

# **MICHIGAN CLUB CHALLENGE**

A. Beginning with 2016 all age groups will be based on birth year, not the August 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff. Any team still using the August 1<sup>st</sup> will have to “play up” an age group to adhere to the birth year policy.

B. Eligibility-All teams registered with US Soccer and Canada U8 through U14 girls and U7 through U-14 boys for the Spring of 2019 are eligible for the Michigan Club Challenge. The seasonal roster for Spring 2019 must be used. Up to 5 guest players will be permitted. No player will be allowed to play for more than 1 team at the Michigan Club Challenge. Risk management cards will be check for all team officials regardless of what organization they are registered through. Non MSYSA teams must show their organization’s background check information.

## 1. MSYSA requirements

- a. Player passcards with photo I.D.
- b. 1 copy of official roster
- c. Tournament liability release form
- d. Guest player paperwork if applicable
- e. Medical release for each player
- f. CDC Heads up concussion certificate for all coaches
- g. Teams must provide Michigan Department of Community Health/CDC Parent and athlete concussion information sheet. Each player should have their own sheet.

## 2. USYSA requirements

- a. Player passcards with photo I.D.
- b. 1 copy of official roster
- c. Tournament liability release from
- d. Permission to travel form
- e. Guest player paperwork if applicable
- f. Medical release for each player
- h. CDC Heads up concussion certificate for all coaches
- i. Teams must provide Michigan Department of Community Health/CDC Parent and athlete concussion information sheet. Each player should have their own sheet.

## 3. US Club Soccer requirements

- a. Player passcards with photo I.D.
- b. 1 copy of official roster
- c. Guest player paperwork if applicable
- d. Medical release for each player
- e. Heads up concussion certification for all players and coach
- f. Teams must provide Michigan Department of Community Health/CDC Parent and athlete concussion information sheet. Each player should have their own sheet.

All non US Soccer coaches will have to turn in either CDC Heads up concussion certificate or NFHS Concussion in sports certificate.

Application Deadline is March 28, 2019. Checks should be made out to Northville Soccer and mailed to Michigan Club Challenge 14142 Hubbell Livonia, MI 48154. Teams will be notified shortly after that time whether or not they have been accepted. Teams not accepted will receive a refund. All teams will play a minimum of 3 games in the round robin format.

Entry fee for Michigan Club Challenge:

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| U7 and U8       | \$275 |
| U9 and U10 7v7  | \$445 |
| U11 and U12 9v9 | \$450 |
| U13 and U14     | \$500 |

#### C. Age Groups and Playing Format

1. U8 (and those U7 teams attend) Boys and Girls will play 4v4 with no GK
2. U7 teams wishing to attend the tournament will play in U-8 division.
3. U9 and U10 Boys and Girls will play 7v7
4. U11 and U12 Boys and Girls will play 9v9
5. U13 through U14 Boys and Girls will play 11v11

11v11 will have a maximum roster size of 22. However, only 18 players may play in any particular game. Maximum roster is 8 players for 4v4, 12 players for 7v7, 18 players for 9v9.

All U9 and up games and above will use a 3 man referee system. All U7 and U8 games will use 1 referee.

#### D. Check-In

Onsite check-in will be performed on Friday April 26, 2019 at Northville Community Park (NCP) at the tournament headquarters just west of NCP 8 from 6-8:00pm.

#### E. Game Length

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| U7/U8   | 20 minute halves | size 3 ball |
| U9/U10  | 25 minute halves | size 4 ball |
| U11/U12 | 30 minute halves | size 4 ball |
| U13/U14 | 35 minute halves | size 5 ball |

#### F. Scoring System

1. Teams will be given 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.
2. Any forfeit or game not played due to a team withdrawing will be scored as a 2-0 win.
3. In the event of a tie for the group winner or wild card, the following criteria will be used:

1. The winner of head to head (not applicable if more than 2 teams are tied)
2. Most wins
3. Goal differential-Goals for minus goals against (maximum of 4 per game)
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. FIFA penalty shootout

**In the event of a 3 way tie the tie breaker will NOT start at the beginning once a team has been eliminated but will continue to work down the tie-breaker process.**

- G. All FIFA rules will apply to Michigan Club Challenge with the following exceptions
- a. Substitutions will be allowed at any stoppage with the referee's approval. This means either team may sub on any whistle regardless on which team's throw/kick it may be:
  - b. 7v7 Exception:
    - i. Offsides will be called beginning at the attacking build out line.
    - ii. All defending players must retreat to the build out line once the goalkeeper has the ball in their hands. Players may cross the build out line once the ball leaves the penalty area.
    - iii. For goalkicks the GK may play the ball from the ground as a true goal kick.
    - iv. Punting from the GK is not allowed. The restart will be an indirect free kick for the opposing team.
  - c. 4v4 exception:
    - i. There will be no offsides for 4v4.
    - ii. When the ball goes out the sideline it may be thrown, passed or dribble in.
    - iii. When the ball goes over the endline it will be restarted with either a goal kick or a corner depending on who touched it last. These may also be dribble in.
    - iv. No goalkeepers.
  - d. Overtime
    - i. No overtime will be played in the preliminary round robin games. Games will end in a tie.
    - ii. Finals and Semi Finals will play 2 5-minute overtimes. NO GOLDEN GOAL WILL BE GIVEN. The full 10 minutes will be played regardless to whether a goal is scored or not.
  - e. Home team will be listed first on schedule and will be responsible to change jerseys, if in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict. It is also the home team's responsibility to supply a game ball.
  - f. Both teams will occupy the same side of the field while all spectators will be on the opposite side.
  - g. All jewelry shall be removed prior to the start of the game.
  - h. Hard casts will only be allowed with referee approval.
  - i. Any team not having the minimum amount of players shall forfeit the match. Any team that has forfeited a round robin match shall not be allowed to move onto a knock out stage as either a group winner or a wild card. A 10 minutes grace period from schedule kick off will be allowed. A minimum of 7 players for 11v11, 6 players for 9v9, 4 players for 7v7 and 3 players for 4v4 games. The score for a forfeited game will be recorded as 3-0.
  - j. Shin guards are required for all players

- k. Any acts of nature that interrupt a game will be suspended. Games will be restarted at the point of interruption if possible. If time does not permit that the game will be declared final and the score will stand at the time of the interruption. The Tournament Committee will also have final say as to whether or not games are to be shortened.
- l. Both coaches will be required to sign the game sheet at the conclusion of the match. Please make sure the score is correct when signing.
- m. Substitutions will be unlimited.

H. The Michigan Club Challenge Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine age groups where needed. No team will be asked to play up more than 1 year.

I. A red card to any player or coach in the Michigan Club Challenge will result in a minimum 1 game suspension. All yellow and red cards will be report to MSYSA.

J. **ABSOLUTELY NO ABUSE TOWARDS REFEREES WILL BE TOLERATED.** Any parent or spectator in violation will be asked to leave the field on and be barred from the tournament. It is the responsibility of the coach to make sure his/her parents understand this rule.

K. **Tournament Cancellation process: In the event that the fields become unplayable do to field damage or weather, Northville Parks and Rec reserves the right to shut down the fields. IN THE EVENT OF A CANCELLATION BEYOND OUR CONTROL, MICHIGAN CLUB CHALLENGE WILL NOT BE RESPOINSIBLE FOR ANY REFUNDS.**

Should the tournament not have enough teams to conduct a tournament and the tournament is cancelled, team fees will be refunded due to tournament cancellation.

L. No protests will be heard unless it is in the case of an ineligible player. The tournament committee will need a \$100 bond in cash for a protest and will be returned upon the protest being upheld. If it is not upheld then the bond will not be returned. **REFEREE'S DECSIONS ARE NOT PROTESTABLE.** All decision made by the Michigan Club Challenge Committee are final and may not be apealed.

M. Northville Community Park and Millennium Park Rules

1. No pets are allowed.
2. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited within the park.
3. Please clean your bench after games and dispose into garbage cans.

N. Medical releases are required to be held by manager/coach during all games.

O. Referees

1. All referee assigning will be done through Game Officials.
2. Referees from out of area will be required to show photo identification to prove identity.

3. Tournament will use a 2019 USSF certified referee assignor for all games.

**P. Elimination of Heading Policy**

1. All players age 10 and younger, regardless of what age group they play in, may not head the ball.
2. All players in the U11 age group or younger may not head the ball.
3. A header by these players shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction. If the header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick shall be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

**Q. Regardless of age/gender a player may only participate on one team in the Michigan Club Challenge**