

2023 Southern California – End of Season U8-14 Tournament

1. General Tournament Details

It is truly an honor to be hosting the Southern California Youth End of Season tournament for the U8-14 age groups. Here is some of the general tournament details:

- Location: San Juan Hills High School, 29211 Stallion Ridge, San Juan Capistrano
- Age groups and divisions: The tournament will have division for the following age groups and experience levels
 - Under 8 - Experienced
 - Under 8 - Intermediate
 - Under 8 - Novice
 - Under 10 - Experienced
 - Under 10 - Intermediate
 - Under 10 - Novice
 - Under 12 - Experienced
 - Under 12 - Intermediate
 - Under 12 – Novice
 - Under 14 – light (2 Divisions)
 - Under 14 – Open (3 divisions)
- Timing the tournament will run from 8am – 9:00pm with the following broad schedules
 - U8 Experience, Intermediate and Novice – 8am to 1:00pm
 - U10 Experience, Intermediate and Novice – 8am to 1:00pm
 - U12 Intermediate & Novice – 12:30 – 5:30pm
 - U12 Experienced – 8am to 12:30pm
 - U14 – Open & Light – 1pm to 8pm
- Concession & Food trucks will be available as follows
 - Early Morning – Burritos and Coffee
 - Lunch time plus – Mexican brats, Burgers, Acai Bowls and smoothies
- Parking – There is ample parking available at the school, **no parking is allowed on the basketball black-top**, these are reserved for the food trucks.
- Field Rules:
 - No dogs or animals
 - No use of alcohol or other substances (this will lead to immediate removal of from the property)
- Stadium rules
 - Only players, coaches, referees, tournament and SCYR officials as well as official trainers as allowed within the playing field of the stadium.
 - No food is allowed in the playing field or colored drinks.
 - Fans will support from the bleachers.
- Cleanup – We please ask you to help leave the property as you found it, pic up trash etc.

2. Pre-Tournament Check-in Procedures

Below are the requirements for the pre-tournament check-in:

- Check in early. Do not wait until right before the game as we are on a strict time schedule.
- Print your Match Report the night before. **Each division must have its own Match Report** - Novice, Intermediate, Experienced. Write your team's name, age and division on the top of the TSP. **All players must be on Match Report. No exceptions.** We will not accept additional sheets with individual photos from a profile as proof of registration. Work it out with Valory and Justin this week to have all players on Match Report
- All players will be weighed in by a SCYR official (See directive from SCYR)
- Circle your 2 designated players that have the ability to play up from Novice or Intermediate and let check in know so arm can be marked for both.
- Line up your team according to the Match Report which is typically alphabetical by first name.
- Your Match Report will be turned into the check-in table.
- **A mandatory coaches meeting for all age groups will be held by Tournament HQ at the times indicated below. If you cannot make it on time please ensure you have a delegate from your club.**
 - U8 - 7.30am @ the check-in table
 - U10 – 7:30am @ the check-in table
 - U12 Novice & Intermediate – 11:30am @ the check-in table
 - U12 Experienced – 7:30am @ the check in table
 - U14 Light – 10am @ check in table
 - U14 Open – 2:30pm @ Checkin table

NOTE – SCYR will send out note with you team's check-in schedule, not to be confused with the timing of the coaches' meeting

a. Format for each age group - As follows

- U8 - Experienced: Knockout bracket
- U8 - Intermediate: Knockout bracket
- U8 - Novice: Blend of knockout and consolation pools
- U10 - Experienced: Knockout bracket
- U10 - Intermediate: Blend of knockout and consolation pools
- U10 - Novice: Pool play
- U12 - Experienced: Pool play
- U12 - Intermediate: Blend of knockout and consolation pools
- U12 - Novice: Blend of knockout and consolation pools
- U14 Open div 1 – Semi-final & Finals (1st & 3rd)
- U14 Open div 2 & 3 – Three team round robin – pool
- U14 Light div 1 & 2 – Three team round robin - pool

b. General rules of play & tournament

- a. Tournament will follow the Southern California Youth rugby rules - [https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0081/5446/SCYR Youth Law Variations Mar2017 updated.pdf](https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0081/5446/SCYR_Youth_Law_Variations_Mar2017_updated.pdf)
- b. Rosters size limits

- U8 – 18 (rolling subs allowed)
 - U10 – 22 (rolling subs allowed)
 - U12 – 22 (rolling subs allowed)
 - U14 – unlimited (8 subs per game)
- c. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games with the exception of the U14s who will play two games each
 - d. In the case of a knock-out game (except for a 1st place final) the team that scored first will be awarded the tie-breaking victory. If the elimination game ends in a 0 to 0 tie, the winner will be determined by coin flip. In a 1st place final match, if the game ends in a tie, then a sudden death (5 minute) period will take place, the 1st team to score wins.
 - e. **No swapping of players will be allowed between Novice, Intermediate or Experienced team (doing that will lead to immediate disqualification)**, however each team can designate two players from their roster on a lower division as “reserves” in the case injuries cause the upper team to run short example Club A can designate two players on their roster as reserves for their intermediate team or experienced team. The process for these reserves are as follows:
 - These two players have to be marked on the TSP at check-in
 - In the case they are needed to play up, the coach is required to bring them player to check-in table to ensure approval is gained from the the Tournament director
 - f. Please ensure you are at the field to play, 10 minutes prior to your scheduled kick-off. If you are not at the field when the referee asks for teams, you will have forfeited that game.
 - g. The games will be on a “running clock” and kick-off, half time, start of second half as well as end of games will be from a central signal, siren
 - h. All and any challenge of a rule violation is to be lodged directly to the Tournament Director, Sam McMillan.
 - i. Sideline Management - There will be assigned areas on field for spectators and teams (players/coaches). All spectators should be behind the roped area. Only marked players and coaches playing will be allowed in Technical Zone.
 - j. If a player is red carded during a game in the tournament, that player will not be able to play for the rest of the game and the rest of the tournament. If a player is yellow carded twice in the same match, this player will not be able to play for the remainder of the game and remainder of the tournament.

c. Officiating & Refereeing

a. Protocol

- i. Referees will be tasked to first and foremost ensure a safe and secure playing environment for every player on the field, and any circumstance that violates the safety of a player, the referee will be asked to take strong action
- ii. **There will be ZERO tolerance for referee abuse at the EOS tournament this weekend. Not only does it have absolutely no place in the game, it is strictly prohibited by the SCYR Code of Conduct. As always, teams are responsible for managing their sidelines and ALL coaches are expected to model exemplary sideline behavior for their athletes and fans to follow.**
- iii. **If ANY referee abuse should occur this weekend, referees will give one warning, then will penalize the offending team and/or stop the match until the coach/spectator/athlete leaves the field. A 2nd offence will result in a yellow card to the captain and a 3rd will result in a team forfeit of the game. Tournament directors will uphold referee’s decisions. Offenders will also be referred to SCYR’s Disciplinary Committee for further action.**
- iv. **Coaches you are responsible for parents and supporters of your club. Please maintain rugby’s culture of respect for the referee and the opposing team.**
- v. Any issue with a referee is to be reported directly to the Tournament Director, Sam McMillan, and the rules committee will handle

b. Games Schedule

The game schedule is attached. Please ensure you check in after your game is complete to determine the time of your next game.

Game times will be as follows:

- U8 - Experienced & Intermediate – 2 x 10 minutes halves
- U8 - Novice – 2 x 7 ½ halves
- U10 - Experienced & Intermediate – 2 x 10 minutes halves
- U10 - Novice - 2 x 7 ½ halves
- U12 - Experienced & Intermediate – 2 x 10 minutes halves
- U12 - Novice - 2 x 7 ½ halves
- U14 - Open Div 1 – 2 x 20-minute halves (3rd place game = 30-minute game)
- U14 – Open Div 2 & 3 & Light Div 1 & 2 – 2 x 15-minute halves (30 min games)

Half times are 2 minutes for all games. It is essential to keep to time for halftimes and changeover of teams.

c. Awards & Ceremony

Medals will be awarded to winning and losing finalist in all divisions with the exception of U14s which will be as follows

- U14 Open Div 1 – Champion + losing finalist.
- U14 Open Div 2 & 3 – Champion only
- U14 Light Div 1 & 2 – Champion only

d. Tournament Director – Contact

In the event of any inquiry, uncertainty, emergency on the day, please call the Tournament Director, Sam McMillan at 949 517 8532

Thanks

Tournament Director
Sam McMillan