



**Prairie Cup
XXXIV
June 21-23, 2019
U13-U19 - \$475**

Rules & Procedures

Tournament rules shall be the laws of the game as set forth by FIFA and as adjusted by Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) Policies and Rules and the Tournament Committee

Players and Rosters

Players must be registered with US Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer or approved organizations, have 2019 player passes or printed photo rosters, and be registered on a team.

For U13-U15 teams: A maximum of 18 players may be registered and listed on the Tournament Roster.

For U16-U19 teams: A maximum of 22 players may be registered for the tournament.

However, only 18 players may be listed and dressed in team uniform and used during any single game. The designated 18 players must be written on game specific roster submitted to the referee before the start of the game. Non-rostered players may not wear their uniforms during games in which they are not participating

A player may only play on one team.

There is a limit of 6 guest players. A Premier player may only guest on a premier team.

Play Downs must be approved in advance by the EPSC Event Director

Player must be a registered youth player.

Players that are registered with an adult soccer league, but are age eligible, must also be registered with a youth league. A player on a U16 team may also guest play on a U15 team, if age eligible. Girls may play on boys' teams; boys may not play on girls' teams.

This Tournament subscribes to and complies with the conditions required by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act. All teams are required to have medical authorizations for each player available for inspection at registration and games. Teams not affiliated with USYSA must present written proof of insurance coverage for all players, coaches and personnel at registration.

Either of the following will be accepted and verified upon team check in/registration. At this time, the team's roster will be frozen for the duration of the tournament and will be checked at the filed prior to each game by a referee or tournament worker.

1. Laminated player passes along with two copies of an official roster/match report. ([Click Here](#) for Match Report.)
2. A photo roster, including players and coaches (two copies).

Substitutions

Substitutions may be made, at the halfway line with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- Prior to a throw in, the team with possession of ball may substitute. The opposing team may also substitute if throwing team is substituting.
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team
- After a goal, by either team
- After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play, substitution is unlimited
- At half time

Substitutes should be at halfway line, prepared to play, and will enter the field only when permitted to do so by the referee.

Substitutions are unlimited. If a player is substituted out they may reenter at any time.

For the safety of the players (due to the number of games played and for heat related reasons) the tournament director may alter this policy.

Referees

Only USSF registered referees will be used. We will use a three-referee system for all games.

In matters concerning the conduct of games, the referee's decision is final. Protests will not be allowed.

Questions regarding player eligibility must be made prior to the beginning of a game. In all other matters concerning the tournament, the Tournament Manager's decision is final.

Tournament Scoring

Scoring Point system used is the World Cup system.

- Win: 3 points
- Tie: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points

Forfeits - a score of 3-0 will be entered for forfeits.

The scores will be reported to headquarters. A team official should verify score for accuracy before it is submitted to headquarters.

Advancement

To determine final standings within brackets, the following procedures will be used:

- Greatest number of points
- Head to head (This criterion not used if more than two teams are tied at this point).
- Goal differential – subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored. 5 goal max per game
- Least goals conceded.
- Total goals scored.
- If, after all tie breakers, teams are tied, then a coin flip will decide placement.

In determining the total number of points above, if tied teams have played an unequal number of games, a calculation will be made to compensate for the number of games played. Total number of points will be divided by number of games played. The resultant higher number will be declared the winner Overtime shall be played only in play-off and championship games. The overtime period will consist of two full five-minute overtime periods. If the game is still tied after the two overtime periods, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Spot" rules will apply in order to determine a winner.

Home Team

The first team listed in the schedule is the Home Team.

The **home team** is expected to provide a **game ball**.

Uniforms and Player Equipment

The **away** team should be prepared to **change** if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict.

With the exception of the goalkeeper, the field player jersey will be numbered with no duplication of numbers.

The jersey numbers should be listed on the roster and if different numbers exist for home and away both should be listed.

Referees will have no responsibility for deciding the legality of jersey sleeves or for enforcing the provision in Law 4 related to jersey sleeves.

Casts may be wrapped with soft protective material. The judgment of the referee relative to safety still applies.

Glasses and sport goggles may be worn; however they must have a strap and meet the safety criteria.

Spectators and Field Usage

Where possible, both teams will be on the same side of the field and fans on the opposite side.

Teams are asked to assist in ground maintenance by picking up trash at the end of each game.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, drug or tobacco usage is allowed on tournament grounds (this includes no e-cigarettes).

Sunflower seeds are not allowed at any fields.

Pets are not allowed at fields.

Fouls and Misconduct

- Any player receiving a red card will be sent off and not allowed to play in his/her team's next tournament game at the minimum.
- Any player receiving a red card for violent conduct or serious foul play as a result of fighting will not be allowed to play in any remaining tournament games regardless of number remaining.
- Any player guilty of gross misconduct on tournament grounds will be barred from further competition in the tournament.
- The issuance of red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or supporters will be recorded and reported as required by US Youth Soccer or US Club Soccer Tournament Hosting Agreement Rules to the home state association and the MYSA or TCSL.
- All matters involving referee assault (or abuse) shall be referred immediately to the MYSA. Head coaches are responsible for team and spectator behavior. The referee will report problems of improper behavior by coaches, players, and fans to the Tournament Manager. This behavior may result in the forfeiture of the game or other appropriate action as deemed necessary by the Tournament Manager. Evidence or reports of fighting, vandalism, damage to property, or theft on tournament grounds, local businesses or lodging may result in team disqualification.

Game Schedule and Length

Weather permitting; each team is guaranteed three games with awards for the winners of each bracket.

Game length:

All games are shortened length to avoid late season injuries.

- U13 - U14 will play 30 minutes per half
- U15-16 will play 35 minutes per half
- U17-19 will play 40 minute halves

If the weather or the field conditions make it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the Tournament Director will make the necessary decisions concerning the rescheduling or cancelation of games for any reason.

Game length and times may be shortened or altered until back on schedule; games may be rescheduled or canceled.

It is essential that games begin on time. Therefore, you may not have an opportunity for pre-game practice on the field of play. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in an adjoining area.

Please, no warm ups in the goal areas.

Tournament headquarters will manage all schedule revisions.

Teams are urged to check for any changes to their schedule.

Medical Attention

- Every player participates at his or her own risk.
- Each team is responsible for their medical supplies and for the treating of injuries.
- Athletic Trainers will be available to assist coaches and parents with injury assessment. They are not the primary care givers of first aid.
- The field marshals will be in communication with the Athletic Trainers; however, each team should act immediately in cases of emergencies.

Concussions

- This tournament held by Eden Prairie Soccer Club (EPSC) and sanctioned by the MYSA, requires compliance with Minnesota Statue 121A.37 in accordance with the Eden Prairie Soccer Club and MYSA Concussion Policies. All participating coaches and referees are required to take concussion training. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a free, online course entitled Concussion training for Coaches (and referees), accessible by the following link: www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Copies of MN statute and MYSA Policies are available at:

www.mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/concussions.cfm

Tournament Headquarters

Flying Cloud Fields will serve as headquarters.

Official results will be posted online <http://www.epsoccerclub.com>.

Up to date information will be posted on the website at <http://www.epsoccerclub.com> and

emergency information will be posted on the website and available through Twitter and text message.

Game fields

All games will be played on fields within the City of Eden Prairie: Flying Cloud Field

Complex and Miller Park being the major venues.

Cancellations and Refunds Once your registration is received and confirmed, no refunds will be made. Fees are non-refundable if games are cancelled for any reason.

SEVERE WEATHER & FIELD CONDITIONS POLICY

The EPSC Prairie Cup follows the MYSAs guidelines for suspension of play or cancellation of games in the event of severe weather or adverse field conditions. With games being played at multiple locations the following guidelines are provided:

- At multiple field locations the site manager will make determination as to conditions. An air horn will be used to signal suspension and restart. At that point all games at that location will be suspended or terminated.
- If widespread severe weather warnings are broadcast or a community siren is sounded ALL LOCATIONS will have games suspended or terminated.
- If the weather or the condition of the fields makes it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the Tournament Manager will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason
- Game length and times may be shortened or altered until back on schedule, or games may be rescheduled or cancelled.
- In extreme heat, for the safety of players, the tournament may shorten halves and add water breaks. The Prairie Cup will follow heat index guidelines published by MYSAs
- Additionally, referees may suspend or terminate play in any individual game due to severe weather or adverse field conditions if in their sole judgment continued play may be hazardous to the safety of participants and/or officials.

If play in any game is temporarily suspended due to severe weather or adverse fields conditions, the game's re-start and completion is subject to the following guidelines: -

- Any game, which is re-started, may not run ten minutes past the scheduled start time of the next game assigned to that field.
- If an adjacent field is vacant, with the permission of the Field Coordinator the referee may transfer the uncompleted game, but a relocated game also may not continue past the start time of the next game assigned to that second field.
- Games that cannot be re-started will be considered complete if one half has elapsed before play is stopped.
- Games, which cannot be completed before a first half of play has elapsed, shall have a recorded score of 0-0 for the tournament rankings.
- The Tournament Manager has the exclusive right to reschedule any canceled games.
- Following any widespread weather delay, the Tournament Manager reserves the right to shorten the time of remaining games in order to re-establish a workable tournament schedule.
- Cancellation of individual games or the tournament due to severe weather or adverse field conditions does not entitle teams to any refund of entry fees.

Cups

A Prairie Cup is given to each winning team in any competition bracket.

Coach Ejections

If a referee requests the coach to leave before the game can continue. If a coach is asked to leave the game, the referee will retain the member's pass and will send it to the MYSAs office along with the appropriate game report. The coach will serve an automatic mandatory two-game suspension.