

Force Spring Kickoff 2019 Tournament Rules & Procedures *

Tournament Rules shall be the Laws of the Games as set by FIFA and adjusted by MYSA and the Tournament Committee

Welcome

You are invited to participate in the Force Spring Kickoff, an MYSA tournament hosted by Force Soccer Club (NW Suburbs of Minneapolis), and open to all MYSA teams, as well as teams from WI, ND, SD, and IA. All games are played on quality soccer fields in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

Teams

9U-10U Maroon & Gold teams, as well as 11U-18U Classic I, II, & III teams who are registered and in good standing with MYSA or their state's governing soccer organization.

Deadlines

The tournament application and fee must be submitted by March 31.

All teams will be notified of acceptance no later than April 7 or as early as their bracket is filled.

Check In

All teams will need to present the following at check in:

- (1) A team roster for the tournament (use MYSA "Competitive match report" or equivalent)
- (2) A liability/medical release form for each player (use MYSA "Liability/Medical Release Form", or equivalent). This form does NOT need to be notarized.
- (3) Player passes from your state organization for every player. No exceptions.

Teams from outside Minnesota (non-MYSA) must also submit proof of insurance as well as an approved travel permit 15 days in advance of the tournament. MYSA teams registering for the tournament must reschedule any games in conflict with the tournament. Emergency contact information will be verified at check-in for all teams.

Brackets

Brackets typically range in size from four to eight teams. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine brackets as necessary. If brackets are combined, players will only play up one year, or up one skill level, never both.

Tournament Schedule

Friday, May 3, 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Game Times

5 PM to 8 PM

8 AM to 8 PM

8 AM to 6 PM

Registration Times

1 PM to 8 PM

7 AM to Noon

N/A

Tournament Fees

All registrations will be done online. Team registration fees must be submitted in full at the time of application.

No refunds once a team is accepted into tournament. 5% discount for clubs with 5+ teams attending.

9U-10U - \$350

11U-12U - \$400

13U-18U - \$450

Rules (general) Game rules are as set forth by FIFA and modified by Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA).

Team Size / Guest Players

Team check-in is a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the team's first game. Team rosters will be frozen at check-in. No player may roster on more than one team in the tournament. All players must meet age requirements and be listed on the appropriate roster.

Age	Max. Roster	Max. Guest and/or Play-Up Players
9U-10U	12 players	6 Players
11U-12U	16 players	6 Players
13U-18U	18 players	6 Players

Guest and/or play up players must be at or below the age level of the team registered in the tournament, and must be from the same affiliate club as the team registered in the tournament. MYSA members adopted a Club Pass rule. This will be in effect for the Summer 2018 season. Force SC will allow and abide by this new Club Pass rule for all registered teams participating in our tournament. Information regarding this rule can be found on the Club Pass page at: <http://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/club-pass>.

Awards

9U-10U High quality participation awards to all players

11U-18U High quality individual awards for all players on 1st and 2nd place teams.

Weather provisions

The tournament committee follows the published MYSA Weather guidelines. The tournament committee will send out text messages with weather updates as well as keep our tournament web site updated throughout the weekend. Cell phone numbers for all team managers and coaches will be verified at check in. The tournament committee has the right to modify certain rules, including game length, to allow for the timely completion of the tournament.

If field or weather conditions make it impossible to carry out the tournament to its fullest extent, the tournament committee will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games. If there is a need to cancel or reschedule games due to weather, announcements will be communicated to all Field Managers from Tournament headquarters, as well as to coaches and managers via text messages.

Games suspended or rescheduled will resume as soon as an "all clear" signal is given from headquarters. Team coaches or managers should check with field managers and/or headquarters for final instructions in this situation.

If greater than one half of a game has been played before termination (due to weather or tournament headquarters decision), the game may be determined to be a completed match. Please remember that a suspended game is not necessarily a terminated game. Do not leave unless told to do so by a tournament representative. Teams not present for the resumption of a game will forfeit the game.

Tournament Cancellation

In the unlikely event of a cancellation due to weather or natural disaster, the policy of Force SC is to refund tournament fees to the highest degree possible.

Behavior / Conduct

Each team should set a high standard for themselves. All participants (players, coaches, and fans) are expected to understand and abide by the laws of the game. Verbal or physical abuse of others will not be tolerated. Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the premises. The behavior of the players and the fans is the responsibility of that team's coach. Team violations may result in the forfeiture of a game or being expelled from the tournament.

Player yellow and red cards rules are as spelled out by MYSA rules. If a coach is out of control, a referee may request the coach to leave before a game continues. If a coach is asked to leave a game, the referee will retain the member's pass and will send it to the MYSA office along with the appropriate game report.

Uniforms & Injuries

Shirts must be tucked in and shin guards fully covered by socks. All equipment must be approved by the referee before a game (glasses, casts, etc). Bleeding players must leave the game. They may re-enter after the bleeding has been stopped or contained. A player with bloodstained clothing must change their clothing prior to re-entry. The referee shall be the final authority in these situations.

Concussion Policy

This tournament, held by Force Soccer Club and sanctioned by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association, requires compliance with Minnesota Statute 121A.37 in accordance with Force SC and MYSA Concussion Policies. All participating coaches and referees are required to take concussion training. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a free, online course entitled Concussion Training for Coaches (and referees), accessible by the following link: www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Copies of the Minnesota statute and MYSA policies are available at:

<http://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/concussions.cfm>

Information & Standings

Information and scores will be updated throughout the weekend on our tournament website.

9U-10U teams, per MYSA rules, will not report scores or game results. No standings will be kept, and there will be no playoff or championship games for teams in this age group.

11U-18U teams will report game scores. At the completion of each game, the winning coach verifies the score and initials the referee game card. Scores will be reported as-is, except that a maximum goal differential of five will be used in reporting any lopsided games on our website. This is to discourage the occasional "running up" of scores by a team.

Game procedures

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games. No more than two games will be scheduled in one day. The first team listed on the schedule is the home team. The home team is responsible for changing to an alternative jersey if the referee deems the colors conflicting. The home team will also provide the game ball. Players/teams and spectators will sit on opposite sidelines at all games.

For the benefit of everyone, it is essential to maintain the game schedule. Any team not ready to take the field within five minutes of the scheduled start time will risk a forfeit. Teams will be responsible to warm up in areas adjoining the soccer fields.

Referees

The diagonal system of control will be used with USSF certified officials. All referee decisions are final. No protests will be allowed. Comments on referees, good or bad, can be offered at tournament headquarters. While these comments will not change tournament results, they will help our club continue to improve the quality of our referees.

The tournament committee follows MYSA rules for RED card reporting and handling.

Scoring

Preliminary Rounds:

6 points for a win

- 3 points for a tie
- 1 point per goal, up to a maximum of 3 goals.
- 1 point for a shutout (i.e. A 0-0 tie provides 4 points to each of the two teams)
- 10 points maximum per game

Forfeits

There are two types of recognized forfeits: Willful and Simple. The determination of the type of forfeit is made solely by the tournament committee and/or director, and is not open to challenge or negotiation.

Willful forfeits occur when a team makes no attempt to play a scheduled game. In this case, the team forfeiting the game is automatically prevented from playing in the championship game. Example: a team already in the championship game after two rounds who chooses not to play the third round in order to save their energy for the championship would be assessed a willful forfeit and thus be denied playing in the championship game.

Simple forfeits cover remaining situations. A team missing a game due to a simple forfeit MAY be eligible to play in the championship game, based on the situation.

Game Duration

	<u>Preliminary round</u>	<u>Championship</u>
9U-10U	Two 25 minute periods.	n/a
11U-12U	Two 30 minute periods.	Regulation length periods (U11/12 30 min. U13/14 35 min.)
13U-18U	Two 35 minute periods.	Regulation length periods (U15/16 40 min. U17/18 45 min.)

Playoffs

For brackets with four teams, the two top point scoring teams will advance to the championship game.

For brackets with five teams, teams will play round robin format (4 games). The top two point scoring teams will receive awards.

For brackets with six teams, the teams will be divided into two groups of three teams. Each team will play two teams from within their group and one team from the other group. The top point scoring team from each group will play for the championship.

For brackets with eight teams, the teams will be divided into two groups of four teams each. The winner of each group will advance to the championship game.

In the event of a point's tie at the end of the preliminary round, tiebreakers are (in order):

- (1) Winner of the head to head competition (used only if two teams are tied).
- (2) Winner of the most games.
- (3) Total goal differential for the tournament (goals scored minus goals against). Note that the maximum goal differential (five per game) will be adhered to.
- (4) Fewest goals allowed.
- (5) Single coin toss. A committee member will flip the coin, and determine who gets heads and who gets tails. In the unlikely event that the issue is still unresolved, the tournament committee will meet without the coaches present, and will render a decision. This decision shall be final and not open to further discussion.

Overtime

There is no overtime in the preliminary round. In the event of a tie in a playoff game, there will be two five (5) minute overtime periods played. Both five minute periods will be fully played. At the end of these two overtime periods, if the score is still tied, kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the winner. Only those players on the field at the end of the second overtime period may participate in taking the penalty kicks. Penalty kicks for championship games to be done according to USSF Laws of the Game.

Pets

We regret that we cannot allow pets at the tournament. Many of us are pet owners, but we respect the opinion of many of our guests who are not comfortable around animals. Please do not bring pets to the soccer complex.

Medical

A first aid kit and ice will be available for minor player injuries at Tournament HQ. For more serious injuries, an emergency 911 call will be placed.

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This tournament is sanctioned by MYSA and US Youth Soccer. In accordance with MYSA policy, the Force Spring Kickoff Tournament is tobacco (including e-cigarettes), alcohol, and drug free.

* For final resolution of disputes, inconsistency in any rule or policy, an issue not covered by the rules above, or other issue that may arise during the tournament, the Tournament Director shall have the final say in resolving the issue.