



Northwest Cup Tournament Rules 2024

Team Check-in Details (Online)

1. Official Roster

If using US Youth Soccer, the roster must be signed by the club registrar

No write-ins by anyone other than the club registrar

If using US Club Soccer, teams must provide an official US Club roster. (no write-ins).

Players cards are not required. We use the official roster as proof of registration and date of birth.

2. Medical releases

Teams are expected to certify during online check-in that they have medical releases for all players on their team with a team official.

Teams can use whatever version of a medical release that their club uses. There is no tournament-specific medical release.

Rosters

Maximum team roster per age groups:

U9 – U10 Maximum 14 players

U11 – 12 Maximum 16 players

U13 – U19Maximum 20 players (18 players per game)

Guest Players are unlimited as long as they are registered with a US Soccer affiliated organization and all players on roster are from the same organization

E.g., If your team's roster is a US Youth Soccer roster, then all guest players must also be registered through US Youth Soccer

Parking

There is a \$20 parking fee for the weekend. We do not have individual day passes. We encourage carpooling to alleviate congestion

Game Day Procedures

- In the event of a conflict of jersey color, the home team will be the one that switches
- Teams are highly encouraged to speak with each other and work together to resolve conflicts of jersey color
- Teams will be located during games on the same side of the field. Spectators will be on the opposite side. No people are permitted behind the goals during game play

Laws of the Game

The games will be played in conformity with the FIFA Laws of the Game, unless otherwise stated (see below for U8-12 modification)

U8-12 Player Development Initiative Modifications

- No heading
- No punting
- Buildout Line in effect during goal kicks and goalkeeper possession
- Offside is enforced at the half line

Game Formats, By Age

- U9 – U10 — 25 minute halves / 7 players a side
- U11 – U12 — 25 minute halves / 9 players a side
- U13 – U15 — 30 minute halves / 11 players a side
- U16 – U19 — 35 minute halves / 11 players a side
- Matches that are tied at the end of full-time will go straight to penalty kicks, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game

Substitutions

- A player may be substituted at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee
- Substitutions are unlimited

Player Equipment

- Shin Guards – REQUIRED for all players (no exceptions.)
- Casts – casts are permitted with the permission of the referee

Match Schedules

Tournament Format

The first round is round robin where numbers permit. The amount of advancing teams is based upon the numbers in the round robin play.

- Match Schedules: Minimum number of matches a team will play is four. Number of matches per day will be a minimum of zero to a maximum of three
- Referees – All matches will use referees certified by the federation
- Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellations - Any match delays due to the weather or other situations will be handled by the tournament director based upon rescheduling openings or cancellation of play

Refund Policy

There will be no refund of entry fee due to cancellations. If a team applies to the tournament and cancels before the deadline of registration refund will be granted minus a **\$200 administrative fee**. If a team cancels after the registration deadline, no refund will be given.

Forfeits

- A forfeit occurs when a team is not present for its match past five minutes from the scheduled kickoff
- Once a team forfeits a match, all further games will be forfeited as well
- Forfeited match results in a 0-6 loss for forfeited team

Standings and Tie-Breakers

A point system is employed to determine the order of finish in-group play, as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) point for a tie
- Zero (0) point for a loss

If teams are equal in points, the tie-breakers, in order shall be:

- Head-to-head competition (when two teams are tied)
- Goal differential: total team goals for, minus goals against (max goal for/against is six per game)
 - E.g., A 6-0 game or a 9-3 game are listed as +6. An 11-1 game is also listed as +6
- Fewest goals conceded (max goals for is six per game)
- Most goals scored (max goals against is six per game)
- Kicks from the mark between the two tied teams, to take place immediately before a playoff match unless otherwise agreed upon

Match and Score Reporting

- Referees are responsible for reporting the cautions, and ejections to the tournament headquarters
- The tournament director will log scores as they are received

Protests & Disputes

Protests require a \$300 fee and must be made to the tournament director within 45 minutes of the game ending wanting to protest. Fee is refunded if protest is upheld

Disputes – Non-referee decisions (Example – player eligibility issues or disputes over tournament rules) are handled by the judiciary chair of the tournament.

A committee for protests and disputes is chaired and organized by the judiciary chair of the tournament

The Judiciary Chair will make sure and provide a quick due process

Decisions by referees may not be appealed

Decisions by the judiciary committee deciding a protest or dispute are final and may not be appealed

Code of Conduct

- Team and spectator are expected to respect the referee and any tournament officials (e.g., field marshals, staff, etc.). Any abusive action – whether verbal or physical will result in expulsion from the tournament a reported to the appropriate sanctioning organizations
- NO SMOKING, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED
- Ejections – A player or coach sent off during a match is not allowed to participate in the next match
 - The tournament committee may take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the tournament and non-eligibility for future tournaments of composed of our tournament committee
 - Suspended players and coaches will only be allowed to sit with the spectators during the suspension period of the tournament. They will not be allowed to participate during the match

Report of Disciplinary Action

For United States teams, misconduct will be reported to WYS and USYS if necessary. All unserved and serious disciplinary action will be reported to WYS and USYS if necessary.

Match Balls

The home team will provide three match balls for each game.

The following size breakdown is used:

- Size 4 for U9 - U12
- Size 5 for U13 – U19

Awards

- The winning team from each championship game will receive one team trophy and each player will receive a gold medal

- The second-place team will receive one team trophy and each player will receive a silver medal

Weather Delays and/or Cancellation of Games

Any match delays due to the weather or other situations will be handled by the tournament director based upon rescheduling or cancellation of play

No refunds will be allowed due to the weather condition

Should the tournament be cancelled before any games start due to exceeding the Air Quality Index recommendation, a full refund will be granted