



**Midwest Cup Soccer Tournament**  
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## **2010 Midwest Cup Rules** (updated 5/17/10)

### **Eligibility**

All teams and players must be registered and in good standing with their local USYSA/USSF/FIFA organizations. All teams registered and in good standing with their National Organizations, including USYS State Associations and US Club Soccer, are eligible to play.

### **Roster Sizes**

U8 maximum roster size of 12

Boys will play 5v5 with # 3 size ball

Girls will play 6v6 with # 4 size ball

U9-U10 maximum roster size of 14

Will play 7v7 with # 4 size ball

U11-U12 maximum roster size of 16

***Will play a 9v9 division and a 11v11 division both using a # 4 size ball***

U13-U15 maximum roster size of 18

Will play 11v11 with # 5 size ball

U16-U19 maximum roster size of 22

Will play 11v11 with # 5 size ball

Only 18 players may dress per game

### **Age Divisions**

- U08 (8/1/01 - 7/31/02)
- U09 (8/1/00 - 7/31/01)
- U10 (8/1/99 - 7/31/00)
- U11 (8/1/98 - 7/31/99)
- U12 (8/1/97 - 7/31/98)
- U13 (8/1/96 - 7/31/97)
- U14 (8/1/95 - 7/31/96)
- U15 (8/1/94 - 7/31/95)
- U16 (8/1/93 - 7/31/94)
- U17 (8/1/92 - 7/31/93)
- U18 (8/1/91 - 7/31/92)
- U19 (8/1/90 - 7/31/91)



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## **Registration**

- All teams are required to have **USYSA or US Club player passes**. No other form of identification will be accepted.
- All teams will be required to provide their **State Roster** approved by their state association.
- All teams are required to provide **IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver** for each player. This form must be completed and signed prior to registration and will be kept on file with the tournament registrar.
- All Non-IYSA/USYSA Teams (US Club other non-USYSA affiliates) need to fill out the **Non-IYSA/US Youth Soccer & Foreign Team Agreement**. They also need to provide **Proof of Insurance**.
- Teams from outside of Illinois must present an approved **Application to Travel** from their home state's USYSA affiliate. US Club teams do not need to provide this form.
- All teams will be required to provide **signed Tournament Roster** at registration.
- Up to five guest players may be added to a team roster. Each player must have a valid USYSA or US Club player pass.
- No roster changed will be permitted after a team roster has been approved at the tournament registration.
- Players will be allowed to register with only one team and will not be allowed to switch from one team to another.
- All team members must wear the same uniform.
- \$60 parking fee is required at team registration.

## **Player Equipment- All Age Groups**

1. Every player must have the basic compulsory equipment: two jerseys, shorts, stockings, shin guards, and cleats. Cleats will not have any sharp edges that may injure another player.
2. Any appliances such as knee braces must be worn in such a way that they do not pose a threat of injury to other players. All casts and splints must be padded to protect other players from injury.
  - The decision of the Referee on the field with regard to equipment will be final.
  - Only sport eyeglasses are permitted.
  - No jewelry.

## **Laws of the Game**

All games shall be played in accordance with the laws observed by the USYSA/FIFA/IYSA with the exceptions noted herein.

### **U8 amendments**

- U8 boys and girls will play with **NO OFFSIDES**.
- Fouls committed inside the 18 yard box will result in a penalty kick.
- U8 girls will throw-in when the ball goes out on the touch-line.
- U8 boys will kick-in when the ball goes out on the touch-line.



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### **Substitutions**

There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during a game. Substitutions must be made only at times allowable under USYSA/FIFA rules with the following exceptions:

#### **U8-U12**

- Substitutions shall be limited to a maximum of three players at a time (re-entry permitted).
- Substitutions can be made without the consent of the referee under the following circumstance: The players being substituted for must have left the field of play at the touchline directly in front of the team's technical area (bench). The referee will not stop play for substitutions, only for serious injury or wasting time.
- All substitutions must take place on the touchline at the half field mark.
- The player entering the field cannot enter until the exiting player has left the field or the referee has signaled otherwise.
- Players may substitute in at any dead ball situation with the referee's approval.

### **Game Procedures / Length of Game**

- All teams must report to the field 30 minutes before start of game for check in by Field Marshal.
- Home team is listed first on the schedule and will be required to change uniforms in the event of a color conflict.
- All games will be played with a running dock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents. The referee is the official timekeeper, and therefore all decisions of this nature made by the referee are final.
- Players are to be on one side of the playing field and spectators on the opposite side.
- U8 games will be 2 x 20 minutes.
- U9-U10 games will be 2 x 25 minutes.
- U11-U14 games will be 2 x 30 minutes.
- U15-U19 games will be 2 x 35 minutes.
- The Tournament Director may relocate, reschedule, cancel, or shorten any game.
- Any game that has completed one-half of play is considered an official game.

### **Scoring**

- Win, 6 points
- Tie, 3 points
- Loss, 0 points
- Goals, 1 point per goal to a maximum of three.
- Shut-out, 1 point



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### **Tie Breaking – Group Play**

In the event of a tie deciding group winners, the following criteria will be used:

- Head to Head.
- Goal differential +/-, up to 4 per game.
- Fewest goals against.
- Most goals for, up to 4 per game.
- Penalty kicks.

### **Semi-Final and Championship Games**

In the event of a tie in a semi-final or championship game:

- Teams will play 2 x 5 minute overtimes.
- If still a tie, each team will designate 5 players to take alternate kicks: best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the overtime are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- If still tied, alternate penalty kicks by remaining players until winner is decided.

### **Wild-Card**

In those divisions having three groups, a wild-card also advances to playoffs. The wild-card will be determined by:

- Team with most points.
- Head to Head.
- Goal differential +/-, up to 4 per game.
- Fewest goals against.
- Most goals for, up to 4 per game.
- Penalty kicks.
- In the event the designated wild-card team is scheduled to play a team from its own bracket, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the matchups for semi-final games.

### **Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and individual awards will be presented to teams in championship games.

Placement trophies will be presented to U8 teams. All other U8 teams will be presented with participation awards.

### **Forfeits**

- The tournament Director will have the final decision as to whether a forfeit shall be allowed.
- For U8-U9, a minimum of 5 players constitutes a team at start of game. For U10-11: 6 players and for U12-U19: 7 players.
- In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded 10 points for the win. The victory will be recorded as a 3-0 win.



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- No team having a forfeit loss may advance as a group winner or wild-card.
- Refunds will not be issued when a team has forfeited a match.

### **Failure to show**

- Any team quitting the field of play before the conclusion of any game is automatically disqualified from the tournament and the game will be considered a forfeit.
- Any team having accepted entry to the tournament, failing to appear as scheduled, will cause all teams from its club to be banned from The Midwest Cup for a minimum of 3 years. In addition, the team's state association will be informed of the team's misconduct, with a recommendation for further action.
- Any team failing to appear will forfeit its tournament entry fee.
- Upon a team's acceptance to the tournament, the application fee becomes non-refundable.

### **Behavior**

All yellow and red cards issued during the tournament will be reported to the Tournament Director.

- Any player or coach receiving a red card will be banned from, at the least, the next scheduled game for that particular team. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player.
- Any team or club receiving a disproportionate number of yellow or red cards will be banned from the Tournament for a minimum of three years.
- Anyone fighting can be subjected to ejection from further tournament participation. Passes will be retained by the tournament and returned to the coach of the team after the player has sat out their suspension.
- Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their supporters.
- In accordance with the USYSA regulations, the issuance of all yellow and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information will be reported to the IYSA, the home club/league of the player, coach, team, or supporters involved. All matters involving referee assault shall, in accordance with the USSF rule 3042 be referred immediately to the IYSA.
- The home state association and home club/league of the player, coach, team or supporters (except in the case of referee assault) will have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions, within their respective jurisdictions, with regard to any matters arising from the tournament.
- Removal of jersey will result in a caution.

### **Cancellation Policy**

- Campton United Soccer Club or any of its entities will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or canceled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions.
- No refunds will be made unless the tournament is canceled, in which case a 25% out of pocket expense fee shall be maintained by the tournament.
- Partial refunds will be issued on a pro-rated basis if games cannot be played due to severe weather conditions. This fee shall not exceed 75% of the tournament entry fee.
- All decisions and/or interpretations made by the tournament committee are final.

### **Protests**

- All referee decisions are final. There will be no protests allowed.



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## **Lighting Prediction and Protection**

### **Prediction System**

Lightning is one of nature's most deadly forces. People can't predict lightning's likelihood. Unfortunately the most dangerous locations are by water and open areas, which are areas where you are most vulnerable.

The St. Charles Park District has installed the THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System and Voice-of-THOR horn warning system at [West Side Community Park](#). Although each one of us is responsible for our own safety, we utilize this sophisticated computer system to provide additional warning when dangerous conditions are detected.

The system consists of sensors placed at the park site that measure electrostatic charges at ground level and in the atmosphere. When conditions indicate that lightning occurrence is probable, a signal is sent to an alarm horn. The signal provides an 8- to-12 minute warning that allows one to clear the area and seek shelter.

To minimize the potential for lightning related injuries, it is recommended that when the **warning system is activated (15-second horn blast)**, the park sites are to be cleared and activities not resumed until the **all-clear signal is given (3 short horn blasts)**. These alarm tones are distinctly different from any current public alarm tones. It is recommended that park patrons and staff immediately seek shelter in their vehicles. If such shelter is unavailable, patrons should avoid areas that are higher than the surrounding landscapes, not to use a tree for shelter, and keep away from metal objects such as bicycles, golf carts, umbrellas, etc. If it is the opinion of the Park staff, teacher, coach, referee, or the general public that the weather situation is not safe, **do not** wait for horns to activate – **CLEAR THE AREA!** Take shelter in your vehicles anytime lightning is seen, or thunder is heard.

### **Recognizing the threat**

- Apply the 30-30 rule. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is 30 seconds or less, seek proper shelter. Wait 30 minutes or more after hearing the last thunder before leaving shelter.
- Obey the rules established by the community park lightning detection and warning systems.
- Minimize the risk of being struck. Protect the safety of all participants by stopping activities quickly, so that participants and spectators may retire to a safer place. If you can hear the thunder, you are within reach of lightning.
- Remain calm to prevent panic by young players.

### **Seeking Proper Shelter**

- No place outside is safe near thunderstorms.
- Do not stay under a tent or under the concession stand roof.
- The best shelter is a large, fully enclosed, substantially constructed building. A vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides is a reasonable second choice.

### **Most Dangerous Locations**

- Higher elevations
- Wide open areas, including fields
- Tall isolated objects, such as trees, poles, or light posts
- Unprotected open buildings
- Rain shelters
- Bus stops
- Metal fences and metal bleachers

**West Side Community Park is a non-smoking facility**