

Laguna Beach FC Summer Classic Tournament Rules 2023

Welcome to the Laguna Beach FC Summer Classic.

The LBFC Summer Classic tournament is open to all Boys & Girls U9 – U15 (2015-2009). Qualifying applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. The LBFC Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application.

Competition will be based on the Fall 2023 season age divisions. It is the responsibility of each club to apply in the proper age divisions.

Age Divisions

Boys & Girls born on or after January 1, of the year specified:

2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009

Classification

This is an unrestricted tournament sanctioned by US Club Soccer.

Eligibility

Boys and girls teams must be affiliated with USYSA or US Club Soccer. Each team must provide valid laminated player and coach identification cards at the team check-in.

Guest Players

Unlimited loan players are permitted but rosters will be frozen at the start of the first tournament game.

Format

2015 - 2014 Divisions will play 7 v 7

2013 - 2012 Divisions will play 9 v 9

2011 - 2009 Divisions will play 11 v 11

Roster Size

2015 - 2014: 14 player max roster

2013 - 2012: 18 player max roster

2011 - 2009: 20 player max roster

Small Sided Game Rules

2015 thru 2014 Divisions: No heading

2013 thru 2009 Divisions: Goalkeepers can punt the ball

Protests

All decisions, judgments and rulings of the tournament referees and officials are final. NO PROTESTS ALLOWED. Only the Tournament Director can make decisions relating to the interpretation of the Tournament Rules.

Player Equipment

Players must not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player (including jewelry, casts, splints, etc.). Shin guards are mandatory for all players.

Referee decisions are final regarding the safety of player participation.

Game Time and Equipment

Age	Game Times	Overtime*	Ball Size
U-14	30 Minutes	5 Minutes	5
U-13	30 Minutes	5 Minutes	5
U-12	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	4
U-11	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	4
U-10	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	4
U-9	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	4
U-8	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	4

Award Ceremonies

The Champion and Finalist will receive awards and are expected to participate in the Award Ceremonies. Players on the Championship Team will be presented with Championship Medallions and a Team Trophy. Finalists will be presented with Medallions.

Injury Time

There will be no time allowance for injuries.

Tournament 10 Point Scoring System

6 points for a win

3 points for a tie

0 points for a loss

1 point per goal scored

Maximum limit of 3 goals will count towards goals scored, goals against and goal differential

1 point for a shutout

Qualifying matches ending in a tie will stand. Semi-final and Final matches ending in a tie will proceed immediately to FIFA penalty kicks to determine a winner.

Standing Tie Breaker

In the event there is a tie in the standing the following method will be utilized to resolve the tie:

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Goal Differential (goals scored minus goals allowed)
3. Fewest Goals Allowed
4. Most Goals Scored
5. Most shut-out victories (forfeits not counting)
6. FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark

Pool Play and Playoff Structure

4 Team Flight:

Every team plays 3 matches. The team with the most points is the champion and the team with the second highest point total is the finalist.

8 Team Flight:

1st Place from Group A vs 1st Place from Group B will advance to the Championship.

Flights may play 4 games each with the champion and finalist decided by points if they have a number other than 4 or 8 teams.

Forfeits/Team Disqualifications

The tournament will follow a "Forfeit one forfeit all" policy. No refunds will be given for games that are not played due to no shows or teams forfeiting.

If a team does not have their player cards present by the end of a match but has checking in the team for the tournament, only that match will be forfeited with the game recorded as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team.

Team Registration

Team credentials: player cards, medical release form and the team roster are required to be verified by a Tournament Committee official before your first scheduled game. Check-in tents with Tournament Officials will be located at each venue.

Match Report

A completed Match Report is required from each team after each match, including Semifinals and Finals.

Check-In Procedure

Turn in Player ID Cards and Game Card to the Tournament Official for check-in 30 minutes prior to game time.

Match Report and Check Out

A completed Match Report is required from each team after each match, including Semifinals and Finals.

Game Preparation

All matches will have a 5 minute grace period for the team to appear with at least 8 players for 2010 thru 2004 teams, or 6 players for 2015 thru 2011.

Home team responsibilities (first team listed in schedule):

1. Choice of field side
2. Provision of 3 game balls
3. Changing jerseys in the event of a referee determined color conflict with the opposing team
4. 3 copies of the Match Report

Teams and spectators must be on opposite sides of the field or as instructed by tournament officials with teams being on one side and spectators on the other. Spectators on the opposite side must mirror their team.*

*At the Laguna Beach High School stadium, team tents are on opposing sides of the field with their spectators on the bleachers directly behind them.

All spectators must be 2 yards from the sideline.

Substitutions

Substitution by both teams will be allowed during a natural stoppage of the match at the referee's discretion.

Player/Coach Conduct

Any player receiving a double yellow, a red card, or a coach receiving an ejection will be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that match, and the next scheduled match. The Tournament Director and Referee Coordinator will evaluate all red cards.

Tournament Withdrawal

No refund will be allowed due to forfeit of any game by any team accepted to the tournament.

Refunds will be provided if requested to any accepted team minus a \$100 administrative fee if the request is made in writing prior to July 27, 2023.

Inclement Weather or Unexpected Termination of Play

Matches that are at the half-time break or in the second half of play will record the score as final.

Matches less than 20 minutes into the first half will not be counted.

Matches for a given day may be postponed and played the following day if fields are available.

Matches may be shortened in order to play all assigned matches. If all assigned matches are unable to be played, awards will be made based on a point system to be determined by the Tournament Committee.

If the Tournament is canceled due to the inclement weather prior to the start of competition, teams will be issued a full credit to be used for future LBFC tournament participation or a partial refund with a \$100 deduction for administrative fees.

Venue Rules

Smoking is not permitted in the immediate vicinity of any playing site.

No pets will be permitted at any tournament field or venue.

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the immediate vicinity of the playing site. No person shall be permitted to appear on, or in the playing site's vicinity in an intoxicated state.

Breaking the law is under the jurisdiction of the Laguna Beach Police Department, not the tournament management team. Proper authorities will be contacted as deemed necessary.

Special Rules

Lost game time after a major event (defined as 20 minutes or more) may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Director subject to field availability. An accumulation of minor time delays will not be considered lost game time.

The Tournament Director may shorten games as necessary to make sure all matches scheduled on a given field are played.

The Tournament Director or referee may suspend any match or tournament in consideration of the safety to players or damage to fields in event of inclement weather under any circumstances.

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