

Rules and Regulations

Rules of the match conform to [FIFA Laws of the Game](#), unless otherwise noted herein.



CT Rush Columbus Cup

Age Group	U9-U10	U11-U12	U13-U15
Format	7v7	9v9	11v1
Roster Size	12 max.	16 max.	22 max.
Referees	1	1	3
Game Length	25min halves	30min halves	30min halves
Total Games	3	Minimum 3 plus playoffs	Minimum 3 plus playoffs
Overtime/Tie Breaker	N/A	5min halves, PKs if req.	5min halves, PKs if req.
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easton • Brookfield • So. Salem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easton • Brookfield • So. Salem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easton • Brookfield • So. Salem
Event Days	Girls - Sat Boys - Sun	Saturday & Sunday	Saturday & Sunday



Easter Showcase - New York

Age Group	U15-U19		
Format	7v7		
Roster Size	12 max.		
Referees	1		
Game Length	25min halves		
Total Games	3		
Overtime/Tie Breaker	N/A		
Location	Golden Goal Sports Park		
Event Days	Friday & Saturday		

REGISTRATION

Team Check-in / Registration Requirements

- Refer to Online Check In Information Tab - NO PHYSICAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED

PHILOSOPHY

The tournament philosophy is to enjoy and compete in high-level soccer through good sportsmanship. Any team, player, coach, parent and etc. not adhering to this philosophy will be subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee.



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SPORTSMANSHIP

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players and fans of their teams. Under no circumstances will harassment, intimidation or sarcasm directed at referees will be tolerated. For any sportsmanship problems concerning coaches, other team officials and/or spectators, the center referee is empowered to direct the offender(s) to leave the area. If the offender(s) fail to leave as directed, the referee shall terminate the game and report the incident to the Tournament Director, who shall award a 4-0 victory to the non-offending team.

**TOURNAMENT WILL APPLY TO RECEIVE DUAL SANCTIONED BY THE
US YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION AND US CLUB SOCCER.**

INSURANCE

This tournament requires a certificate of insurance from any non US Youth Affiliate team, or non US Club Soccer team evidencing liability and player medical coverage. The minimum liability limits must equal or exceed US Youth and US Club Soccer minimum (\$1,000,000) and the minimum excess player medical limits must equal or exceed \$25,000.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players must be born on or after the birth dates for their age group classification as indicated below. All players and the teams to which they are registered must be properly registered with US Club Soccer, USYSA/USSF and their local associations, throughout the United States to join us.

PROTESTS

Protests will NOT BE ACCEPTED and MAY NOT be lodged.

TEAM/PLAYER REGISTRATION

Player passes authorized by their respective soccer association shall be verified and compared with the tournament roster at team registration and prior to each championship match.

GUEST PLAYERS

Any team can invite up to a maximum of 3 guest players, as long as each guest player has a valid player pass, medical waiver and is listed in the certified roster.

It is required that all teams add all players including guest players on the certified roster be added to gotsoccer.com during the registration process.



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DUAL ROSTER

Dual rostering is permitted but only under the following conditions.

A) Players must be included on each team's roster at the time of team registration.

B) Players can only be dual rostered to a team in an older age division.

Dual rostering a player to a team in a younger division or to another team of the same division is NOT permitted. Teams' rosters shall be frozen at the time of registration. Any team using an ineligible player shall be disqualified from the tournament and forfeit their registration fees.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Shoes must meet FIFA specifications. Shin guards are mandatory. No metal-rimmed glasses or jewelry of any kind will be allowed. Casts, splints or body braces made of a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic, plaster or fiberglass must be covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than ½ inch thick, high density polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same thickness and similar physical properties to protect the injury.

A medical release for the injured player signed by a licensed physician must be available at the game site. Players may not play with these casts without the approval of the Referee.

HOME TEAM

In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team shall change. The home team is listed first on the schedule.

DURATION

Interval between halves shall be three (3) minutes. The referee is the official timekeeper of the match. All games will be running time.

BUILD OUT LINES (U9-U10)

It is mandated that all U9-U10 age groups play with a build out line.

BALL SIZE

Age groups U9-12 will use a size 4. Age groups U-13 and older will use a size 5. The home team is responsible for a match ball.



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OVERTIME

All tied preliminary matches will remain a tie. In the Championship/Finals matches if regulation play ends in a tie score, the following steps will be followed: Two five (5) minute overtime periods will be played. If still tied, the tie will be broken by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA tiebreaker rules. Best of 5 penalty kicks.

SUBSTITUTIONS

There will be free substitution, with the referee's consent at the following times:

- a. A player receiving a yellow card (both teams)
- b. Prior to a throw-in (both teams)
- c. Prior to a goal kick (both teams)
- d. After a goal by either team (both teams)
- e. After an injury by either team when the referee stops the play (both teams)
- f. At half-time by either team (both teams)
- g. At the referee's discretion (both teams)

STANDINGS AND TIE BREAKERS

Group standings will be based on total points from the results of preliminary matches. Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, (0) points for a loss. A tie in total points within a group will be settled by the following tiebreakers in order:

- a. **Head to head game results** - winner will advance.
- b. **Goal differential** - team with highest goal differential against opponent will advance (maximum of five (5) goal differential). *(Example: A 7-0 game = 5-0 in calculating advancement; a 11-5 game = 10-5 in calculating advancement).*
- c. **Most number of "shutouts"** - teams with most "shutouts" will advance.
- d. **Fewest goals against** - team with fewest goals allowed will advance.
- e. **Most goals scored**
- f. **Penalty shootout**

SCORE SHEETS

All coaches are responsible for verifying the score by emailing the score to the tournament director.

REFEREES

A USSF one-person referee system will be used for all U9-U12 matches and a three person referee system will be used for U13-U15 matches.



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FORFEITS

The team forfeiting the match for whatever reason shall be declared the loser by a score of three (3) goals to none (0). A team forfeiting may be considered not in good standing and face disciplinary action. It is the duty of the coaches to ensure that players report to the field 15-20 minutes prior to start time of each match.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The acting Tournament Director reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather:

1. Relocated and/or reschedule a match
2. Reduce scheduled duration of a match
3. Cancel a match
 - If inclement weather prevents a match from being completed during the scheduled time, the score shall stand
**if at least one-half of the match has been completed.*
 - The Tournament Committee, the coaches of the host teams, or any sponsors of tournament activities shall not be responsible for expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.
 - Coaches and players will share one side of the field. All spectators will take up a position on the opposite side of the field during the time that the match is in progress.
 - The acting Tournament Director reserves the right to decide on all matters relative to the tournament. His/her decisions are final.
 - All Tournament matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA except as modified.

Team Withdrawal

All Entry Fees must be postmarked by September 20th, to guarantee consideration. All late applications will be put on a waitlist for review. Once a team is accepted into the tournament no refund will be issued. If a team decides to withdraw sanctions will be placed against your team/club for future participation in our events. If a team withdraws before the acceptance list is posted, a full refund will be issued.

SIDELINE BEHAVIOR

Both teams will sit on the same side of the field. Only coaches and trainers may stay on the player's sideline. Spectators are only allowed on the opposite side of the field from the coaches and players and are limited to being in the designated area from penalty box to penalty box. No spectators are allowed behind the goal areas. **Harassment of the officials from coaches, spectators or players will not be tolerated.**



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DISCIPLINE

Any send-offs should be reported to the Tournament Director immediately following the game. Any player or coach sent-off (other than on account of receiving two cautions in the same game) shall automatically sit out the next played tournament game with their team (unless the send-off occurred in the last game of the tournament for that player or coach, in which case such player or coach would be required to sit out their next scheduled game played). If the send-off was for fighting, or if it is the player's/coach's second tournament send-off, the player/coach will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament. Any player/coach receiving three (3) cautions (yellow cards) in the tournament must sit out the next played tournament game with their team (unless the third caution occurred in the last game of the tournament for that player or coach, in which case such player or coach would be required to sit out their next scheduled game played). Any player sent off must immediately leave the complex. If their parent is not in attendance, they may report to the tournament headquarters with a manager or a team parent until the game has concluded. Any coaches or spectators sent-off by the referee must leave the complex immediately.

- All referee decisions are final.
- The Tournament Director, or their designee, is empowered to make all decisions regarding the competition during the tournament.
- Tournament Director is final in all matters. No appeals will be allowed beyond that point.

GENERAL RULES

- All decisions of the referee are final and binding.
- The tournament committee will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is cancelled in part or in whole.
- The tournament director reserves the right to modify the schedule and all matters relating to this tournament. The tournament director's judgment shall be final and binding.
- **NO alcoholic beverages** are allowed in the park or the parking lot of any of the game sites. Your team will be subject to forfeiting 1 game. Smoking or use of tobacco products on or near playing fields is prohibited at all times.
- In the event that the entire tournament is cancelled, a 75% refund will be offered to all accepted teams, or teams will be offered guaranteed entrance to the tournament the following year.

HOTEL SERVICES

Refer to Tournament Housing Tab

