

IMPACT Invitational 2011 Rules

1. **FIFA RULES** as modified herein.

2. **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

Good sportsmanship is expected of all teams, officials, and fans at all times! Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff, parents and affiliated spectators. The use of offensive, insulting, or abusive language will not be tolerated!

3. **Fees:**

\$325 per team. A refund of 50% of the entry fee will be given to teams withdrawing after accepted but at least four weeks prior to the tournament.

4. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

8v8, All teams will play 25 min halves with 5 min half time. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games. The top team in each group will play the championship game.

5. **CREDENTIAL CHECK:**

NO Friday night check in check-in! The **Team Manager must present the proper credentials at the Mandatory Registration 45 minutes prior to the teams first game** at the Field **PLEASE check your credentials NOW.**

Teams and/or players without valid credentials will not be allowed to play, until the credentials are verified.

US Club registered teams must present the following credentials:

1. Laminated player passes for each player
2. US Club Medical Waiver forms signed by parent/guardian for each player
3. Laminated coaches passes
4. Official US Club Roster - printed from the US Club website

Non-US Club registered teams (CYSA, AYSO, etc.) must present the following credentials:

1. Laminated player passes for each player
2. Medical Waiver forms signed for each player (for CYSA this is the 1601 form).
3. Laminated coaches passes
4. Official Roster (ie. CYSA Goldenrod)
6. **GUEST PLAYERS:** No guest players from outside clubs are allowed. Guest players from the teams home club are allowed as long as they are credentialed as specified above.

7. **GAME CHECK-IN:** Teams should be ready to check-in with game Referee 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

8. **GAME LENGTH:** All games will consist of (2) 25-minute halves and a 5 minute half time. All games will start based on referees signal within 2 minutes of the specified start time. Referees will stop games at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the next game. In order to accommodate all the games, and stay on schedule, please leave the team areas quickly at the end of the match.

9. **GAME BALLS:** Home team will provide 3 game balls to the referee for inspection. Size 4 ball will be used.

10. **POINT SYSTEM:**

3 points for a win

1 point for a tie

1 point for each goal with a maximum of 4

11. **TIE BREAKERS:**

Head to head

Goals for

Goals against

Goal differential

Penalty kicks

12. **PROTESTS:** All game results are final. No protest will be allowed.

13. **SENDOFFS:** A player receiving two yellow cards in a single game is considered as having received a red card. A player given a red card (or two yellow cards) in one game shall be expelled from that game and shall not be replaced. Any coach, assistant coach or registered team official who is sent off will automatically be suspended from two games. US Club Soccer minimum penalties for send-offs will be strictly enforced. Violent conduct ejections may result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament. The send off report will be forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee of the USSF affiliated organization with jurisdiction over the offending player or coach. Additional penalties may be imposed.

14. **HOME TEAM:** The Home Team is listed first on the schedule. In the event of color conflict, the Home Team will change jerseys.

15. **BENCH AREA:** Only Team Officials and players are permitted in the bench areas. Parents and spectators will be on opposite side of the field.

16. **INJURY TIME:** Officials will not add time except for injury requiring medical attention or unfair delay where appropriate. Referees will stop games at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the next game.

17. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Free substitution at the following times, and with the referees permission.

- a. Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
- b. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- c. After a goal, by either team.
- d. After an injury, when the referee stops play, by either team.
- e. During half time.
- f. When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the cautioned player may be substituted, prior to the restart of the game.

18. **GOAL KICKS:** Goal kicks will be taken from inside the goal area.

19. **FREE KICKS:** All FIFA laws will be enforced resulting in direct free kick or indirect free kick as appropriate.

20. **PENALTY KICKS:** Penalty kicks will be awarded for fouls which occur in the penalty area, which would result in a direct free kick.

21. **OFFSIDE:** Offside will be enforced.

22. **REFEREES:** All referees for this tournament will be provided by Impact soccer.

23. PROHIBITIONS:

DOGS are not allowed on or near the playing fields or around the tournament activities.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO are prohibited at game sites. Violations by persons affiliated with a team may result in game forfeit, ejection from site, and expulsion from tournament.

24. **RULES NOT COVERED:** Tournament Director or a designee shall resolve situations not covered by these rules. The Tournament Director's decision will be final with no appeals allowed.