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2018 AYSO Western States Championships

Sections 1, 2, 10, and 11

Tournament Rules for League, All Star and EXTRA

Welcome to the 2018 annual AYSO Western States Championships being held this year at the Kern County Soccer Park. The venue is located at 9400 Alfred Harrell Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93306. This event will bring together AYSO Core, All Star, and EXTRA teams from California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington states.

These rules have been established to set a standard under which all teams will compete in the tournament. Your knowledge of these rules could be the difference between an enjoyable or a disappointing experience for you and your team. All coaches, players and spectators are urged to read these rules which will be strictly enforced. This will provide a positive and sporting atmosphere which will benefit the young people who participate and play soccer in our respective programs -- teammates and opponents alike. These rules do not supersede AYSO Rules and Regulations; they are intended to cover situations not addressed in the Rules and Regulations, which shall prevail in case of conflict. Questions concerning these rules should be directed to the Section 10 Tournament Director, Rich Pagliarli, rpagliarli@sbcglobal.net.

Please remember these Championships are only secondarily a competition. They first are an opportunity to celebrate your team's success in getting here. Have fun, and do your best to make sure your team and all the other teams have a fun time, too. This tournament observes the tenets of the AYSO "Kid Zone" program.

1. Conduct

Each Regional Commissioner, Area Director, and Section Director shall be responsible for the conduct of their coaches, who in turn shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. We expect everyone to display the most positive aspects of good sportsmanship and conduct in keeping with the AYSO philosophy. All of our young people deserve the best examples of sportsmanship, goodwill toward all players and participants (including opponents), and respect at all times for the referees and officials. Please join us in making this an exceptionally good tournament for all of our young people -- competitively, emotionally and in all other ways.

2. Coordination

This year's AYSO Western States Championships will be coordinated by the hosting Section Director, the hosting Section Tournament Director, the hosting Section Referee and Coaching Administrators and their designees. All decisions concerning fields, schedules, discipline, eligibility, etc., shall be made by and within the discretion of the hosting Section Director and shall be final.

3. Eligibility

Each Regional Commissioner, Area Director, and Section Director is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of each player from their respective programs. Only eligible and registered players may participate in this tournament. Teams playing non-eligible players shall be subject to discipline, forfeit of games, or elimination at the discretion of the hosting Section Director.

ALL COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES MUST BE AGE APPROPRIATELY TRAINED AND CERTIFIED AND HAVE COMPLETED THE CURRENT SAFEHAVEN AND CDC CONCUSSION TRAINING.

4. Roster Changes and Additions

No roster changes or additions may be made. Rosters must be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than March 10, 2018. Rosters must be a 2017-18 tournament roster, generated by Blue Sombbrero, in numerical jersey number order and approved by the Regional Commissioner.

5. Player Registration Forms and Identification Cards

- a. Coaches must have in their possession at all times a valid Player Registration/Medical Release form for each player on the team. Forms without an original or electronic signature will not be accepted. Both pages of eSigned forms are required.
- b. No player will be allowed to play unless a valid Player Registration form has been presented.
- c. At check-in, the coach shall present the Player Registration/Medical Release forms to the official in charge of team check-in.
- d. Each Coach/Assistant Coach must have a laminated AYSO identification card signed by their respective Regional Commissioner.

6. Schedule/Format

- a. League play will be on Saturday, March 17, 2018. All Star play will be on Sunday, March 18, 2018. EXTRA girls' divisions will play on Saturday, March 17, 2018 and EXTRA boys' divisions will play on Sunday, March 18, 2018. All matches will be played in accordance with the attached schedule. Each four-team division will play two games a semi-final and either a championship or consolation match.
- b. All matches will be regulation length (70 minutes for 13U and 14U, 60 minutes for 11U and 12U, and 50 minutes for 9U and 10U).
- c. Games tied at the end of regulation will be decided by an overtime period, which shall not be "sudden victory." Teams will change ends of the field at the end of the first half of overtime. Substitution will be permitted in overtime only at the break between overtime periods or for injury. If a team is playing short because of ejections, it will continue to play short during the overtime period.
- d. The duration of overtime will be as follows:

Division	Match Duration	Overtime Duration
13U & 14U	70 min	2 x 9 min
11U & 12U	60 min	2 x 7 min
9U & 10U	50 min	2 x 5 min

- e. Matches tied after the overtime period will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Only the players that are on the field after the overtime period are eligible to participate.
- f. Champion through fourth place teams will receive medals at the awards presentation following their final match at the tournament headquarters check-in area.
- g. Due to time constraints, match duration and tiebreak rules may be adjusted within the discretion of the hosting Section Director.

7. Home Team/Uniform Conflicts

- a. The “home” team is the first team listed on the schedule.
- b. Home teams and spectators will sit on the North or West side of the field. Visiting teams and spectators will sit on the South or East side of the field.
- c. The home team is responsible for supplying the game ball(s) and changing jerseys or wearing overlays in the event of a color conflict. The referee shall make all decisions regarding color conflicts. Overlays will be available at the referee tent and check-in area.

8. Field Responsibility

- a. It is the responsibility of all teams, coaches, players and spectators to clean up their trash at the end of each match, and to leave the sidelines promptly at the conclusion of each game so the next game may start on time. Coaches will be supplied with trash bags. Any team leaving trash behind may be penalized.
- b. Noisemakers and loud music are not allowed while in the vicinity of the soccer fields. All pets are prohibited from being at the fields. The only exception is service animals.

9. Check-In

Each team must be ready to check-in one hour prior to their first match. Each team should be lined up in uniform number order at the designated check-in area, on time, dressed, and ready for play. Please, do not interfere with games in progress during check-in. Players must check-in at the check-in tent and must have their hand stamped in order to participate.

10. Lineup Cards

- a. It is the responsibility of each coach to present two (2) properly completed official AYSO lineup cards to the check-in official during check-in.
- b. Game cards must include all players on the official team roster **must be filled out in jersey number order** with both last and first names.
- c. Game cards must be filled out in jersey number order.

11. Number of Players, Grace Period and Rescheduling

- a. In accordance with AYSO Rules and Regulations, team composition shall be:

Division	Number of Players	Minimum Number of Players	Roster Maximum <small>See Note b</small>
13U & 14U	11	7	15
11U & 12U	9	6	12
9U & 10U	7	5	10

- b. Exceptions will only be made for CORE teams, who played with oversize rosters to avoid having a wait list in their regions.
- c. A scheduled match shall not begin, nor be continued, if one or both teams cannot field a team.
- d. If a player must be taken from the field as a result of an injury, thus leaving his team with fewer than the minimum amount of players, the game must be suspended. If the injured player is able to return, the match will be resumed. If the injured player is unable to return, the match shall be terminated.
- e. All matches shall start on time, except in the case of field unavailability due to a prior game delay. There will be no grace period. If necessary, matches may be shortened within the discretion of the hosting Section Director or designee due to schedule concerns or constraints.

- f. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes will not be rescheduled. Unfortunately, we have no backup dates available. Accordingly, matches will be played, providing the safety of the players is not compromised and until the playing conditions are deemed unsafe (either by tournament officials or by the facility staff).

12. Uniforms

- a. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only, including the Fox Sports One logo, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper is exempt).
- b. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper.
- c. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what may or may not be allowed.
- d. Jewelry, casts or splints of any kind or hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair will not be allowed.
- e. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.

13. Coaching Limitations

- a. Coaches are expected to set examples of good sportsmanship and shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and spectators. Sideline participation shall be limited to two coaches from each team who shall remain in the designated coaches' area which is equal to the diameter of the center circle and is one yard behind the touchline.
- b. Coaching shall be limited to positive instruction and encouragement only. Negative comments about referees or players, abusive language or behavior directed at players as judged by the referee or tournament officials will not be tolerated and may subject the coach to discipline or expulsion at the discretion of the hosting Section Director or designee.
- c. Coaches and spectators shall not enter the field of play at any time unless requested by the referee. If called onto the field, coaches must refrain from providing coaching instruction to the team, except for player replacement for the injury, and shall not engage in comment to or in criticism of the referee.

14. Substitution Opportunities

- a. Except as noted below, all registered players in attendance at the start of a match shall play at least one-half of the game, excluding overtime, unless injured or ill.
- b. Regular substitution opportunities will be provided approximately halfway through each half and at half-time. The assistant referee will make note of the substitution on the line-up card.
- c. If a player is injured, the team may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the next substitution opportunity. The team also may elect not to substitute for the injured player, in which case the injured player may reenter the field of play at any time with the permission of the referee.
- d. During overtime play, substitution is at the sole discretion of the coach and can take place only at the break in the overtime period.

15. Disciplinary Action

- a. Violent, abusive, negative, and/or disruptive conduct toward players, referees or officials will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of each coach to counsel his or her players and spectators regarding positive and sporting behavior at all times. Any violation of these conduct guidelines may result in discipline, including expulsion from the tournament, at the discretion of the hosting Section Director or designee.

- b. Players and substitutes who are sent off from a match, and coaches who are asked by any official to leave a game, will be suspended from the remainder of the match and from the entire next match in which they are eligible to play, including League and All Stars.
- c. Any player sent off for any reason must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing fields accompanied by a parent or Safe Haven certified adult, and that player's team must play short-handed for the remainder of the match.

16. Referee Reports

Referees shall submit a written report in the event of:

- 1) All cautions (yellow cards) and sendoffs (red cards)
- 2) Any conduct of coaches or spectators interfering with the control of the match
- 3) Abuse of AYSO minimum play rules which may come to the attention of the referee
- 4) Injuries
- 5) Any other action which the referee may determine merits a report.

17. Protests

- a. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:
 - An ineligible player has played.
 - One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, has not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).
- b. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game.
- c. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director, or his designee. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!
- d. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not subject to protest or dispute!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THESE RULES AND HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!

The Section 10 Tournament Staff

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