

# 2021 MYSA Black & Blue Summer State Championships Information and Rules

**Dates:** July 16 - 18, 2021

## **Tournament Locations:**

**Boys & Girls U10 – U12**  
**Watson Soccer Complex**  
1000 Essex Parkway NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

**Boys & Girls U13 – U19**  
**Bertram Fields**  
10224 Briarwood Ave  
Monticello, MN 55362

**Check-in:** no need to check in at headquarters. Please go right to your field with your rosters set.

**Schedules are subject to change** and teams are responsible to monitor for schedule changes, and should also be on alert for email announcements related to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

**Schedules** and results are available [HERE](#)

# FORMAT

Each age group's format is dependent on the number of teams who registered for the event. Teams were seeded based on summer league results, while also prioritizing variety of opponents and working in non-league teams. Seeding is final as seen on the current schedule.

Information about your specific format can be found in the "flight notice" section at the top of the screen on the schedule webpage.

**3 & 4 Team Brackets:** one group of single round robin games, top two teams advance to final.

**5 Team Brackets:** double elimination-style bracket. Every game must have a winner. A team that loses their first or second game will move into a losers' bracket for a chance to play back into the winners' bracket. The one undefeated team moves through the primary winners bracket then awaits the team from the losing bracket to come out. This format guarantees 2 games to each team because teams that lose their first game are not automatically eliminated. Tournament format bracket posted here:

**6 Team Brackets:** two groups of 3, single round robin games, top team in each group advances to final.

**7 Team Brackets:** two groups, one group of 3 and one group of 4, single round robin games, top team in each group advances to final.

**8 Team Brackets:** one group of 8, two group play games for each team, top 4 teams advance to semi-finals.

**9 Team Brackets:** three groups of 3, single round robin games, top team from each group and one wild card advance to semi finals.

**10 Team Brackets:** three groups, one group of 4 and two groups of 3, single round robin games, top team from each group and one wild card advance to semi finals.

**11 team Brackets:** three groups, two groups of 4 and one group of 3, single round robin games, top team from each group and one wild card advance to semi finals.

**12 team Brackets:** four groups of 3, single round robin games, top team from each group advances to semi finals.

# RULES

## **The following rules will be used to determine the advancement out of preliminary games:**

- A. Pool play games ending in ties will remain in ties.
- B. Championship and other single elimination games cannot end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play two 5-minute periods. If the game is tied at the end of both overtime periods, the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, following the USSF rules.
- C. 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 45 minutes prior to championship game on a predetermined field).
- D. A forfeit in play will result in a 3-0 score in favor of the opposing team.
- E. In the event that an unequal number of games are played, as in the case of several brackets with a different number of teams per group, standings will be determined by point percentage. The total number of points will be divided by number of games played.

## **The following rules will be enforced regarding Team Rosters:**

- A. No player may be rostered on more than one team participating in Championships
- B. Rosters will be frozen at the start of each team's first game.
- C. Teams are allowed up to five club-pass players (consistent with MYSA League rules), but no player may be rostered on more than one Championships team.

- D. No team shall cut an available registered player from its team to allow for another player to play on that team during Championships

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

- A. Team warm up can and should begin off the field in order to keep games as scheduled.
- B. Teams must arrive at their field of play no later than 15 minutes prior to game time.
- C. All teams must **set their official game roster in Affinity and be able to provide their Digital Player Passes for every player and coach to the referees before each game or the game will not be played. Referees should have a device to check in teams, but teams should be able to provide a device if the referee does not have one.**
- D. No pass, No play, and No exceptions –rules will be enforced for any delay in producing passes.
- E. The team listed first on the bracket will be the home team.
- F. All teams must have two sets of (different) uniforms at all games. Home team will change if necessary.
- G. On single fields, teams will take the East or North sideline of the field - All spectators will sit on the West or South sideline of 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.
- H. 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.
- I. All red cards received from participating teams will be entered into the digital game reporting system.
- J. All referee decisions regarding play on the field will be considered final. Only disputes of rules enforcement of the game may be disputed.
- K. There will be a three person rules committee to adjudicate all disputes during the tournament.

# WEATHER AND HEAT

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.

**Severe Weather Policy:** Severe weather is a possibility. The event organizers will be monitoring weather conditions throughout the day. If severe weather develops, field marshals 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

**Heat Policy:** Extreme heat is addressed in regular MYSA Rules and will be recognized. The following chart can be used as a reminder of these rules.

| Game Time Temperature | MYSA Policy  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Up to 89°             | Normal Play  |
| 90° - 99°             | Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 5 minutes.  |
| 100° - 105°           | Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 10 minutes. |
| 105°                  | Suspend play.  |

# AWARDS

All 1st and 2nd place teams will receive medals

2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will have medals distributed at the game field, to the team coach or manager.

Champions are required to assemble at a staging area near headquarters for award presentations and photographs. Please gather your coaches and players as quickly as possible after completing the championship match and report, and direct them to the staging area for the presentation.