score of 1-0.

## **VIII. Rosters**

- A. Minimums
  - 1. U9/U10 - 6 players must be present to be considered a complete team, one of whom must be a keeper.
  - 2. U11+ - 7 players must be present to be considered a complete team, one of whom must be a keeper.
- B. Maximums
  - 1. U9/U10 - 16 players
  - 2. U11/U12 - 18 players
  - 3. U13+ - 22 players
- C. No guest players are allowed.
- D. If an ineligible player is used, that team shall forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participated. The score of such forfeited games shall be recorded as 1-0 in favor of the non-offending team.

## **IX. Game Details**

- A. U9/U10 -
  - 1. Build-out lines shall be in effect. Teams cannot be called for offsides between the midfield and the build-out line.
  - 2. Groups are non-result oriented. Neither scores nor standings will be recorded or recognized. Players for these teams will all receive participation medals.
- B. Duration, Ball Size, Format -
  - 1. All games will consist of two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. Water breaks may be incorporated at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s) and/or referee but will not extend the game length.
  - 2. U9-U12 teams will play with a #4 size ball. U13+ teams will play with a #5 size ball.
  - 3. U9/U10 divisions shall play a 7v7 format. U11/U12 divisions shall play a 9v9 format. U13+ divisions shall play a 11v11 format.
- C. Champion and finalist trophies will be awarded to players in age groups U11 and above.
- D. Heading the ball is prohibited in the U9/U10/U11 divisions.
- E. Substitutions shall be unlimited and may be made at any stoppage of play with the consent of the referee.
- F. Each team will be required to provide a lines-person if requested by the referee.
- G. Should a game be terminated after 20 minutes or more of play, it will be considered as official and counted as a full game. The score at termination shall stand and be recorded.

**X. Scoring/Standings**

- A. Games ending in a tie score will be recorded as a tie. There are no overtimes.
- B. Standings for teams U11 and above will be determined based upon the following scoring system:
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<b>Result</b>	<b>Points</b>
Win	8
Tie	3
Loss	0
Shutout Win	2
Goals Scored	1 per goal (3 max per game)

- C. Teams shall be ranked based upon the number of points they have been awarded. In the case of ties in point totals, the following tie-breakers will be used to determine final standings (in order from 1 to 5):
  - 1. Head-to-head (when played)
  - 2. Fewest goals against
  - 3. Most shut-out victories
  - 4. Goal differential (max 3 per game)
  - 5. Most goals scored (max 3 per game)
- D. Should there still remain a tie after all tie-breakers have been considered, dual winners will be proclaimed and trophies will be mailed after the tournament.

**XI. General Rules**

- A. Dogs are not allowed on the playing fields in accordance with Town of Avon ordinances. This includes the areas surrounding the fields of play. Dogs must remain off **ALL** grass.
- B. Tents, coolers, lawn games and other tailgating equipment is permitted and encouraged. However, BBQ grills are not allowed.
  - 1. Tents may remain up overnight, however Avon Soccer Club is not responsible for any theft or damage that may occur.
- C. Parking is tight. Please obey all posted parking signs and follow the instructions of parking attendants. Carpooling is strongly recommended.
  - 1. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to contact a towing service to remove any cars that are parked in a manner that restricts tournament operations or poses a safety hazard. Any

expenses associated with vehicle removal shall be solely borne by the vehicle operator.

- D. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on the fields or in the parking lot is prohibited.
- E. Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the behavior of their players, managers and spectators.

## **XII. Weather & Cancellations**

- A. In the event of inclement weather or adverse playing conditions, games may be shortened, relocated, rescheduled, or canceled. This may include play on Memorial Day (Monday). In the event of schedule adjustments, the team coach or designated team contact person will be notified as soon as possible.
- B. Any game in progress will be considered official if at least 20 minutes have been played. The score at termination will stand.
- C. The Tournament Committee, Avon Soccer Club and CJSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. No refund of entry fees will be given, nor will partial refunds be awarded, if the number of games played is reduced for any reason.
- D. If an accepted team withdraws within 20 days of the start of the tournament, or if the schedule has been generated, that team will be responsible for finding a replacement team (same age group and gender) or their registration fee will not be refunded.

## **XIII. Referees**

- A. Certified referees and line-persons (U11+) shall be provided by the tournament.
- B. At the request of the referee, each team will be required to provide a lines-person if official lines-persons are not available.
- C. All decisions of the referee are final, binding, and non-appealable.
- D. Referees have the right to warn, caution, sanction, and/or eject any player, coach, bench personnel, or spectator who engages in conduct deemed by the referee to be abusive, threatening or in any way harmful to the physical or emotional health of referee or lines-persons.
- E. **Referee abuse WILL NOT be tolerated** and the Tournament Committee maintains exclusive right to remove any individual or team from the premises if it determines offensive behavior warrants expulsion.