

Tournament Rules

Point System & Bracket Winners

Bracket winners will be determined by the following point system:

- Win**.....3 (three) points
- Loss**.....0 (zero) points
- Tie**.....1 (one) points

A team that forfeits a game will give up 3 (three) points to the declared winner of the game and shall not be allowed to advance to the semifinal or final matches.

Tie Breakers

If, at the conclusion of bracket play, two or more teams have the same point total, advancement to the semifinals will be determined using the following tiebreakers in the order listed until a team is eliminated. Once a team is eliminated, advancement among the remaining teams shall again be determined by the tiebreakers in the order listed starting with head to head competition.

- 1. Head to head competition**
- 2. Goals scored minus goals allowed (max 4 goals per game)**
- 3. Fewest goals allowed**
- 4. Fewest red cards**
- 5. Most shutouts**
- 6. Penalty Shoot-out**

Game Length

U9-10
Two 25 Min Halves

U11-12
Two 30 Min Halves

U13-14
Two 35 Min Halves

U15-16
Two 35 Min Halves

U17-18-19
Two 35 Min Halves

Shoot-outs will be used only as necessary in semi-final and final matches.

Substitutions

With the consent of the Field Referee substitutions may

be made, from the center of the field, prior to your throw-in or either teams goal kick, after a goal scored by either team, during a stoppage of play for an injury and in accordance with the Laws of the Game. A cautioned player may be substituted for prior to restart of play with the referee's permission but this is not mandatory.

Teams, Players and Coaches

All teams & Players must be affiliated with the USYSA. Players may be registered to only one team in each bracket playing in the Azzurri 2008 Invitational Soccer Tournament. Player passes and roster will be checked prior to each match.

Team Discipline

A coach is responsible for the words and actions of his players and their fans. Verbal abuse of the opponents or referees by players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated. Violations may result in forfeiture of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

A red carded player and his/her coach must report to tournament headquarters immediately after the game in which the card was given to determine the player's status for subsequent games. Decisions will be based upon the rules of the Nebraska State Soccer Association, the sanctioning organization for the Azzurri Invitational Soccer Tournament.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed at Dodge Park, their parking lots, or any other Omaha city park.

Refunds

Should all or a portion of the Azzurri 2008 Invitational Soccer Tournament be cancelled due to inclement weather or other just cause resulting in the tournament not providing the play of three games, refunds shall be issued as follows:

- No games played, U9-10..... \$135**
- One game played, U9-10..... \$90**
- Two games played, U9-10..... \$45**
- No games played, U11 – 12.....\$200**
- One game played, U11 – 12.....\$140**
- Two games played, U11 – 12.....\$30**
- No games played, U13 – 19.....\$250**
- One games played, U13 – 19.....\$150**
- Two games played, U13-19.....\$100**

Games shall be considered played when completed in regulation time, shortened time, or penalty kicks.

No Protests Are Allowed

Referees decisions are FINAL.

