



TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES AND REGULATIONS`

TEAM/ PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

Teams must be comprised of properly registered in any US Soccer National Member Organization including USYS, US Club, AYSO, etc.

Players must have valid players ID cards with any US Soccer National Member Organization and coaches must be in full compliance of Risk Management policies in California. Players may only be rostered with one team participating in Tournament.

Laminated State Player/Coach Passes from US Club Soccer, US Youth Soccer, USSSA, AYSO are accepted. Any player who fails to provide a player pass before the game will be unable to play. Player passes will be cross checked against the roster before each game during team check-in by the Field Marshal. (No digital ID cards/passes allowed)

Tournament Schedule: Tournament Schedule will be released on or before Novembre 11, 2026 via an email link sent by tournament director. Coaching conflicts will be avoided during schedule distribution, and any other change requests are not recommended and/or guaranteed.

 2026-2027 AGE MATRIX 																	
Player's Birth Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Players' Birth Months Aug.-Dec.	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Players' Birth Months Jan.-July	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	U20

BRACKET	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
PLAYERS' BIRTH MONTHS (Aug – July)	RECREATIONAL 2021/2022	RECREATIONAL 2019/2020								
	5v5	5V5	7v7	7v7	7v7	9V9	9V9	11v11	11v11	11v11
TIMES PER HALF	20min	20min	25min	25min	25min	25min	25min	35min	35min	35min
BALL SIZE	3	3	4	4	4	4`	4	5	5	5
# REFS	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3
BUILD UP LINE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
# PLAYERS PER ROSTER	8	8	14	14	14	16	16	20	20	20
HEADS	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
REFEREE FEE	25	25	35	35	35	50	50	70	70	70

REFEREE FEES INCLUDE

All referee fees are included in your tournament registration. No additional referee payments will be required at the fields.

Check in:

Teams must check-in with the Field Marshal at the Field Marshal tent next to your assigned field 60 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. The Field Marshal will inspect player equipment, check players against the player passes and game cards, and issue any other necessary instructions. Teams are not permitted to participate in the game without conducting game check-in.

Cheating:

Any team caught cheating will result in the forfeit of ALL games, whether played or not, in the tournament. A refund will NOT be issued in any circumstance. A Letter of Cheating will be sent to Club Directors and State Association if affiliated, if not affiliated club future participation will be denied.

Coaches Responsibilities:

1. Coaches are responsible for printing game roster with all updated information from players.
2. Handwritten player names on a game roster are NOT permitted, nor are they considered eligible to play. Any game played with handwritten roster will not count as an official game and will be deemed a forfeit.
3. Coaches are responsible for check in at least ONE (1) hr before their check in at headquarters.
4. Coaches are responsible for paying the referee fee prior to kickoff.
5. All Coaches are responsible for their sideline this includes and is not limited to trash and support sections behavior / actions.

Tiebreaker for pool play:

Ties in points in the preliminary rounds shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:

Win = 3 Points

Tie = 1 Point

Loss = 0 Points

5. If more than two(2) teams are tied at the end of the season, one of these tiebreaker rules will apply:

1. Goal Differential
2. Least Goals Allowed
3. Head-to-Head Competition
4. FIFA Penalty Kicks or coin flip

Playoff Games:

1. In case there are two brackets, the top 2 teams of each group will advance to the semifinals.
In case there is only one bracket, the top 2 teams will advance to the final.
2. All Semi-final games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will go straight to penalty kicks.
(5 kicks from the mark)
3. In case of a violent altercation from coaches, players, and or support section, both teams will be eliminated from the playoffs, and no refund will be an option. Next tournament participation will be under review by ICUP International sanction committee.

Championship Games:

1. Championship games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will go straight to penalty kicks from the mark. (5 kicks from the mark)
2. If a championship game could not be played or completed due to unforeseeable circumstances (i.e. unsafe weather conditions, acts of god, etc.), the game will be rescheduled for a later time or another solution should agree on with committee and coaches.

Protests:

Protests can be submitted before your next match and will incur a fee of \$100 with no refunds. Any situation that arises and is not covered in the rules will be resolved by the tournament committee. The tournament committee decision will be final and there will not be an appeal process. Protests regarding referee judgment calls and subjective decisions will not be accepted.

Equipment:

Soccer de Mayo follows FIFA/IFAB Law 4 – The Players Equipment states, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous."

- All items of jewelry are forbidden and must be removed at the discretion of the referee.
- All players must wear shin-guards (no exceptions).
- No metal cleats or screw-in studs will be allowed.
- Same jersey and short colors must be worn.
- All jerseys must have numbers.
- Goalies must wear different color jerseys from both teams

Forfeits:

1. Forfeiting a game will count as a loss and score 0-3.
2. Each team is responsible for checking schedule and making sure their team is at the correct field and kick off time.
3. Team will have a 10min grace period to be at the field, or it will be call as a forfeit.

Match Fixing:

is subject to immediate game forfeiture and disqualification from the competition. These reported incidents will be forwarded to the Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee for further review where the head coach and team administrators may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Uniforms:

1. Uniforms that features any logos of adult content or offensive nature are prohibited.
2. Home team is responsible of changing in case of any color conflict with opponent uniform.
3. No metal cleats are allowed.
4. Shin guards must be worn and covered by socks. The referee is responsible for rule enforcement and holds the final authority for on-field decisions.

External Equipment:

1. Knee braces are ALLOWED as long as they have proper padding /support to avoid causing injury to players.
2. Arm Cast are ALLOWED with proper cover. Cast MUST be covered with something padded. For example- bubble wrap, soft foam.
3. Referee of the match has the final authority for on-field decisions regarding external equipment.

Home Team Responsibilities:

1. Home Team shall change to an alternate color jersey if colors conflict with the visiting Team jersey.
2. Home Team has first pick of which side field they will use. Teams must sit on opposing sides. No sideline "sharing" is allowed.
3. Home Team is responsible of providing game balls, minimum of 3 balls.

CONDUCT/SUSPENSIONS/DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. COACHES AND TEAM ADMINISTRATORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PLAYER/PARENT/SPECTATOR CONDUCTS ON THEIR SIDELINE. NO EXCUSES

2. All bench players, team officials and spectators are prohibited from stepping onto the field during a game, UNLESS permitted by referee.
3. Any member, player, administrator or team official promoting violence, enticing team dissent or in general violation may be brought before KYSL for disciplinary action, subject to Cal South and USYS Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures.
4. It will not be permitted for a parent/admin, to coach or spectate behind the goal.
5. Any member who instigates violence that leads to harming an opponent, spectator, official, referee or teammate, in addition to any action defined above, may be subject to criminal prosecution. This type of conduct will not be tolerated and will be pursued by KYSL.
6. In case of a violent altercation from coaches, players, and or support section both teams will be eliminated from the regular season and bonds will be revoked. Next tournament participation will be under review by Icup International.

Teams Dropped or Withdrawn from Competition

1. No Refund

GIRLS & COED PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

- GIRLS PLAYING ONE (1) YEAR DOWN
- Girls are permitted to play one (1) birth year down in boys' divisions.
- This exception applies ONLY to U6 through U12 divisions.
- Girls must meet the applicable birth-year eligibility requirements.
- This exception does not apply to U13 and older divisions.
- Coed teams are permitted to register a maximum of three (3) girls per team roster.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY EXAMPLE

Cal South BU11 Division:

Boys' eligible birth dates: August 2015 – July 2016

Girls' exception: January 1 – December 31, 2015

Under the ICUP girls' age exception, girls born between January 1 and December 31, 2015, are eligible to participate in the BU11 bracket. 2014 Girls will need to play u12 bracket