

34th Annual Silver State Invitational

RULES OF PLAY

(9/1/07)

FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply as modified by US Youth Soccer (USYS) and Nevada Youth Soccer Association/United States Youth Soccer of Nevada (USYSNV) as described herein.

ELIGIBILITY

All properly registered teams in good standing with USYS or US Club Soccer and Nevada Youth Soccer Association are eligible to compete in the 34th Annual Silver State Invitational Soccer Tournament. Teams must be U11 – U19. Eligible players, males and females, in all age groups, are those players whose names appear on the team's official league roster for 2007/2008 or US Club Soccer Travel Roster. No select or tournament teams will be allowed to participate. Players may only be rostered on one team participating in the Tournament.

REGISTRATION

Check-in will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on Friday, January 25, 2008, U11-U14 & Friday, February 22, 2008, U15-U19 location TBA. USYSNV Contact: Andrea Thompson, 5650 W Charleston Blvd #13, LV, NV 89146; (702) 870-3024, (702) 870-9990 (F). It is **mandatory** that a representative from each team attend. Light refreshments will be served. Due to the number of teams checking in, and out of consideration to the other coaches/managers, please refrain from bringing children to the check-in. All teams will provide the following at registration. **(Failure to provide the needed paperwork for each player could prevent players from participating in the tournament)**

- * Copy of Birth Certificate (non-Nevada teams).
- * Guest Player Forms (up to [5] per team).
- * Medical Release form or 2007/2008 USYS registration form.
- * Proof of Insurance from USSF Affiliated Organization or National Organization if entering as **non-USYS** team.
- * Travel Papers (non-Nevada teams). Out of country teams must have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation and proof of entry into the United States.
- * Official League Roster.
- * Shirt number of each player must match daily match roster.
- * Laminated 2007/2008 USYS Player/Coach Passes, USSF affiliated Organization equivalent (US Club Soccer, AYSO, etc) or appropriate National Organization pass to participate (all foreign players need to present passport at registration), required at all matches to be checked by referee/field marshal.

SCHEDULE

All teams are guaranteed at least (3) matches (unless out of the Tournament committees control). Championship finalists will be determined by *Tournament Scoring* of first (3) matches (unless there is an uneven bracket). Matches will be played at either the **Bettye Wilson Soccer Complex**, 7353 Eugene, LV, NV 89128 (Lake Mead & Tenaya-next to Cimarron Memorial High School), the **Kellogg Zaher Soccer Complex**, 7701 West Washington, LV, NV 89128 (N. Buffalo & Washington); or the **Ed Fountain Soccer Complex**, 4500 Vegas Dr, LV, NV 89108 (Decatur & Vegas Drive); **unless** otherwise posted on the Tournament web page. The Tournament Scheduler will determine divisions/brackets. Park only in designated areas MARKED for parking in both Soccer Complexes.

EQUIPMENT

U11 - U12 will play with a size (4) ball and U13 – U19 will play with a size (5) ball. All players are required to wear shin guards under socks. No jewelry may be worn in competition. Players shall wear approved boots (**no** center cleats). All players must wear numbered (minimum 6" on back of jersey) uniforms with no duplicated numbers on a team. **NO** hard casts permitted. If player has a soft cast, must have a doctor's release and approval from the referee to play. **NO** knee braces made of hard, unyielding material, unless hinges are covered on all sides, and all its edges are overlapped. Players not in compliance will be CAUTIONED (yellow carded) and sent off the field until the requirement is met.

HOME AND VISITING TEAM

The home team is listed first on the schedule, must change jerseys in the event of a color conflict & will supply the match ball (which will be subject to referee approval). If the sub box is painted, all subs will wait in it to be brought onto the pitch. **No** sub box; players stand at centerline. Home side of field is North or East side. Head coach is responsible to make sure their side of the field is cleaned up after each match. **No** alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, glass containers or pets will be allowed anywhere in the Bettye Wilson Soccer Complex or the Kellogg/Zaher Soccer Complex. Players/spectators of same team will occupy same side of field. **No** smoking at or near any of the tournament fields or concession areas. **No** persons permitted behind the goals. **No** pets/animals allowed. **No** verbal abuse will be allowed.

COACHING

All Head coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their other coaches, team officials, players, and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (giving directions to ones own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted if:

- * No mechanical devices are used and the tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory.
- * No coach, team official, player or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.
- * No coach, team official, player or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players or spectators.
- * **Both** coaches will **sign** the match card in front of the center referee, when the match is finished, attesting to its accuracy and verifying if there is a dispute.
- * Head coach is responsible for **picking up** players passes after each match.

PRE-MATCH CHECK-IN

Teams must check-in with the Field Marshal at the designated location for the field they are to play on (30) minutes prior to the time their match is scheduled to begin. At this time, player equipment will be inspected, player passes turned over to the Field Marshal, each player pass checked against the player, match cards checked and any other necessary instructions given.

The Field Marshals are at the matches to assist you with anything you might need and to handle the administrative concerns of the matches. They **do not** have any authority over any decision normally made by a referee. The Field Marshal will keep the player passes for both teams in their possession during the match. The Center Referee's time is the official time.

Immediately after each match, the Field Marshal will make sure the Match card (and any player/coaches passes of players/coaches who have been ejected) is taken to the Tournament Headquarters to be posted on the scoreboards and to have the passes kept until after the next match, at which time that coach will pick up the passes.

FORFEITURES

Teams failing to check-in (15) minutes prior to their scheduled kick-off time or failing to report ready to play within (5) minutes of scheduled kick-off time may forfeit their match. All teams must have a minimum of (7) players present to start the match. Teams who have forfeited may continue on in the tournament.

REFEREES

All referees working this tournament must be certified by the Federation. All referee decisions are final and not appeal able. The center referee will fill out the match card and give it to the Field Marshal immediately after the match is finished.

The Nevada Legislature passed Law AB 474 in 2005 to protect all sports officials, including: referees, umpires, linesmen, timekeepers, inspectors & judges, in all sports. State law makes it a **crime** to threaten a sports official, verbally or physically, resulting in fines up to \$2,000 and (1) year in jail. If the victim suffers severe bodily harm, the punishment may be up to (15) years in prison and fines up to \$10,000.00. (NRS 200.471 and 200.481)

INJURY

Referees will be instructed **not** to add time to a match except under the most extenuating circumstances. However, all preliminary matches will be terminated not less than (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next match.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitution will be allowed in all age groups, with the Center Referee's permission (unless more than (1) International team is in the age group), and only at the following times: (Players will check in with the Sideline Referee, who will raise a flag, and then stand/kneel at the centerline [in sub-box, if painted] until Center Referee signals them to enter the field and only after the player they are to replace has left the field. ***All*** substitutions will be done at the centerline.)

* Prior to throw-in by the team in possession.

* On a Yellow card, cautioned player **must** leave field until next stoppage.

* After an injury on either team when Center Referee stops play.

* If coach goes **onto** pitch to tend to a player, player **must** leave the field until next reentry opportunity.

* Prior to a goal kick by either team.

* At half time.

* After a goal is scored by either team.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All age groups (unless number of teams in an age group determine differently) will play round robin format within their brackets of (4). Each team will play each other once with the top two teams playing for the championship on Sunday. Each team will play a minimum of (3) matches unless out of the tournaments control and then the Inclement Weather or Unexpected Termination of Play rules kick in. Each team will play (2) matches on Saturday and either (1) or (2) on Sunday.

DURATION OF MATCHES / ROSTER SIZES

Preliminary/Semi-Finals/Consolation Matches will consist of [Ties are allowed in preliminary/consolation matches]:

U11 - 14 (11v11) (2) 30 min halves-18 max roster.

U15 - 16 (11v11) (2) 35 min halves-18 max roster.

U17 - 19 (11v11) (2) 35 min halves - 22 max roster.

All preliminary/consolation matches will be terminated no less than (5) minutes **prior** to the start of the next match. **No** ties in Semi-Final Matches-immediately to PK's. ***All*** divisions and ***all*** matches will have a (5) minute half-time break.

Championship Matches **only** will consist of: [**NO** ties and **NO** golden goal]

U11 - 12 (2) 30 minute halves with (2) 5 minute overtime periods with a (2) minute break in-between, then PK's.

U13 - 14 (2) 35 minute halves with (2) 10 minute overtime periods with a (2) minute break in-between, then PK's.

U15 - 16 (2) 40 minute halves with (2) 10 minute overtime periods with a (2) minute break in-between, then PK's.

U17 - 19 (2) 45 minute halves with (2) 10 minute overtime periods with a (2) minute break in-between, then PK's.

Both coaches will **sign** the match card in front of the center referee, when the match is finished, attesting to its accuracy and verifying if there is a dispute.

TOURNAMENT SCORING

Teams shall be awarded points for match results as follows:

- A. (6) points for each win. (0) points for each loss.
(3) points for each tie (including 0-0 tie). (1) point **deducted** for each forfeiture or abandonment.
(1) point for each shutout (including 0-0 tie). (1) point **deducted** for each red card.
(1) point for each goal scored, up to (3) maximum, regardless of win, tie or loss.
- B. For a forfeited match, the winner will be credited with a 1-0 win and awarded (8) points (six for the win, one for the goal and one for the shut-out). A team abandoned by another team during a match will be awarded at least (8) points. The results of that match shall be based on the score at the time of the abandonment. No positive points for team abandoning the match. A maximum of (5) minutes allowed from match time to forfeit time.
- C. No positive points will be awarded if neither team shows up.
- D. Any team leaving the field prior to determination of a winner shall forfeit the match.
- E. A match is considered official upon completion of one half of play regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half with final results based on the score at termination.
- F. Final standings for the pool will be determined by the total number of points accumulated during pool play.
- G. Scores of each match played will be posted on the Official Score Boards located by the Tournament Headquarters tent after the Field Marshals turn in each match card.

TIE BREAKING WITHIN A POOL

Ties in pool standings will be broken by employing a tiebreaker. If more than two teams are involved in the tie, the first team to move ahead of the remaining teams will be awarded the highest place, and the tiebreakers continued until all ties are broken.

- A. Head to head (if all teams played each other).
- B. Least goals allowed (maximum of (4) per match).
- C. Largest goal differential (maximum of [plus or minus] (5) per match).
- D. Most goals scored (maximum of (4) per match).
- E. Most shutouts with at least (1) goal scored in the match.
- F. FIFA penalty kicks (site and time at the discretion of Tournament Director, or held (1/2) hour prior to and at the site of the Championship match. (11) players from a team must be ready to participate within (5) minutes of appointed time or else that team will forfeit its opportunity to prevail in the tiebreaker. PK rules in following paragraph. If more than (2) teams are tied, straws will be drawn and teams will take PK's in the order of shortest straw shooting last and longest straw shooting first. Same PK rules apply.

TIE BREAKING IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

If the score is still tied at the conclusion of overtime play in any Championship match, both teams will take penalty kicks as described by FIFA until a winner is determined. No Championship match shall end in a tie. **Only** the (11) players on the field at the conclusion of overtime may participate. Center Referee will gather all the players on the field at the end of the second overtime period and not allow them to go to their respective sidelines. They are the **only** players who will shoot the PK's. After the initial (5) PK's are taken and there is no winner, each team will take an equal number of PK's (one for one) until a winner is determined. If need be, all (11) players will be used and then each team will begin again in the same order they started in.

EJECTION'S

USYSNV rules prohibit any coach, team official or player ejected from a match, or suspended by the proper authority, to be within sight or hearing distance of the field of play during his/her suspension. A coach, team official or player receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single match is considered to have been given an ejection (red card). A player who has been ejected (sent off), shall not be replaced and shall miss the remainder of that match and the next match.

A coach, team official or player who has been ejected for **VIOLENT CONDUCT** shall not be allowed to participate in the next **TWO** scheduled matches. Any coach, team official or player who assaults a referee will be expelled from the tournament. **FIGHTING** will not be tolerated for any reason. Coaches, team officials, players or spectators sent off for fighting (striking or attempting to strike another coach, team official, player or spectator) will not be allowed to participate in any further tournament matches. Coaches, team officials, players or spectators who enter the field of play for any reason, in the event of a fight, will be ejected from the tournament. If the coaches, team officials, players or spectators cannot be identified, the entire team will be removed from the tournament. No refunds will be made to any team that is removed from the tournament for fighting or for any other reason.

The coach/team official shall forfeit the carded coach's, team official or player's pass to the Center Referee for red cards who will give the pass and the match report to the Field Marshal. The coach, team official or player in question shall be ineligible until the pass is returned to said coach, team official or player by the Tournament Committee.

Any coach or team official that is coaching more than one team in the tournament and is suspended on one team, is automatically suspended from any other teams until the suspension has been served for the team coach was suspended for.

If, in the opinion of the Center Referee, a match must be terminated for misconduct because of players, coach or spectators, the offending team forfeits that match and will be suspended from further play in all remaining matches, which would be forfeits. Previous points earned and any awards or other considerations will be forfeited. In addition, the home league and State Association will be contacted. Any verbal abuse directed at committee members, referees or other volunteers will also result in suspension and ejection. Referees have complete authority during all matches and will not allow abusive or profane language, threats of any kind or any style of play that detracts from the Game of Soccer.

ALTERNATE MATCH SCHEDULING

The Tournament Committee has the authority to alter the schedule, move matches to the next day or move match sites for the good of the tournament. All matches will be played if at all possible.

INCLEMENT WEATHER OR UNEXPECTED TERMINATION OF PLAY

Matches will be played in all weather conditions, unless the Center Referee or Tournament Director determines the conditions are dangerous and/or life threatening as per FIFA/USYS/USYSNV regulations or may cause severe damage to the fields. The Tournament Committee will do every thing in their control to make sure all matches are played, but if it is out of their control, the standings at that time will be final. **No** refunds will be given! If a team forfeits or is suspended by a referee, the other teams scheduled to play that teams remaining matches have **no** right to a refund.

Contingency Plan:

Plan A: Tournament start time will be set back the number of time slots required.

Plan B: Shorten all first round matches to: U11-U14 (15) minute halves. U15-U19 (20) minute halves.

Plan C: Plan B plus shorten all second round matches the same as Plan B.

Plan D: Plan C plus shorten all third round matches the same as Plan C.

Plan E: If the event the fields become totally unplayable or the weather becomes a safety risk, it may be necessary to decide some matches with FIFA penalty kicks or cancel the tournament play and send the teams home. Tournament placement will be determined by standings at time of tournament stoppage.

DISPUTES

All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee and their decision shall be final. Disputes that will be heard will include player eligibility and tournament rules **ONLY!** Disputes must be turned in within 20 minutes after match is terminated with the disputing coach marking the dispute box on the match card and notifying the other coach and referee that there is a dispute. The dispute will be adjudicated within 20 minutes for a total of 40 minutes after match is finished. (A quorum of the Tournament Committee must be present (50%) and the Tournament Director will be the tiebreaker vote). Only one (1) person representing the team in dispute will be allowed at the Headquarters tent. **NO** protests or appeals will be allowed. **NO** refunds will be issued for any reason after the tournament acceptance letter has been emailed.

AWARDS

Each player/coach will receive a tournament pin and tournament program.

Each coach will receive a special gift at check-in.

After all final matches, **first** (1st) and **second** (2nd) place teams will receive individual player/coach awards and the coach will receive a team trophy.

Awards will **NOT** be mailed to teams failing to stay for presentations.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

If accepted to participate in the Silver State Invitational Soccer Tournament, we agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify Nevada Youth Soccer Association / United States Youth Soccer of Nevada (USYSNV), their Board members, officials, coaches, referees, sponsors and their employees, agents, officers and directors from any and all liability for injury, or damage to persons, property, or economic interests connected with or arising out of any action taken by them in good faith or out of any failure by them to act, the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, the Kellogg/Zaher Soccer Complex and the Bettye Wilson Soccer Complex. In the event of inclement weather or other uncontrollable force of nature or event, the Silver State Invitational Soccer Tournament and the Division of Leisure Services of the City of Las Vegas, shall be the sole and exclusive judge of whether the tournament shall be held, canceled, continued or postponed and we hereby release the Silver State Invitational Soccer Tournament and all of the persons or entities mentioned above from any and all liability for direct or consequential damages resulting from the exercise by them of such judgment and recognize and accept all decisions of the tournament as final without objection, appeal or compensation whatsoever. We certify that each player registered by us for the tournament is covered by an approved insurance plan. Payment of entry fee and acceptance to tournament constitutes acceptance of: Release of Liability, tournament guidelines, format and Tournament Rules.

NO Alcoholic Beverages, illegal drugs or glass containers allowed in Complexes.

NO Smoking at or near the tournament fields/concessions.

NO pets/animals will be allowed at the Complexes.

Please pick up trash at the end of your matches.

HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!