



**SANTA CLARA SPORTING INVITATIONAL
TOURNAMENT RULES
AUGUST ; -13, 201;**

Welcome to the 18th Annual Santa Clara Sporting Club Invitational Soccer Tournament. This tournament is approved by US Club Soccer, a National Affiliate Member of the USSF.

AGE GROUPS

The tournament is approved to host 160 teams and will host Class 1, U-10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Super Group. All teams will be guaranteed at least 3 games with a max of two per day. Teams qualifying for the Championship matches will play up to 6 games.

LOCATION

Tournament headquarters will be located at Santa Clara Soccer Park, which is located at 5049 Centennial Boulevard at Tasman Drive, Santa Clara 95050. Tournament Director is Luis Ruelas and can be reach by email at sportingtournament@gmail.com.

Games will be played at the following locations:

SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara Youth Soccer Park - 5039 Centennial Boulevard at Tasman Drive, 95054

PATTY O'MALLEY FIELDS

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CUPERTINO

De Anza College - 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, 95014

FREMONT

Central Park/Lake Elizabeth – 1110 Stevenson Blvd. Fremont, CA 94537 (AKA Fremont Sports Complex)

CREDENTIALS and REGISTRATION

At the mandatory Online Registration, teams must provide the required credentials.

All U.S. teams must provide valid laminated Player ID Cards with photos, and signed Medical Release Forms. USYSA teams from outside of CYSA-North must also provide approved Travel Papers which must include a roster listing all players authorized to travel. Proper Loan Forms will be required at Registration along with other required credentials, as required by the team's State Association. International teams must provide a certified Team Roster, League Identification Cards, Medical Release Forms, Travel Papers, and Passports. In the event an international team does not have League ID cards, a photo of each player should be provided. All player and coach passes will be checked prior to the beginning of each match at their scheduled field 30 minutes before the scheduled game time with the field marshal. Guest Players will be allowed up to 5 with proper paperwork and passes. U10 & U11 may roster a maximum of 14 players, U12, U13, U14, & U15 may roster a maximum of 18 and U16, U17 & U18/19 Super group may roster a maximum of 22 players, but team will have a maximum of 18 eligible players per game.

Is very Important that all proper documents are updated no later than Wednesday August 9th by 5.00 PM in order to have all your players eligible for the event. Players not properly included on the Official Roster and Game Card can be denied any participation. In the event that for technical reasons your team is unable to send the documents thru Gotsoccer application, please email those asap to the tournament director by the deadline.

AWARDS

Team trophy, t-shirts and medals will be awarded to the Champions. Finalists will receive team medals.

ENTRY FEES

Credit card payment in the amount of \$497.00 (U-10) \$7; 7.00 (U11-U12), \$9; 7.00 (U13-U14) and, \$1097.00 (U-15 to U19) must be submitted by the application deadline. Entry fees will be charged once the team has been accepted.

WITHDRAWAL

Team withdrawing after acceptance will forfeit their entry fees. Any team withdrawing must do so in writing and postmarked no later than July 15, 201; .

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications need to be received by Santa Clara Sporting Club by July 1, 201; . No incomplete applications will be accepted. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis only. In the instance that the tournament fills all brackets prior to the application deadline, the tournament reserves the right to declare that it is full and closed to applicants.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed and accepted or rejected based on the pre-established criteria. The objective will be to provide evenly matched competition. Your Application date may be taken into consideration as well. Only properly sanctioned and complete applications deadline, the tournament reserves the right to declare that it is full and closed to applicants.

NOTIFICATIONS

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be communicated to each timely applicant no later than July 1, 201; .

HOUSING

Sporting Invitational Tournament is Stay and Play event and all hotels must be book thru Traveling Teams, the official partner for the event lodging.

HOME TEAM

The team listed first on the game schedule is the home team. The home team is required to change jersey if the conflict in either jersey colors or keeper jersey colors. Home teams will be responsible to provide the age appropriate size ball. (*3 Game Balls*)

For Championship games for U13 and older, game balls will be provided.

LENGTH OF GAMES UNDER THE NEW MANDATES PROTOCOL FOR PREMIER EVENTS

- Small side games either 7v7 or 9v9 (U10, U11and U12) games shall have two 25 minute halves.
- U13, U14 games shall have two 30 minute halves,
- U15, U16, U17,U18 &U19 games shall have 35 minute halves.
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SCORING AND RESULTS

1. In preliminary games, all ties will stand.
2. If quarterfinal and semifinal match is tied at the end of regulation play teams will go directly to penalty kicks per FIFA Law to determine the winner.
3. If a championship match is tied at the end of regulation play, two 5-minute overtime periods will be played to their completion. If still tied at the completion of the last overtime period, the game will be decided by penalty kicks per FIFA Law. Overtime periods may be shortened or eliminated if the game has been significantly delayed at the start, injuries, and/or other matters. The length of any games may be shortened (in equal halves) if the Tournament Committee deems it necessary due to field conditions, weather or darkness.

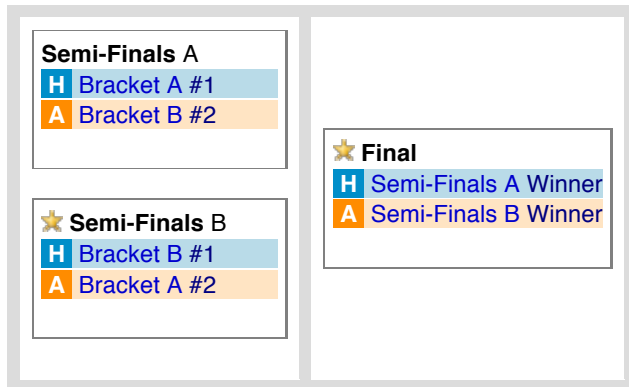
LAWS OF THE GAME

All matches must be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules. All matches will use certified referees.

TOURNAMENT PLAY FORMATS

8 Eight Team Divisions

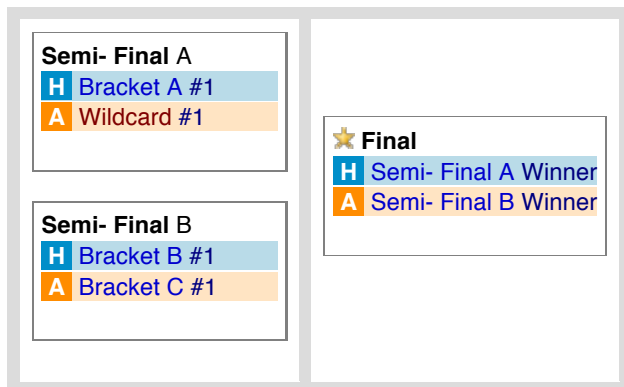
Will consist of two (2) Brackets of 4 Teams, the best 2 teams on each group advance to Semifinals.



Twelve Team Divisions

Will consist of three (3) brackets of four (4) for the preliminary round games. Each team will play the others within its Bracket for a total of three (3) preliminary round games. The SemiFinals and Finals will be played as displayed below.

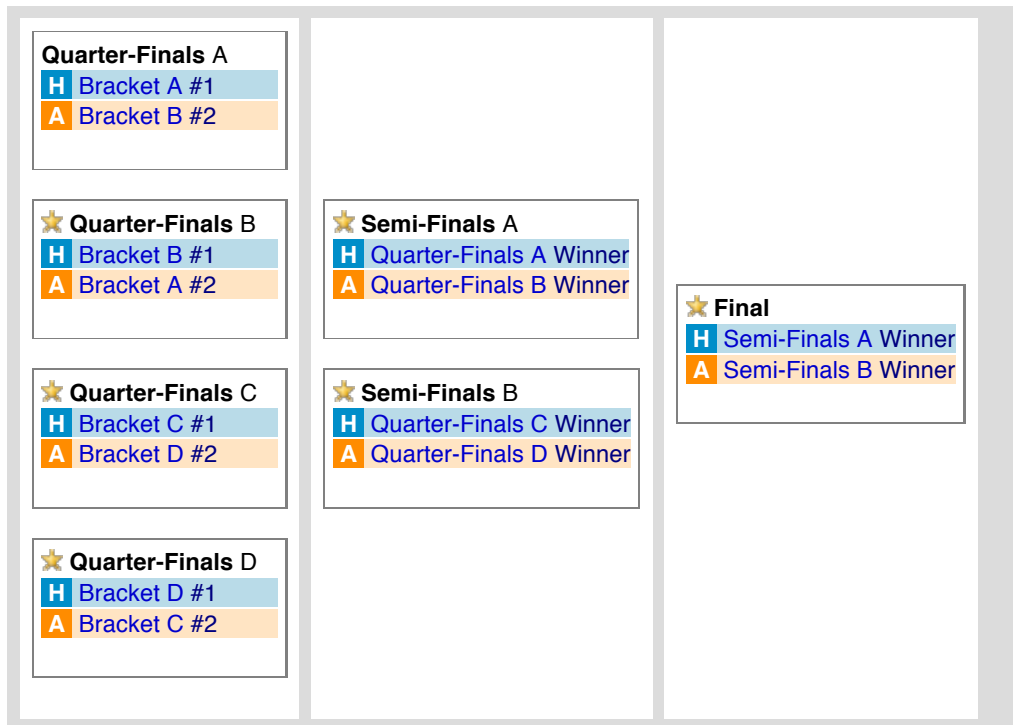
Please Note that in the event that the Wildcard is from the same group the bracket for semifinals will be re-arrange to avoid repeating a game from regular group phase.



Sixteen Team Divisions

Will consist of four (4) Brackets of four (4) teams each. Each Team will play the other teams within its bracket for a total of three (3) preliminary round games.

The QuarterFinals, SemiFinals and Finals will be played as displayed below.



5 Team Division

Will consist of (1) Bracket of five (5) teams playing round robin with the top two (2) teams playing the championship.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 vs 4	3 vs 1	5 vs 3	2 vs 5	4 vs 2
2 vs 3	4 vs 5	1 vs 2	3 vs 4	5 vs 1
5-Bye	2-Bye	4-Bye	1-Bye	3-Bye

SCORING

Tournament points will be awarded to and deducted from teams based on the following System:

3 Points for a Win

1 Point for a tie

0 Points for a loss

The maximum point total possible for any game is 3 points. Forfeit games will be scored as 2-0 (3 Points) in favor of the team that did not forfeit. If a team forfeits or withdraws prior to the completion of the preliminary games, all games in which they played shall be scored as a forfeit.

ALL GAMES RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND NO PROTESTS OR APPEALS WILL BE ALLOWED.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

In case of a tie in tournament points following the completion of the preliminary tournament games, the tie will be decided based in order of the following criteria:

1. Head to head* - team which won in head to head competition between the teams which are tied advances.
 2. Goal differential (to a maximum of 4 per game)
 3. Team with fewest goals against advances.
 4. Team with the most goals scored (to a maximum of 4 per game)
 5. Teams with the fewest red cards advance.
 6. Kicks from penalty spot as per FIFA Laws - team with most successful kicks advances.
- *Should there be a tie in tournament points between three or more teams; the tie breaking begins with #2 above. When and if two teams remain tied at any point while using this procedure, the order of tie breaking will recommence at #1 above.**

START TIMES/FORFEITURES

Teams must be at the field thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of their matches with picture player passes in order to be checked in by field marshals and/or referees. All games will be started within five (5) minutes of the scheduled time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of 7 players within the 5 minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team in attendance with at least seven (7) players on the field. If neither team takes the field within the five (5) minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team. The referee and/or Tournament Committee may terminate a game at his/their discretion and the Tournament Committee may ward a forfeit if:

1. A team leaves the field during the match without approval of the Referee.
2. A team is sent from the field by a Referee for violent play and/or misconduct by the Coaches, Players or
3. A team is deemed to be in gross violation of USYSA, CYSA or Santa Clara Sporting Club Invitational Tournament rules.

MATCH AND SCORE REPORTING

Field Marshal will be responsible for reporting match results, cautions and ejections to the tournament headquarters. Score Cards go be signed by both coaches and submitted to field marshals to be forwarded.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions are allowed. All substitutions may be made at the following times with approval by the referee.

1. Prior to throw-ins for your team
2. Prior to goal kick by either team
3. Prior to the restart of the match following a goal scored by either team
4. At the start of the second half of play.
5. At the beginning of overtime play.
6. Prior to the restart of play following an injured player being remove from the field by (either team may substitute). Limited substitution - A player receiving a caution (Yellow) may be substituted for at time of caution. The player may reenter the match at the next available unlimited substitution opportunity for his team.

EJECTIONS

Any Player, Coach, Assistant Coach, or registered team Official receiving a sendoff (Red Card) will automatically be suspended from their next tournament game. The sendoff report and player pass will be forwarded to the Tournament Director who will review the circumstances and determine if any additional suspension will be added. The Tournament Committee will have the authority to extend the suspension as deemed necessary. All sendoffs will be reported to the Tournament Director or Committee and appropriate action will be taken. Any Player or Coach not serving full suspension prior to end of tournament, the Player and Coach pass along with disciplinary report will be forwarded to the Team's State Association at conclusion of the Tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship will prevail at all times. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, assistant coaches, team officials and spectators affiliated with their team.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Shin Guards - Required for all Players (No Exceptions). No casts will be permitted. It will be at the game Referee's discretion the safety suitability of player equipment including the wearing of hard braces.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Any injuries shall be reported to the Tournament Director or Field Marshal so that an accident report form can be completed. In case of a serious injury, 9-1-1 will be called if requested by a Parent, Coach or Referee. Tournament headquarters will be notified of the medical emergency.

Medical Trainers will be at most sites excluding the venues with 1 field.

Medical Trainers are enforcing the concussion protocol acording with the new recomendations form U.S. Soccer Federation, USYSA , Norcal and all the State Associations.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the sport complexes or schools. Any team (including player, coaches, and affiliated spectators) found in violating this rule will automatically forfeit all games played and face possible expulsion from the tournament and will not be invited back to Santa Clara Sporting Invitational Soccer Tournament.

NO DOGS ALLOWED AT FIELD SITES

All participants and spectators should be advised not to bring their dogs to the field sites.

ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS

There are specific rules to safeguard the life of these fields. The rules are typically posted at the entrance to the fields. Only water is allowed on Artificial Turf Fields. **Teams are responsible for bringing own hydration.**

No food will be allowed on the fields, particularly seed or any kind of gum as these are especially harmful. Please ensure that your team and their parents are aware of these restrictions and guidelines. Tournament staff will be observing that these rules are followed. Anyone caught disregarding these rules can be ejected from the facility by tournament staff and/or field Marshals. Athletic trainers will be available at all sites.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Games may be shortened or cancelled due to inclement weather.

CANCELLATIONS

If the tournament must be cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities, or other circumstances deemed by the Tournament Committee to be beyond the control of hosting league, the tournament may retain up to **30%** of the entry fee once the tournament's expenses are verified and approved by the Tournament Committee. Refunds of no less than **70%** of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams with 45 days of approved tournament date.

RULES NOT COVERED

The Tournament Committee will review any problem that is not specifically covered and reserves the right to establish policy as deemed necessary. The decisions of the Committee will be final and there will be no appeals.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, Referee Coordinator and designated Santa Clara Sporting Club Directors.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding the Santa Clara Sporting Club Invitational, please contact Club Office at 408-844-8570 or Luis Ruelas 831-406-8487.