

2020 MYSA Fall Finals Information and Rules

Dates: October 10-11, 2020

Tournament Location:

Fuad Mansour Sports Complex
2100 Collegeview Road East
Rochester, MN 55904

Schedules: Teams will have three pool play games with Final games (see below for more specific formats). Schedules are available in US Soccer Connect (previously Affinity).

Check-in: A tournament official will check-in each team prior to the start of their first game. The team will only need to be checked this one time and it will be identical to a referee's check-in. The tournament official will meet the teams at their fields.

FORMAT and RULES

Fall Finals formats are based on total number of team registrations per age group. Brackets will have an 8-team, 6-team format, or 4-team format with pool play.

- Four-team pool brackets – (one) four-team round robin bracket. The top two teams will advance to the championship game.
- Six-team pool play brackets – (one) six-team round-robin bracket. Teams 1, 2, and 3 will play against teams 4, 5, and 6 so that every team's results are based on the same opponents. The top two teams in the group will advance to the championship game.
- Eight-team pool play brackets – (two) four-team round-robin brackets. The top team in each group will advance to the championship game.

The following rules will be used to determine the advancement out of preliminary games and results of the championship game:

- A. Pool play games ending in ties will remain in ties.
- B. To determine which teams in pool play advance to a championship and other single elimination rounds, the following procedures shall be used in sequence:
 1. Highest number of points.
 - i. Win = 6 points
 - ii. Tie = 3 points
 - iii. 1 point for each goal (maximum three per game)
 - iv. 1 point for shutout (0-0 tie equals 4 points)
 - v. 10 points maximum per game
 2. Winner of head to head competition (not valid if more than two teams are tied).
 3. Winner of most games.
 4. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of three-goal differential per game.
 5. Fewest goals allowed.
 6. Most goals scored in all games, with a maximum of three goals per game.
 7. Kicks from the penalty mark. (Penalty kicks will be taken approximately 15 minutes prior to championship game on a predetermined field).

- C. A forfeit in play will result in a 3-0 score in favor of the opposing team.
- D. Championship and other single elimination games cannot end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, there will be no overtime and the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, following the USSF rules.
- E. There will be a three member rules committee to adjudicate all rules disputes during the MYSA Fall Finals. The decision of the rules committee is final.

The following rules will be enforced regarding Team Rosters:

- A. Rosters are to be frozen on the day of the event.
- B. Teams are allowed up to five club-pass players (consistent with MYSA League rules).
- C. No team shall cut an available registered player from its team to allow for another player to play on that team during Fall Finals.

The following rules will be enforced regarding Facilities and Game Protocols:

- A. **There will be no tournament headquarters. Please proceed directly to the field of your first game where a tournament official will meet the team for check-in.**
- B. Teams must arrive at their field of play no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes prior to game time.
- C. Team warm-up can begin on the field no earlier than 30 minutes prior to a team's first game. There will be no warm-up time between games in order to keep games on-time as scheduled.
- D. After the conclusion of each game, teams should move to their next field immediately. There will be no check-in by the referees for the 2nd and 3rd games.
- E. All teams must have two sets of (different) uniforms at all games. Home team will change if necessary. The team listed first on the game is the home team.
- F. MYSA has provided a facility map with designated fan sections and teams only sections. Please pass this along to your team parents as there will not be a map posted at the field. Where two fields are side by side, teams will be seated between the two fields. All spectators will be seated on the touchline opposite the team.
- G. Each team is expected to clean their area before leaving. If a field is not clean, offending teams will be assessed a \$50.00 cleanup fee.
- H. **Teams should leave the facility soon after the conclusion of their competition so that the next group of competing teams can safely enter the facility.**
- I. **Spectators should follow social distancing recommendations including the wearing of masks as well as maintaining at least 6 feet of physical distance from each other.**
- J. **Athletes, volunteers, and coaches must follow facility requirements regarding social distancing and regarding wearing cloth face coverings or facemasks. Athletes, volunteers, and coaches are expected to wear cloth face coverings or facemasks as much as possible when not participating in games or when they are unable to socially distance (remain 6 feet from people who are not in your household).**

AWARDS

All 1st and 2nd place teams will receive awards after the conclusion of the Championship game at the field. Please remain at the field of the championship game until an MYSA official provides you with your awards. MYSA will **not** be taking photographs of winning teams to avoid violating social distancing protocols. Teams should leave the facility soon after the conclusion of their competition.

SEVERE WEATHER

Managers and Coaches are expected to review this information with the parents from their team. It is important for the safety of everyone involved that these guidelines are followed.

If severe weather develops, MYSA officials will notify referees to suspend play and when to continue. All fields at that location will stop and resume at the same time as directed by tournament headquarters. The event committee will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason.

If a game is suspended because of weather and 50% of the 2nd half has been played, the game will be considered complete unless there is a tie in a Championship game. A decision will be made about tied games and when they will be completed by tournament officials the same day or night. If a game is not completed because of weather, it will start over from the beginning. There is also the possibility that the game may not be rescheduled.

Decisions to clear the fields will be made at headquarters by MYSA staff and will always be based on the safety of our players, coaches, referees and spectators. If the decision is made to clear the fields, it will be expected that all participants will follow these steps:

1. Spectators, players and coaches will seek shelter immediately inside their vehicles. Do not seek shelter under a gazebo as they are unsafe.
2. Do not leave the premises until directed to do so by event volunteers and/or staff.
3. The all-clear indicator will be when the referees return to their fields and position themselves in the middle of the field. This will indicate that it is safe to resume play.