



## ***2007 MSC UNITED PATRIOT'S CUP TOURNAMENT RULES***

- I. All games will be played under **FIFA** rules as modified by **USYA/AYSA** unless otherwise stated in this rules package. The Tournament Committee will settle all rules disputed and their decision is final. **No protest will be entertained.**
- II. Only verified players who are registered with **USYA** or other **FIFA** recognized organizations may play in the Tournament. Any team may use a maximum of 3 loan players, and no team shall register more than 18 players. The Field Marshall and /or Referee will check the player passes no earlier than 1 hour prior to each game. **No pass...no play.**
- III. Team check-in will occur on Wednesday prior to the tournament for Phoenix area teams and Friday night for all other teams. A team representative must check-in the team at the prescribed time, as listed on the website. Any team failing to check-in without prior approval from the tournament director will lose 2 points from their total, when determining final standings or advancement into the championship round.
- IV. Players wearing an orthopedic or immobilizing cast will be allowed to play if, in the opinion of the Referee, the cast is properly padded and safe. If, in the opinion of the Referee, the player is being unsafe with the cast, the player will be sent off by the Referee for equipment violation and not be allowed to play for the remainder of that game. Unless the player receives a red card; he or she may be replaced. The player is eligible to play in a subsequent game subject to the provisions of this rule and red card violations. The opinion of the Referee is final.
- V. Teams must arrive at the field location no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the game. Coaches must check in with the Field Marshall 45 minutes prior to game time. A team must have 7 players available at the start of the game to avoid a forfeit. U-10 teams must have 6 players available at the start of the game to avoid a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. In the case of forfeit, the winning team shall be awarded a 1-0 score.

VI. In the event any game is terminated by the Referee prior to the completion of the game, based upon misconduct attributable to both teams, then both teams will be assessed minus 1 pt. for said game. In the event any game is terminated by the Referee prior to the completion of the game, and the misconduct is attributable to only one team, then the team whose misconduct caused the early termination will be assessed minus 1 pt. for the game. The other team, will either be awarded a victory by virtue of a forfeit, i.e. 1-0 score, or may be awarded additional pts., depending upon the circumstances, as provided in rule # 9, and as may be decided by the Tournament Committee. Any games terminated by the Referee prior to the completion of the game, for other cause, will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee for ruling consistent with the spirit of these rules and regulations.

VII. Any team who voluntarily removes itself from a game after it begins will be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.( see rule 5 for scoring)

VIII. The Tournament Referee Coordinator and/or the Committee shall assign all game officials.

IX. Home teams and their respective fans will occupy the North or East side of the playing field.

X. Home team must change jerseys in case of a color conflict and provide a game ball (must be acceptable by the referee). The home team is the team listed first on the game schedule.

XI. Final team standings will be determined using the following point criteria

- a. A win is six(6) pts.
- b. A tie is three(3) pts.
- c. A loss is zero(0) pts.
- d. One(1) point for each goal, up to a maximum of three(3) for each team, regardless of whether you win, lose or tie.
- e. One(1) point for a shutout (including a 0-0-tie)
- f. Minus one(1) point for each red card or two yellow cards issued to the same player/coach in the same game.
- g. No team shall receive more than ten(10) points per game.

XII. In the event two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the preliminary Games or in the standings, the following tiebreaker criteria will apply.

- a. head to head competition
- b. lowest total goals against
- c. least red cards
- d. goal differential
- e. kicks from the penalty mark

XIII. Substitutions will be allowed, with the Referee's permission as follows:

- a. prior to either teams goal kicks
- b. prior to throw-in; in your favor
- c. after a goal is scored
- d. half-time
- e. for a seriously injured player
- f. for a cautioned player only

XIV. A player receiving a red card or two yellow cards in the same game will be sent off from that game, may not be replaced, and, at a minimum is automatically disqualified from the next game. In the event that a player is sent off from the game for fighting, that player will not be permitted to play in the remainder of the tournament. Any player receiving a red card during the final game of the tournament will result in the card being sent to the AYSA office for resolution. Any coach receiving a red card will be sent off from the game and must leave the park. If the same coach should receive a subsequent red card during this tournament, he or she will be precluded from coaching again during the tournament and the Committee will submit a report to the AYSA office. Coaches are responsible for the respective spectators and fans

XV. Game times shall be as follows:

**DIV PRELIMINARIES SEMI/CHAMP OT**

U9 25 minute halves None None

U10 25 minute halves None None

U11 30 minute halves 30 minute halves PK

U12 30 minute halves 30 minute halves PK

U13 35 minute halves 35 minute halves PK

U14 35 minute halves 35 minute halves PK

U15 40 minute halves 40 minute halves PK

U16 40 minute halves 40 minute halves PK

U17 45 minute halves 45 minute halves PK

U18 45 minute halves 45 minute halves PK

Penalty kicks will be used to decide the semi/consolation/championship games only. There will not be any overtime periods or golden goals, semi/consolation/championship games tied at regulation, will go immediately to penalty kicks. Coaches are reminded to be prepared to start their game on time.

XVI. Shin guards are mandatory for all players in all games. The Field Marshall and/or Referee will check shin guards prior to each game.

XVII. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all Tournament Rules in order to safely and fairly complete the tournament. The Tournament Committee will make their decisions on what is best considering the health and safety of the players, but will also take into consideration the need to prevent the destruction of the fields and facilities.

XVIII. Coaches are asked to remain flexible to the changes in fields/locations as required and to keep in contact with Tournament Officials for these changes.

- a. all games as scheduled
- b. eliminate pre-game warm-ups on fields
- c. implement item "b" plus shorten all preliminary games:
  - U10 2 halves of 10 minutes each
  - U11/12 2 halves of 12 minutes each
  - U13/14 2 halves of 15 minutes each
  - U15/16 2 halves of 18 minutes each
  - U17/18/19 2 halves of 20 minutes each
- d. implement items "b" and "c" plus shorten all semi-final and final games.
- e. In the event that field conditions are unplayable as determined by the Tournament Committee or those parties in control of the field, games in question will be decided by penalty kicks from the mark (FIFA rules apply)

XIX. Coaches will be responsible for periodic checks at Tournament Headquarters for any late schedule changes and modifications to the tournament.

XX. Awards

- a. The Patriots Cup team award will be awarded to each 1<sup>st</sup> Place team from each flight, U-11 through U-19.
- b. Medals will also be awarded to each player for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for each flight, U-11 through U-19.
- c. Patriot's Cup participation awards will be given to all U-9 and U-10 players, since these brackets are considered non-competitive.

XXI. In the event any other controversy or dispute arises during the Tournament that is not specifically addressed in these rules and regulations, the Tournament Committee will assess such situation and issue a decision consistent with the intent and spirit of these rules and regulations. The Committee's decision is final. ***Tournament Director (Chuck Myers 480-628-0173)***