

Tournament Rules

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Play will be governed by the FIFA Laws of the game, except where by USYSA Rules of Play and/or the Azzurri Invitational Tournament Rules. These rules may be modified prior to the beginning of the tournament play. The final Tournament Rules will be published in the Tournament program. State rules prohibit playing with hard casts.

Home Team

The home team shall be responsible for wearing an alternate color jersey, if necessary, as determined by the referee. The team listed first in all rounds shall be the home team. Parents shall sit on the opposite side as the players and coaches.

Playing Conditions

Teams will be expected to play according to the schedule of games regardless of weather conditions. Only the Tournament Director(s) may reschedule games or alter the competitions format because of inclement weather or other just cause. Games shall be considered complete if one half has been completed and play is stopped by the Field Representative or Referee, Commissioner of Referees or the Tournament Director(s). When necessitated by playing conditions, the game format may be altered to include shortened games, penalty kicks or coins tosses.

Bracketing

Be sure you understand the bracketing technique that applies to your team. We will welcome your comments at the conclusion of the tournament.

3-Team Brackets

Each team plays each other two times. Highest point team wins championship.

4-Team Brackets

Each team plays round robin with each of the teams in the bracket. Top two teams play for championship.

5-Team Brackets

Each team plays round robin with each of the other teams in the bracket. Top two teams play for championship.

6-Team Brackets (two three-team brackets)

Each team will play three games including one crossover.

The semifinal matches will be crossovers, high point teams in each bracket versus second team in the other bracket. This format may result in matches that are a re-match. No consolation game will be played. U10 Girls will not play a semi-final match but will have a championship game.

7-Team Brackets (one three-team & one four team bracket)

Each team plays round robin with each of the other teams in the bracket. The semifinal matches will be crossovers, high point teams in each bracket versus second team in the other bracket.

8-Team Brackets (two four-team brackets)

Bracket play is round robin with crossover semifinal matches. The championship game may be a re-match and a consolation game will not be played.

9-Team Brackets (one four-team & one five team bracket)

Each team plays round robin with each of the other teams in the bracket. The semifinal matches will be crossovers, high point teams in each bracket versus second team in the other bracket.

10-Team Brackets (one four & two three-team brackets)

The four-team bracket will play the familiar round robin format. The two three team brackets will have each team playing three games including a crossover. The high point team in each of the three brackets and a wild card will advance to the semi-final round.

The wild card will be the team with the highest point total that is not a bracket winner. The wild card team will play the bracket winner with the most points that does not result in a re-match in either semifinal match. The championship game may be a re-match and a consolation game will not be played.

12-Team Bracket (three four-team brackets)

Bracket play is round robin format. Bracket winners and a wild card team will advance to the semifinals. The wild card will be the team with the highest point total that is not a bracket winner. The wild card team will play the bracket winner with the most points that does not result in a re-match in either semifinal match. The championship game may be a re-match and a consolation game will not be played.