

OP Invitational 2008 Tournament Rules

Eligibility: This tournament will accept teams (including guest players) of no more than 12 players in the U8, 9 and 10 Divisions, 14 players at U11 and U12 and all other divisions no more than 18 players. All teams must be currently registered with their State Association. No All-Star teams will be permitted. Up to four (4) guest players may be added to a team. **No player shall be allowed to register with more than one team.** All teams traveling from outside Ohio South must file travel permission forms. Any affiliate outside of USYSA must present a roster generated and *dated for the OP Invitational* to be submitted at Registration.

Registration: Player passes with photograph duly authorized by an appropriate USSF State Registrar must be presented at registration along with signed Medical Release forms. A photocopy of authorized official league roster must also be provided to the organization. USYSA teams from outside OSYSA must provide approved Travel Permits. SEE REGISTRATION CHECK LIST POSTED ON OHIO PREMIER WEBSITE FOR FURTHER REQUIREMENTS.

Team Check In: Each team will be checked in at their fields prior to game time by the referee on duty.

Laws of the Game: International Rules (FIFA/USSF) apply, **except as hereafter noted.**

Substitutions: Players may be substituted during a game as follows:

- a) After a goal is scored for either team.
- b) Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- c) Prior to the kick off of the second half.
- d) After receiving a yellow card.
- e) Prior to a throw-in that is in the favor of the team that will be substituting a player.
- f) If a player for the opposing team is at the mid-field flag waiting to be a substitute when the team that is awarded a throw-in has a substitute to enter the game, the substitute for the opposing team may also enter the game. If the team that has been awarded a throw-in does not have a substitute, then neither team may substitute a player.

Format:

Division	Preliminary	Championship	Overtime*	Ball
U13/14	35 minute half	35 minute half	2 10-minute	5
U11/12	30 minute half	30 minute half	2 5-minute	4
U9/10	25 minute half	25 minute half	2 5-minute	4

*Semi-final and final games only. No golden goal rule. If the games are still tied at the end of the overtime periods, they will be decided by penalty kicks (FIFA Laws of the Game).

Half-time: Half time will be exactly five minutes.

Code of Conduct: There shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee's call constitutes dissent.

Any player or coach ordered off the field by the referee for misconduct shall be suspended from at least the next game, or as determined by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall review each incident based on the report of the referee. **The Tournament Committee's decision with respect to any suspension shall not be subject to review or appeal.**

Forfeits: A minimum of 7 players constitutes an 11v11 team. 6 players on an 8v8 team and 5 players on a 6v6 team. A 5-minute grace period will be extended beyond the scheduled kick-off time before a forfeit shall be declared. Failure to complete a match, or a team leaving the field during play, will result in forfeiture. No team that has forfeited a match will be declared a group winner for advancement purposes. Winning teams as a result of forfeits will be automatically awarded the average number of goals either scored and/or allowed in their games.

Inclement Weather: The tournament committee shall have the authority to make the following changes if deemed necessary:

A. Shorten the duration of the games.

B. Suspend temporarily or permanently any game in progress. (Preliminary games terminated after one-half of play because of bad weather shall be considered official as of the time of termination.)

C. Cancel any or all games if necessary. OSYSA, the tournament committee, the Ohio Premier Girls Soccer Club, any of our sponsors, advertisers, supporters, and provider of soccer facilities are not responsible for any expense incurred by cancellations of scheduled games.

In the case of inclement weather, please check Ohio Premier hotline for further details at 614-336-4217 and www.opsoccer.com.

Team Contact Person: Each team representative must fill out team registration form and give the name, hotel, and phone number of the coach or designated contact person who can be reached at any time should the necessity arise.

Game Scores: The center referee will keep the official game card, which he shall receive from the designated field marshal prior to each game. The center referee shall obtain the signature of each linesman and each participating head coach at the conclusion of each game. The referee will be responsible for returning the game card to the designated field marshal at the conclusion of each game.

Standings and Tie Breaks: As follows.

1. Game Points –

A. Points will be awarded for each game in accordance with the following schedule:

- Six points for a WIN
- Three points for a TIE
- Zero points for a LOSS
- One point for a SHUT-OUT (including 0-0 game)
- One point for each goal scored, up to three maximum, regardless of win or loss.

B. For a forfeited game, the winner will be credited with a 1-0 win and awarded eight points (six for the win, one for the goal, and one for the shut-out). A team abandoned by another team during a game will be awarded at least eight points. The results of that game shall be based on the score at the time of the abandonment.

C. Teams are allowed a maximum of 5 minutes from game time to forfeit time. NO points will be awarded if neither team shows up.

2. Tie Breaking Within A Bracket/Division Or For Wild Card Team--

In the event of a points tie, places will be determined as follows:

- A. Head to head.
- B. Goal differential (maximum of 5 goal difference per game).
- C. Most goals scored (maximum of 5 goals per game).
- D. Least goals allowed.
- E. Penalty kicks.

Ties in Championship Games - Championship Games tied at the end of regulation will be decided by:

U9-12 2 x 5 minute overtime periods

U13-U14 2 x 10 minute overtime periods

If the games are still tied at the end of the overtime periods, they will be decided by penalty kicks (FIFA Laws of the Game).