

2011 Patriot's Cup Tournament Rules

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I. All games will be played under **FIFA** rules as modified by **USYA/AYSA** unless otherwise stated in this rules package. The Tournament Director will settle all rules disputed and this decision is final. **No protest will be entertained.**

II. Only verified players who are registered with **USYA** or other **FIFA** recognized organizations may play in the tournament. Any team may use a maximum of 4 loan players, (with appropriate documentation). However, no team may register more than 18 players for U12 and above, or 14 players for U11 and below. The **Got Soccer rosters** will be the official roster for each team in the tournament. The registration table will check the player passes no later than 45 minute before each game. The teams are responsible for picking up their passes after each game.

III. Team check-in will occur on Thursday prior to the tournament for Phoenix area teams and Friday night for all other teams. A team representative must check the team in at the prescribed time, as listed on the website (we will also email all teams as a reminder). Any team failing to check-in without prior approval from the tournament director will lose 2 points from their total when determining final standings or advancement into the championship round.

IV. Players wearing an orthopedic or immobilizing cast will be allowed to play if, in the opinion of the Referee, the cast is properly padded and safe. If, in the opinion of the Referee, the player is being unsafe with the cast, the player will be sent off by the Referee for equipment violation and not be allowed to play for the remainder of that game. Unless the player receives a red card; he or she may be replaced. The player is eligible to play in a subsequent game subject to the provisions of this rule and red card violations. The opinion of the Referee is final.

V. Teams must arrive at the field location no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the game and check in at the registration table 45 minutes prior to game time. A team must have 7 players available at the start of the game to avoid a forfeit. U-7 -

U-11 teams must have 6 players available at the start of the game to avoid a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. All teams who forfeit will have the game(s) scored a 0-1 loss. The winner will be awarded eight (8) points (6 for the win, 1 for a goal, and 1 for a shutout).

VI. In the event any game is terminated by the Referee prior to the completion of the game, based upon misconduct attributable to both teams, then both teams will be assessed minus 1 pt. for said game. In the event any game is terminated by the Referee prior to the completion of the game, and the misconduct is attributable to only one team, then the team whose misconduct caused the early termination will be assessed minus 1 pt. for the game. The other team, will be awarded a victory by virtue of a forfeit. If the game score of said game results in more points than the forfeit score, then actual game score will take precedence. Any games terminated by the Referee prior to the completion of the game, for other cause, will be reviewed by the Tournament Director for ruling consistent with the spirit of these rules and regulations.

VII. Any team who voluntarily removes itself from a game after it begins will forfeit the game and be subject to a ban of further participation in the tournament. If a team discontinues participation in the tournament after completing one or more games, all of their scores will be noted as 0-1 forfeits.

VIII. The Tournament Referee Coordinator shall assign all game officials.

IX. Home teams and their respective fans will occupy the North or East side of the playing field.

X. Home team must change jerseys in case of a color conflict and provide a game ball (must be acceptable by the referee). The home team is the team listed first on the game schedule.

XI. Final team standings will be determined using the following point criteria:

- a.** A win is six(6) pts.
- b.** A tie is three(3) pts.
- c.** A loss is zero(0) pts.
- d.** One(1) point for each goal, up to a maximum of three (3) for each team.
- e.** One (1) point for a shutout (including a 0-0-tie)
- f.** Minus one (1) point for each red card or two yellow cards issued to the same player/coach in the same game.
- g.** Maximum of 10 points per game.

XII. The following tiebreaker criteria will apply.

1. The winner in head to head competition.
2. Goal differential. (maximum of 5 per game)
3. Most Goals Scored. (maximum of 5 per game)
4. Fewest Goals Against. (maximum of 5 per game)
5. Most shut outs.
6. FIFA Kicks from the Penalty spot.

If a three way tie exists within a bracket after steps 1 through 5 are applied, a three-way coin flip will be conducted. The teams that tie in the coin flip will compete in FIFA Penalty Kicks to eliminate one team prior to proceeding to FIFA Kicks with the third team. The coin flip and time of the FIFA Penalty Kicks will be determined by the tournament director.

XIII. Shin guards are **mandatory** for all players in all games. The registration table will check shin guards and proper equipment prior to each game.

XIV. Game times shall be as follows:

DIV	Pool	SEMI/CHAMP	OT
U8/9	25 minute halves	None	None
U10	25 minute halves	None	None
U11	30 minute halves	30 minute halves	PK
U12	30 minute halves	30 minute halves	PK
U13	30 minute halves	30 minute halves	PK
U14	30 minute halves	30 minute halves	PK
U15	35 minute halves	35 minute halves	PK
U16	35 minute halves	35 minute halves	PK
U17	40 minute halves	40 minute halves	PK
U18	40 minute halves	40 minute halves	PK

Coaches are asked to remain flexible to the changes in fields/locations as required and to keep in contact with Tournament Officials for these changes. The tournament committee does not have control of the decision making on whether we can use the city fields to play games should weather become a major factor. In that case the tournament committee will check with the appropriate Parks and Recreation office to coordinate the use of these fields. The Tournament Committee will make their decisions on what is best considering the health and safety of the players and what fields are available for use.

XV. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all Tournament Rules in order to safely and fairly complete the tournament. The Tournament Committee will make their decisions on what is best considering the health and safety of the players, but will also take into consideration the need to prevent the destruction of the fields and facilities.

a. All games as scheduled

b. Eliminate pre-game warm-ups on fields

c. Implement item “b” plus shorten all preliminary games:

U8/9/10 halves of 10 minutes each

U11/12 halves of 12 minutes each

U13/14 halves of 15 minutes each

U15/16 halves of 18 minutes each

U17/18/19 halves of 20 minutes each

d. Implement items “b” and “c” plus shorten all semi-finals and finals.

e. In the event that field conditions are unplayable as determined by the Tournament Director or those parties in control of the field, games in question will be decided by penalty kicks from the mark (FIFA rules apply)

XVI. Coaches will be responsible for periodic checks at the registration table or online for any late schedule changes and modifications to the tournament.

XVII. All Coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, substitutes, parents, friends and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted provided: No Mechanical Devices are used. The tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory. Each coach or substitute remains within 10 yards on either side of the halfway line. No coach, substitute or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes or spectators.

XVIII. Awards

a. The Patriots Cup will be awarded to the 1st place team from each flight, U11-19.

b. Medals will be awarded to each player for 1st and 2nd place teams for each flight, U11-19.

c. Patriots Cup participation awards will be given to all U7 through U10 players, as these brackets are considered non-competitive.

In the event any other controversy or dispute arises during the Tournament that is not specifically addressed in these rules and regulations, the Tournament Director will assess such situations and issue a decision consistent with the intent and spirit of these rules and regulations. The Director's decision is final.

