

EPSC Spring Cup

21st Annual

May 18-19, 2019

8/9U-10U - \$245

11U-12U - \$375

EPSC Spring Cup 2019 - Tournament Rules and Guidelines

Tournament rules shall be the laws of the game as set forth by FIFA and as adjusted by TCSL ([Click Here for TCSL rules](#)) and the Tournament Committee. 11U/12U brackets will play under the 12U rules and guidelines, please make your players, parents and all associated with your team aware of this.

Teams, Players and Rosters

All players must be registered with US Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer or approved organizations, have 2019 player passes, or photo roster and be registered on a team. A maximum of 14 players, for 9U/10U, 16 players, for 11U/12U may be registered and listed on the **Tournament Roster**. A player may only play with one team. The laminated player passes will be verified with two match reports at registration. A photo roster (bring two copies) will also be accepted at registration. At this time, the team's roster will be frozen for the remainder of the tournament. There is a limit of 5 guest players, who must be listed on the Guest Player portion of the roster. Guest players must be at the same or younger age level and of equal or lower division. Game rosters and Player passes will be checked prior to each game. All teams are required to have medical authorizations for each player available for inspection at registration and available at the field during any games. MYSA forms may be downloaded off the MYSA website: www.mnyouthsoccer.org. Club sanctioned Medical release forms are acceptable.

- 9U and 10U games will be played with 7 players a side and standings will not be kept and scores will not be posted.
- 11U and 12U games will be 9 players a side and standings and scores will be posted and a champion will be determined.

Kit Color and Clashes

The **away team** must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict. The home team is expected to provide the proper size ball for the contest.

Substitutions

Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- Prior to throw in, by team with possession of the ball. If the team with possession is substituting, both teams may substitute.
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
- After a goal, by either team
- After an injury, by either team, when the referees stop play, substitution is unlimited, at any stoppage, both teams
- At half time.

Referees/Protests

Only USSF registered referees will be used. Referee systems used will be those defined by TCSL guidelines for small-sided games. In matters concerning the conduct of games, the referee's decision is final; protests will not be allowed. In all other matters concerning the tournament, the Tournament Director's decision is final.

Fouls and Misconduct and Behavior

TCSL and MYSA Rules governing Cautions and Sendoffs will apply. Specifically, any player receiving a second yellow card or a red card will be sent off and not allowed to play in his/her team's next one or two games, depending on the offense. Red cards do carry over into league play. 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 to the MYSA or TCSL. Head coaches are responsible for team and spectator behavior.

Game Schedule and Length (9u & 10u)

The Spring Cup consists of 3x 40-minute games played within a six-hour time block on the 1 day – either Saturday or Sunday. Games will be played according to the schedule. Game length will be 40 minutes (20-minute halves). Half time will be five minutes in length. It is essential that games begin on time. Therefore, you may not have the opportunity for pre-game practice on the field of play. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in adjoining areas that are available.

Game Schedule and Length (11u & 12u)

The Spring Cup Consists of 3-4 (4 if needed) full-length games played on Saturday and Sunday. Games will be played according to the schedule. Game length will be 60 minutes (30 minute halves) for 11u/U12u. Half time will be five minutes in length. It is essential that games begin on time. Therefore, you may not have the opportunity for pre-game practice on the field of play. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in adjoining areas that are available.

Tournament Scoring (11U & 1U2)

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.

Advancement

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

- Greatest number of points
- Head to Head
- Goal differential (max 5 goals per game)
- Least goals conceded
- Total goals scored
- If after all tie-breakers, teams are tied, then a coin flip will decide the winner.

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

Knockout Games (games needing a winner to advance)

If game ends in tie FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Spot" rules will apply in order to determine a winner.

Weather Rule

The EPSC Spring Cup follows the MYSA and TCSL guidelines for suspension of play or cancellation of games in the event of severe weather or adverse field conditions. 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 will be suspended or terminated.

If widespread severe weather warnings are broadcast or a community siren is sounded games will be suspended or terminated. If ½ of the game has been played before termination for weather conditions, the game stands as a completed match. If the weather or conditions of the fields makes it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the Tournament Director 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.

Spectators and Field Usage

- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, drug or tobacco usage is allowed on tournament grounds (this includes no e-cigarettes).
- Dogs are not allowed at the TOURNAMENT FIELDS.
- 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.

SEVERE WEATHER & FIELD CONDITIONS POLICY

The Eden Prairie Soccer Tournament follows the MYSA 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 MYSA.
- 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.

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.
- Medics 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 medics; however, each team should act immediately in cases of emergencies.
- Directions to hospitals and other clinics will be available.

Concussions

This tournament held by Eden Prairie Soccer Club and sanctioned by the MYSA, requires compliance with Minnesota Statute 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.
- Up to date information will be posted on the website at <http://www.epsoccerclub.com>.

Cancellations and Refunds

Once your registration is received and confirmed, no refunds will be made. There is no guarantee of refunded fees if games are cancelled for any reason. Any refunds provided are determined at the discretion of the EP Soccer Club.

