

TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

The tournament will be a CYSA-South sanctioned Class I & III Tournament open to all US Youth & Club Soccer, AYSO & recreational teams.

REGISTRATION

- Entry deadline is May 5, 2018
- Entry fee is \$600 for 2009-2007 teams, \$650 for 2006-2004 teams and \$700 for 2003-1999 teams.
- **Pay online with Credit Card or make check, cashier's check or money order payable to: *Ventura County United*.** (PO Box 1701, Simi Valley, CA 93063)
- Applications will be accepted and approved only after payment of the required registration fee and the acceptance of the registration application by the tournament committee.
- Any team not accepted for participation will receive a full refund.
- Any team withdrawing from the tournament in writing before the entry deadline will receive a full refund. **Any team withdrawing after the entry deadline will forfeit the registration fee entirely.**
- In the event the tournament is canceled due to inclement weather or other acts of God, teams will be refunded the registration fee less an administration fee of \$100.
- Teams must be affiliated with FIFA and/or USSF and be affiliated with their State, Provincial or National Association.
- **To be eligible to play, all players must be checked in with Medical Release form and player card.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Tournament Committee will determine the format of each bracket. Medals will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams and a trophy to the coach of the 1st place team. Awards will be presented after the Championship games. All teams will be scheduled to play a minimum of 3 games.

ELIGIBILITY

Each Head Coach is responsible for assuring the eligibility of his/her players. Violations will result in the removal of the team from the tournament and a complete forfeiture of registration fees.

- Only players appearing on the team's approved roster will be eligible.
- USYSA laminated player passes (ID'S properly validated by the District Commissioner and/or Registrar) will be required for all players and coaches. Any player who fails to provide a player pass before the game will be unable to play. Player passes and equipment check will be completed 30 minutes prior to each game.
- CYSA-S requires that all players provide a valid medical release form.
- CYSA-S requires that all players wear shin protectors during all games.
- Teams from outside CYSA-S must provide proper travel papers.

RULES OF PLAY

- FIFA rules as modified by USYSA and CYSA-S will apply.
- No intentional heading permitted for the following age groups: 2009, 2008, 2007 & 2006.
- The Tournament Director will settle all disputes. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.
- The maximum team roster size for 2009-2007 is 14 players, 2006-2002 is 18 players and 2001-1999 is 22 players
- 2009-2008 will play 7 vs. 7, 2007 will play 9 vs. 9 and 2006-1999 will play 11 vs. 11.
- Ball size: 2009-2007 size 4, 2006-1999 size 5
- Rosters are frozen after the team's first game and no player may play in the tournament on more than one team.
- Home team is listed first in the schedule. Home team has choice of sideline, provides a game ball and changes jerseys when uniform colors conflict.
- If a team is not on the field of play and ready to start the game within 5 minutes of the schedule start time, or fails to check-in at mandatory registration, the game shall be deemed a forfeit. The game will be recorder as a 0-1 loss.
- Forfeits will be considered FORFEIT ONE, FORFEIT ALL
- Unlimited substitutions are allowed: either team on a goal kick or after a goal, team in possession on a throw-in, injured or cautioned players may be substituted upon referee's permission.
- Preliminary games may end in a tie. Quarter-Final and Semi-Final games ending in a tie go immediately to FIFA kicks from the mark. Championship games tied after regulation time play two five minute's overtimes; games still tied go to FIFA kicks from the mark. There is NO GOLDEN GOAL in overtime.
- The tournament has a running clock in pool and playoff games; there will be no stoppage time for injuries. All pool and playoff games will be terminated if not less than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game regardless of the amount of time played in each half up to that point. A game is complete upon the completion of one half of play, regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half. The results shall be based on the score at termination. Preliminary games may end in a tie.

Additional rules and Regulations for Semifinals

In the event of a tie after regulation, the teams will proceed directly to penalty kicks, as described by FIFA. Only the eleven players on the field at the conclusion of regulation may participate.

Additional rules and Regulations for Finals

In the event of a tie after regulation, two overtime period of 5 minutes will be played. There will be a five minutes rest period between the end of the regulation and the

beginning of overtime, there will not be a rest period between a first and second overtime period. Teams will change sides for the 2nd overtime period.

If the teams are still tied after overtime, both teams will take penalty kicks, as described by FIFA. Only the eleven players on the field at the conclusion of the overtime may participate.

GAME TIME

2009-2006 will play 25 minute half's with a 5 minute half time.

2005-1999 will play 30 minute half's with a 5 minute half time.

POINT SYSTEM – 10 POINT SYSTEM

Preliminary games are awarded points as follows:

- Win = 6 points
- Tie = 3 point
- Loss = 0 points
- Shut = 1 point
- 1 point for each goal scored, not to exceed 3 goals per game
 - 0-0 tie = 4 points
 - 3 for the tie
 - 1 for the shut out point
 - 1-0 forfeit = 6 points
 - No shut out point.

The following tie breakers apply, in order, until a winner is determined:

- Winner of Head to head competition
- Fewer goals allowed
- Most goals scored
- FIFA kicks from the mark to determine a winner

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACHES AND PARENTS

Coaches are responsible for control of their sideline. Conduct themselves in accordance with the CYSA-S Code of conduct. Uphold tournament rules and regulations. Provide positive encouragement to players. Spectators on one sideline and teams on the other.

No one is allowed behind the goals.

- Player ID cards must be given to the Referee 30 minutes prior to the start of the game for player check-in. **The manager or coaches are responsible for retrieving their player cards after each game.** The Game Card must be signed by the team coaches after each game.
- Each head coach or manager will have a current emergency medical release form for every team member in his possession at all times.
- Each team is responsible for ensuring that their sideline is clear of all trash at the end of their games. Game cards may be withheld if it is not done.

DISCIPLINE (FOUL/MISCONDUCT)

Player foul and/or misconduct will be handled in accordance with CYSA-S Rules and Regulations.

Harassment of the Referees will not be tolerated. Spectators or coaches may be asked to leave the field at the discretion of the Tournament Officials. The center referee may eject the team coach or parent for lack of control of the sideline.

Any coach or player receiving a **RED CARD** is ineligible for the remainder of the game and all of the next game.

Where a player receives two (2) yellow cards in a single game, it will be considered the same as if that player receives a red card.

A player or coach receiving two red cards will be removed from the tournament.

In the event of **FIGHTING, ASSAULT OR FALSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS**, the player, coach or spectator is ineligible for the remainder of the tournament and may not be present at any tournament site. Offenders will be reported to their governing Association.

Tournament officials will review the following for disposition and may impose additional sanctions:

All red and yellow cards issue.

All games forfeited or terminated for cause.

Teams refusing to complete the game will forfeit the game. The tournament rule of FORFEIT ONE, FORFEIT ALL will then apply. Tournament officials may impose further sanctions.

NO PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED

Interpretation of the Tournament Rules and resulting decisions pertaining to the Ventura County United Spring Cup is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director and is **FINAL**.