

MSA Summer Kick-Off 4v4 Tournament

General Rules

- 4v4 with NO Goalie
- Field Dimensions:
 - U5-U7: 25L x 20W – No Goal Box (protected area)
 - U8-Adult: 30L x 25W – with Goal Box (protected area)
- 4'x6' goal
- Max roster of 8 players
- Game time and score kept by Referee.
- Zero Tolerance policy for referee abuse

Rules of the Game

Home Team

- Listed first on the schedule.
- Responsible for changing jerseys/wearing pinnies in the event of a color conflict.
- Will occupy the south or east side of the field.

Game Length

- All games will have two, 20-minute, halves and with a 5-minute halftime.

Game Ball

- Must be in good condition with adequate amount of air as determined by the referee.
- U5-U8 – Size 3
- U9-U12 – Size 4
- U13-Adult – Size 5

Players

- Must meet the age and gender guidelines of the group they are playing in.

*Girls may play in boys divisions

- May play on multiple teams but may only be on one team per division.
- This is a non-sanctioned USYS tournament – rosters can be made up of any person who wants to play despite teams they currently play on or if they currently play at all. Only players on the roster you create and submit to the tournament will be allowed to play. No guest player forms required.
- Must have at least 3 players on the field in order to play (see coed rules).

Uniforms

- All players must wear shirts of the same color.
- Numbers are not required.
- The home team must change their jersey or wear pinnies in the event of a color conflict as designated by the referee.
- Cleats are not required but if worn must not have a toe cleat.
- Shin guards are required for all divisions U5-High School.

COED Teams

- Coed rules only apply to teams in the Coed Open and Coed over 30 divisions. Any teams playing “coed” in other divisions will play by the rules of their division.
- Can have any number of female players on the roster but must have always at least two female players on the field.
- Female players will be awarded 2 points per goal in adult only (any other age group will be one point per goal), male players will be awarded one point per goal.
- If a female player kicks the ball into the goal her team is defending (own goal), the opposing team is awarded 1 point.

Playing Rules

Substitutions

- May take place at any time – “Rolling Subs”.
- Player may step off field from anywhere.
- Players can only come onto the field at their half line.
- Does not have to notify referee of substitution.
- If more than four players for any team are on the field at the same time, the opposing team is awarded a free kick from anywhere on the halfway line.

Restart of the Ball

- Throw-ins will NOT be used. Players will be awarded a 1-step Kick-in from the sideline where the ball went out of play (no running starts)
- All corner kicks, goal kicks and free kicks will be 1-step (no running starts)
- All kicks are direct (from the offensive half of the field)
- Players must provide a minimum of one yard of space from any restart.

Free Kicks

- All kicks are direct (from offensive half of the field).

- All kicks are 1-Step.
- If a player asks for their space, they will be awarded a distance of one yard, and they must wait for the referee's whistle before play begins. If they do not ask for their space, play can begin at the player's discretion, but must occur within 6 seconds.
- If the infraction occurs less than one yard from the goal box, the opposing team will be allowed to stand on the goal box boundary line.
- A free kick will be awarded in the following instances:
 1. A foul occurs.
 2. An offensive player steps into the goal box of the defensive team *AND* interferes with play as determined by the referee.
 3. More than 4 players are on the field at the same time.
- Headers are not allowed in U5-U12 divisions.
 - If a player intentionally heads the ball, a free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

Scoring Goals During Play

- The ball must be touched from at least the half-line or anywhere on the offensive half of the field to be counted as a goal, therefore, a goal may be scored from kick-off.
- A ball kicked from the defensive half of the field which is touched by any player on the field before entering the goal (even as a deflection) will count as a goal.
- All kicks are direct; therefore, a goal may be scored from a kick-in (on the offensive half of the field).

Goal Box Area (Does NOT apply to U5 – U7 Divisions)

- Protected area (Goal Box)
- Players may not enter the box during the game except for a free kick.
- If a player on the attacking team enters the box, a free kick is awarded to the defending team from anywhere inside the box.