



PSA Minnesota Classic Soccer Tournament Letter of Invitation, Tournament Rules and Guidelines

FIFA Laws of the Game – The PSA Minnesota Classic will be played under the FIFA Laws of the game that are in effect January 1, 2010, and as modified and approved by US Youth Soccer/Minnesota Youth Soccer Association. Tournament rules shall be the laws of the game as set forth by FIFA and as adjusted by MYSA and the Tournament Committee.

This tournament is open to all US Youth Soccer and MYSA registered competitive teams including approved tournament only teams for the U13 through U19 age brackets. Tournament Only teams will be classified for the top competitive bracket. Non-MYSA teams need to show proof of permission to travel.

BRACKETS & AWARDS:

We intend to structure the tournament into open single age brackets for the U9-U15 ages but reserve the right to combine ages as needed if fewer teams than expected register. For the U16-U19 age brackets we intend to provide 2 age brackets, U17 and U19. U16s would be combined with the U17s and the U18s will be combined with the U19s.

- In U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, and U19 age groups, the first and second place teams, based on points earned during pool play, will play for the championship. There will be no third place game.
- Individual and team awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams. Awards will be presented immediately following the championship games at the field location where the game was played.
- For the U9 and U10 brackets, no scores will be recorded. Participation awards will be given to all U9 and U10 participants. The participation awards will be given to the team designate at team registration.

GAMES AND SCHEDULING

Each team will play a minimum of three games. Check the individual age brackets for championship determination. U11-U12 age groups will play 27-minute halves (8v8), U13 – U14 age groups will play 30 minutes halves, U15 – U19 age groups will play 35 minutes halves. Pool play and Play-offs games will be the same length. All games will have a standard 5-minute halftime. U9 and U10 will play a “round robin” schedule, three 49 minute games (22-minute halves) (6v6). No scores or standings will be kept for U9 and U10 age groups. There will be no play-off rounds or champions declared for U9 and U10 age groups.

No teams will be scheduled to play more than (2) games in one day. Note: weather or participation in the playoffs may change this. Each game will be played under FIFA rules as modified by MYSA and as further modified within this document. Games will commence on Friday afternoon, (4:00 PM or later) with most teams playing their first game on Friday. Games will continue on Saturday morning with many teams playing two games, (that being the daily maximum) so that many teams will complete their preliminary games on Saturday. Last games will be played Sunday and scheduled as early as permitted by the hosting Cities for the convenience of teams traveling home. If weather or the condition of the fields makes it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the tournament director will make the necessary

decisions concerning rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. Game length and times may be shortened or altered until back on schedule, or games may be rescheduled or cancelled. Game scores for U11 and older will be posted on the Tournament Game Board at the Elm Creek Playfields Tournament Headquarter location and online at the tournament website.

PLAYERS AND ROSTERS

- Players must be registered with US Youth Soccer/US Soccer/Minnesota Youth Soccer Association approved organizations, have 2010 player passes, and be registered on a team.
- A maximum of 22 players may be registered for U17 – U19 teams and listed on the Tournament Roster. A player may only play on one team.
- A maximum of 18 players may be registered for U13 – U15 teams and listed on the Tournament Roster. A player may only play on one team.
- A maximum of 14 players may be registered for U11 – U 12 teams and listed on the Tournament Roster. A player may only play on one team.
- A maximum of 12 players may be registered for U9 – U 10 teams and listed on the Tournament Roster. A player may only play on one team.
- There is a limit of 3 guest players for U9 - U12, a limit of 5 guest players for U13 – U19, from the same or a different club.
- U12 brackets and older may include teams playing up in age level.
- Non Premier teams may play one competitive division lower if playing up in age.
- Premier teams playing up must compete at the Premier level of the older age.
- Teams will be allowed to play down in age level if all players are age-eligible at the younger level.
- All players must meet the age and playing requirements and be listed on the Official Tournament Roster to be eligible.
- A player may not be on more than one team's roster.
- A male player may not play on a female team, but a female player may play on a male team.
- Premier teams may only compete in Premier brackets.
- U9 and U10 teams may not compete in competitive brackets at ages U11 or older.
- Game rosters and player passes may be checked before every game
- Rosters are frozen after the team has been checked in. No other players may be added after the team has been checked in.

CHECK IN PROCEDURES

- **Through Friday June 18th, 8 PM Tournament Check In will be held at the PSA office in the Plymouth Creek Center located at 14800 34th Ave. North, Plymouth MN 55447.**
- **Saturday morning June 19th, Tournament Check In will be held at the Tournament Field Headquarters located at the Elm Creek Playfields. 4955 Peony Lane, Plymouth 55446 (Wayzata High School).**
- Check in must be done during the designated "Check-In" schedule or 45 minutes or more prior to the team's first game.
- The coach or a team representative will need to present the team roster, player passes and "Liability / Medical Release" for each player. This is the

same form every team should already have in possession for each player. This documentation will be checked against the team roster.

- A signed laminated pass with the picture for each Player, Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager participating in the tournament must be presented.
- A guest player roster must be completed if applicable.
- Non-MYSA teams need to show proof of permission to travel.
- The player passes will be verified with the official roster at registration, at which time the teams roster will be frozen for the remainder of the tournament.
- All teams are required to have medical authorizations for each player available for inspection at registration and at the field during any games. Your club form is acceptable.

No Pass, No Play, No Exception

Game Reporting

Game Card - All game scores will be kept on an official PSA Game Card, with the exception in the U9 and U10 Divisions. At the end of each game, both coaches must initial the game card in order to verify the scores. Please note that scores which are marked incorrectly on the game card will affect your standings and play-off seeding.

Teams participating in U11 and older age groups will have the opportunity to advance to a championship game. Awards will be presented to the first and second place teams in each bracket. Up to 8 teams will be allowed in each U11 and older bracket. All brackets will be pool play format. The top 2 teams based on points earned will advance to the Championship game.

TOURNAMENT SCORING

- Games ending in ties will remain ties in preliminary (Pool) rounds.
- Championship games cannot end in a tie. In the event of a tie after regulation 2 (two) overtime periods of 5 minutes each will be played. After the first 5-minute period, teams will switch goals with no interval. At the end of (two) 5-minute overtimes, if the game is still tied, it will be decided as governed by FIFA laws of the game. The Tournament Director reserves the right to move the shoot-out to an alternate location.
- Preliminary rounds consisting of 3 games will be pool play format. To determine final standings within pools, the following procedures will be used in sequence:

1. Highest number of points Scoring point system used will be the 10-point system as follows:
 - +Highest number of points
 - Win = 6 points
 - Tie = 3 points
 - 1 point for each goal scored up to 3 per game
 - 1 point for shut out; example: 0-0 ties equals 4 points

Forfeiture will be recorded as a 3-0 loss for the forfeiting team.
10 points maximum per game

2. Winner of the head-to-head competition does not apply if more than two teams are tied.
3. Winner of most games

4. Goal differential; goals scored minus goals against, with a maximum of (3) goals differential per game.
5. Fewest goals allowed.
6. Kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures published in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

PROCESS FOR POSTING STANDINGS AND NOTIFYING TEAMS OF ADVANCEMENT

Scores will be posted on the PSA Tournament website and the "official standings board" at the Elm Creek Playfields – Field Tournament Headquarters.

HOME TEAM The first team listed in the schedule is the home team. The home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change if; (in the opinion of the referee) there is a color conflict. The home team is expected to provide a game ball.

Game Ball/Ball Size: U9 - U12 Age Divisions will use a size 4 ball. U13 - U19 Age Divisions will use a size 5 ball.

SUBSTITUTIONS All teams in the tournament will be allowed unlimited substitutions. Substitutions may be made in accordance to MYSA rules for each age group with the consent of the referee.

U9-U12 Substitutions allowed at any stoppage of play, with permission of the referee, in any small-sided game.

U13-U19 the following substitution rules apply with the consent of the referee:

- Prior to a throw in, by the team with possession of the ball, if the team in possession is substituting, both teams may substitute.
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
- After a goal, by either team.
- After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play - substitution is unlimited.
- At half time.

REFEREES/PROTESTS

Only certified / registered referees will be used. We intend to use a three - referee system for all upper level games (one referee for U9 and U10 levels). Only USSF certified and currently registered referees will be used for center referees, club lines may be used in some cases. In matters concerning the conduct of the games, the referee's decision is final. Protests are not allowed. In all other matters concerning the tournament, the tournament director's decision is final.

All teams should be prepared to provide a "club linesperson," if necessary, to be used to determine balls out of play only.

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- Any player receiving a red card will be sent off and not allowed to play in his/her team's next tournament game at the minimum.
- Any player receiving a red card for fighting will not be allowed to play in any remaining tournament games.
- Any player guilty of gross misconduct on tournament grounds will be barred from further competition in the tournament.

- The issuance of red or yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or supporters will be recorded and reported as required by US Youth Soccer tournament hosting rules and the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.
- All matters involving referee assault (or abuse) shall be referred immediately to the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.
- **Head coaches are responsible for team AND spectator behavior.**
- The referee will report problems of improper behavior by coaches, players, and fans to the referee assignor and/or tournament director. This behavior may result in forfeiture of the game or other appropriate action, (as deemed necessary) by the tournament director.
- Evidence or reports of fighting, damage to property, or theft on tournament grounds, local businesses or lodging may result in team disqualification.
- Misconduct by coaches or spectators may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the field of play and/or non-participation for the remainder of the tournament.
- The Tournament Committee will resolve any situation not covered in the rules. Misconduct may also be reported to the MYSA for additional review and possible sanctions.

MORE Specific Red Card Information:

- Red cards will be administered as per FIFA laws of the game.
- Any participant who is sent off for a second caution will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of that game and the next game. The referee will display both the yellow and red cards to indicate the dismissal for the second cautioned offense.
- Any participant sent off for any other reason will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of that game and the next game at a minimum. Violence may result in more than a one game suspension by tournament director's decision.
- If a player receives a red card, the player pass will be obtained by the referee and forwarded to tournament headquarters. After the suspension is served, the coach may pick up the pass in headquarters.
- At the end of the tournament, un-served red cards of Minnesota players will be retained by the tournament and forwarded to MYSA. The home State Association or Affiliate and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament.
- All unclaimed red cards will be forwarded to MYSA at the end of the tournament.

FIELD RULES

The Cities of Plymouth and Maple Grove own the soccer fields. **No alcoholic beverages, tobacco or drugs are allowed on the fields.** No pets are allowed at the tournament locations. **This tournament is a no smoking event.**

WEATHER RULES

The PSA Minnesota Classic Tournament will be following the MYSA weather Guidelines. If threatening weather occurs, play will be stopped at the discretion of the referee or tournament officials. If games are stopped due to inclement weather,

and cannot be restarted, score at stoppage will be the final score. Games that cannot start because of weather will be scored as a 0-0 tie. If the weather or the condition of the fields makes it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the tournament officials will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. If games are stopped, game length and times may be shortened or altered until back on schedule, or games may be rescheduled or canceled.

MEDICAL ATTENTION

Every player participates at his/her own risk. Each team is responsible for their own medical supplies and for treatment of injuries. Tournament medical personnel may be available to assist coaches and parents with injury assessment. All tournament volunteers such as Field Marshals and Tournament Committee Members have access to cell phones for emergency contact.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Once your registration is received and confirmed, no refunds will be made. Fees are non - refundable if games are canceled for any reason.

Field Etiquette

- Team/Spectators - Both teams will be on the same side of the field with spectators on the opposite.
- Plymouth Soccer Association does not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior on or off the field.
- We ask that you please:
 - Know and understand the laws of the game. Educate the players on the technical, tactical and physical demands of the game.
 - Keep your players and fans under control. The tournament adheres to a zero tolerance for fighting or verbal harassment. Any persons conducting themselves in this manner will be asked to leave the premise.
 - Be a positive role model. Set the standard for sportsmanship with the opponents, referees, and spectators.
 - Encourage moral and social responsibility.
 - Encourage players to have fun and to keep a positive attitude about winning and losing.
 - Show pride and support for your club but be respectful of other clubs and teams.
- **The PSA Minnesota Classic is a tobacco free, alcohol and drug free event.** Minnesota State law prohibits the use of alcohol for people under 21 and tobacco for people under 18. Players in violation of the law will be expelled from the tournament.
- Any player who destroys or steals property will be expelled from the tournament.
- For your own safety, please no climbing on nets or goals is allowed.
- Pre-game Warm-ups - There may not be time for a pre-game warm-up on the field as all games should start on time. Please plan your warm-up in an area close to your game field, without hindering the current matches.

The Plymouth Soccer Association is in good standing with the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), a member of US Youth Soccer and United States Soccer Federation (USSF).