

# Coastal Georgia Soccer Association Tournament Rules of Competition

## ELIGIBILITY

This tournament shall be open to all teams comprised of properly registered youth players (as defined by the rules of USYSA) in all age groups indicated on the tournament approval form, provided such team entering is in good standing with its state youth association.

It shall be the responsibility of each state youth association to certify the eligibility of its competing team and to provide such teams with a certified copy of the roster and permission to travel (out of state teams only).

For this tournament teams may roster up to 18 players which may include up to a maximum of 3 guest players. No all star teams are allowed.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players must be legally registered with USYSA in accordance with their respective state registration requirements and possess a current valid player pass photo ID. Player passes will be presented during initial registration and available for each game. Players may play on only one team during the tournament. No switching of teams will be allowed.

## PRE-GAME PROCEDURE

Tournament officials shall examine and verify all credentials at initial registration or on the fields prior to first game.

In no event will a player be allowed to participate who has not been certified by the tournament credentials committee.

A player who arrives at the playing field after the pre-game procedure may enter the game once the game official(s) verify the player is eligible and with permission of the center referee.

Only at the pre-game procedure may a player be challenged by an opposing manager/coach. Challenged player(s) will be noted by the referee on the game report and will be allowed to participate in the game, if said player has been certified as eligible by the tournament committee. A late arriving player may be challenged at the time he is allowed to participate by the center referee.

Each manager/coach or assistant must be listed on the roster or tournament game card. If a manager/coach is sent off, an assistant may conduct the team. If the assistant is also sent off, or if there is not an assistant, the game will be forfeited. In no case will a team be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach, assistant or responsible adult.

## LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be in accordance with the FIFA "Laws of the Game" and we will abide by all GYSA Rules with the exceptions specifically modified below:

LAW I ~ The field of play will be in accordance with GYSA Laws.

LAW II ~ The Ball ~ The size of the ball will be as follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Circumference</u>	<u>Weight</u>
U13 and Over	#5	27-28 inches	14-16 oz.
U12 and Under	#4	25-26 inches	11-13 oz.

LAW III ~ Number of Players ~ Substitutions shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made only upon proper notification of the referee through the assistant referees and with the referee's permission at the following times:

- A. Prior to a throw in your favor
- B. Prior to a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. At the beginning of the second half or overtime periods
- E. In the event of an injury

## LAWS OF THE GAME (continued)

LAW IV ~ Player's Equipment ~ Player's equipment shall meet these additional requirements:

1. All players must wear shin guards (under the socks).
2. Teams must wear uniforms of a matching design and color, with numbers on the back.
3. In the event of similar team colors, the designated home team will be required to change to a color accepted by the referee. Alternate jerseys need not be numbered.
4. The uniform or jersey of a goalkeeper must be distinctly different in basic color(s) of either competing team or the Referee and may or may not be numbered.
5. All players shall conform to GYSA rules concerning player equipment.
6. Players wearing an orthopedic cast shall not be eligible to participate in any game. Orthopedic braces may be allowed if:
  - a. The player has a written statement from a physician stating that he feels the brace is necessary and that no further injury is likely to occur to the joint which is supported by the brace, and
  - b. The parent has signed a waiver to free GYSA if any claim against GYSA or its insurance company in case of further injury to the joint protected by the brace.

LAW V ~ Referees ~ Following the game, the referee shall complete the tournament game report(s), both coaches are required to sign the game report/cards and submit them to the assigned Field Marshal. In the event the assigned referee fails to appear, the referee assignor will assign an alternate. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official.

LAW VI ~ Assistant Referees ~ Two assistant referees will be used. In the event the assigned assistant referees fail to appear, the referee assignor will assign suitable alternates. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official.

LAW VII ~ Duration of the Game ~ the duration of the game will be as follows: The start of games will not be delayed under any circumstances. Challenge/Preliminary games will run on a continuous clock, including injuries, no time will be added with the exception of Final/Championship games injury time will be added.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Challenge/Preliminary Game Time (minutes)</u>	<u>Final/Championship Game Time (minutes)</u>	<u>Overtime (minutes)</u>
U15/19	2x30=60	2x40=80	2x10=20

Overtime periods will be used only for deciding winners in final rounds. In the challenge rounds, there will be no overtime periods; ties will stand. All challenge matches will run on a continuous clock including injury time. Overtime periods will be played to completion. There will be no sudden death.

CGSA is adopting a "fair play" or "mercy" rule for this tournament. The first half of play will be terminated when the score differential is eight (8) goals. If the goal differential reaches twelve (12) goals in the second half of play the game will be terminated. This is being done in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

LAW VIII through LAW XVII ~ No change.

## CONTROL OF THE SIDELINES

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of the LAWS OF THE GAME. The tournament directors have the authority to remove any person or persons from the tournament for abuses of good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. In addition to the rules of good manners, the following rules will apply in the tournament:

- a. The site director will designate one sideline to be for the use of the players listed on the game rosters and two managers/coaches from each team. One team will occupy one side of mid-field, with the other team occupying the opposite side of mid-field.
- b. The site director will designate the opposite sideline for spectators and fans.
- c. Managers/coaches are responsible for the behavior of their fans.

## POST GAME PROCEDURE

Coaches are required to sign both game cards after the referee completes the game report. We ask that, as mutual courtesy, both teams congratulate each other for a game well played. Patches, pins, flags, etc. may be exchanged at this time and is encouraged.

- a. Referees will return all player passes (except for any player or coach sent off) to the respective manager/coach.
- b. Manager/coach of each team will confirm the score with Field Marshall immediately following the game.
- c. Manager/coach of both teams will insure that their sideline area is clean and that all trash is in containers.
- d. Referees will complete the referee game report legibly and deliver it to the Field Marshall.

e. Referees will deliver any sent off player or coach's pass with a disciplinary report to Tournament Headquarters.

## **DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

The discipline committee shall be selected by the tournament director and consist of no less than three members. The discipline committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable behavior and conduct by players, managers, coaches assistants, referees, spectators, etc. Notwithstanding rules of this committee:

- a. All players and managers/coaches shall be subject to GYSA Rule 7600 - Misconduct.
- b. A player or manager/coach ejected will have an automatic one (1) game suspension (minimum) regardless of the cause of the ejection.
- c. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate state or national associations. The Discipline Committee's recommendations must be available to the affected parties no later than prior to their next scheduled game.
- d. Immediately upon the conclusion of the tournament, any retained player passes, along with a completed game report and the Discipline Committee's action must be forwarded to the GYSA State Office (or other state office as required).

## **DETERMINATION OF THE CHALLENGE ROUND-GROUP WINNERS**

In group play, there will be no overtime games. Standings in the group will be determined by:

- First ~ Game Points: Six (6) points for a win, three (3) points for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss and one (1) point for each goal scored up to a maximum of 3 and one (1) point for a shut out (no point for a shut out in a 0-0 tie).
- Second ~ Head to Head Competition, or, if no clear winner:
- Third ~ Goals against
- Fourth ~ Net goal differential
- Last ~ FIFA penalty kicks from the mark

## **DETERMINATION OF SEMIFINAL AND FINAL GAME WINNERS**

In semi-final head to head competition, if the game is not decided after full time, overtime will not be played. The game will be decided by FIFA penalty kicks from the mark. In final matches, if the game is not decided after full time, overtime will be played. If still not decided after overtime, the winner will be decided by FIFA penalty kicks from the mark.

## **FORFEITS**

Failure to meet the scheduled play will automatically be recorded as a 3-0 loss on that team's tournament record. A team which leaves the field of play prior to the completion of a match shall automatically have the game recorded as a loss on its tournament record and the opposing team will be credited with a victory, with the score designated by the tournament committee, after a review of the circumstances.

## **PROTESTS**

There will be no protests.

## **EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, ETC.**

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment or cancellation of games, the tournament committee shall have absolute authority to make any changes to best serve the interests of the tournament as a whole, keeping in mind the need to successfully identify winners by a certain time period. Games which have been started, then must be stopped due to inclement weather, will be deemed complete if they cannot be restarted prior to the next scheduled game start time, provided that one half has been played.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY**

Following the completion of each championship game, the two teams will present themselves at mid field for awards presentation. The champion and finalist teams of each division will receive team trophies and players will receive individual medals.

## **GENERAL**

- A. The tournament committee, GYSA tournament sponsors, and/or CGSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or in whole of this tournament.
- B. The tournament committee's, CGSA and GYSA's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.
- C. The tournament reserves the right to decide all tournament matters.