

# PLANO LABOR DAY XXVIII INVITATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

## Information, Guidelines and Rules

### Classification and Age Divisions:

The Plano Labor Day XXVIII Invitational Soccer Tournament is sponsored by the Plano Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (PYSA) for select, invitational and travel teams registered with the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). The tournament is sanctioned by the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA), USYSA and is open to all USYSA sanctioned boys and girls teams from U-11 thru U-19 and "Academy" Teams (U-10).

### Team Registration:

All team applications for tournament participation must be completed accurately and received at the PYSA office (221 West Parker Rd, Suite 480; Plano TX 75023) no later than 5:00 PM August 1, 2008. ***Any teams traveling must stay at a participating tournament hotel.*** For a multiple team club to be considered for acceptance as a club, they must submit the request in writing prior to the tournament application deadline. All teams from the club must apply in order to be considered as a club, teams within NTSSA must provide a NTSSA roster (with player uniform numbers) signed by the coach of record and their local association registrar. An approved USYSA add/delete form must accompany any changes to a previously approved USYSA roster. Coaches ID cards will be required at registration. Teams from outside NTSSA must submit an approved USYSA travel permit, a league roster with home association signature. Teams or players will not be allowed to participate without approved paperwork. Coaches may bring the approved paperwork to the registration meeting for validation. Validated rosters will be required prior to participating in any match. **You must have a representative present to have your tournament game roster validated and stamped. You will need one (1) copy of your official roster and eight (8) copies of your tournament game roster typed. Medical release forms for each player will also be required at this meeting. Teams from outside NTSSA must have approved USYSA ID cards for each of the players including up to five (5) guest players.**

### Game Information:

All teams are scheduled to have three preliminary games; two on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. Quarterfinals, if required, are scheduled for Sunday afternoon. Semifinals will be held Monday morning and Finals will be held early Monday afternoon. Teams will be seeded within each age group with brackets and playoffs structured to optimize the probability of the best two teams reaching the finals. **In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. It may not be rescheduled, and no refunds issued.**

#### Team Standing and Tie Breakers:

Team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

**Win =** 6 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored, (max of 3 goals)

**Tie =** 3 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored, (max of 3 goals)

**Loss =** 0 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored, (max of 3 goals)

**Bonus =** 1 point is awarded for a shutout

**Forfeit =** Scored as a 3-0 win and a total of 10 points will be awarded

Winner, runner-up, and wild card teams will be determined in the following priority: (1) Point Total (2) Head to Head (3) Goal difference (max 5 goal difference per game) (4) Goals scored (max 5 goals per game) (5) Tournament Directors Decision. Each team and the referee will report scores. **The coach must verify the posted score prior to the team's next game.** If any discrepancy between the two teams reported scores, then the referees score will be final. **If, in the first round of the championship series, the predetermined pairings result in two opponents from the same bracket, realignment of the pairings will be made.**

### Game time:

Kickoff will be at the scheduled time unless games are delayed. Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the Referee, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match.

#### Game length and Ball Size:

	Ball	Half	Preliminary	Championship (Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Finals) Games	
Division	Size	Time	Games	Regulation	Overtime
U17-U19	5	5	2 X 30	2 X 45	Two 10 minute periods if needed
U15-U16	5	5	2 X 30	2 X 40	Two 10 minute periods if needed
U13-U14	5	5	2 X 30	2 X 35	Two 10 minute periods if needed
U11-U12	4	5	2 X 30	2 X 30	Two 10 minute periods if needed
U10	4	5	2 X 25	2 X 25	Two 10 minute periods if needed

There is no overtime in preliminary games. Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final games that are tied at the end of regulation will be decided by Overtime Periods. If there is not a winner after Overtime periods, "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will determine the winner.

**Playing Conditions:**

The home team is listed first or on top in the schedule. Both teams will occupy the same side of the field. Parents and un-rostered visitors will occupy the opposing side from the teams. In case of uniform conflict, the home team is responsible for changing to an alternate color, however the visitor must arrive wearing their darkest uniform. This is to circumvent a problem where the visiting team wants to wear white to force the home team into a darker uniform. The complex director will resolve any dispute. Each team must be prepared to present a game ball to the Referee prior to the start of the game for his/her selection. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director and/or Field Coordinator will determine if a game is to be played. Once the game has started the decision rests with the Referee. If any games are canceled, it is up to the coaches of the teams to check with the Tournament Director for rescheduling information. Games shall be considered complete if one half of the game has elapsed. The score at the stoppage of play will be the final score. If one half has not elapsed and the game is stopped, the game must be rescheduled if it affects the outcome of the tournament and if weather permits. Players may be substituted with the consent of the field Referee at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
3. After a goal by either team.
4. When the Referee approved an injury substitution by one team, the other team may substitute an equal number of players.
5. At half time.
6. When the Referee stops to caution a player, only that player may be substituted prior to the restart of the game.
7. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the Referee.
8. Players shall enter and leave the field at mid-field.

**Team and Player Credential Check:**

Each team must be able to present its validated tournament game roster and player cards (if from outside NTSSA) to the Tournament Official prior to the start of each match, if requested. A player may play for only one team in the tournament and must be listed on the approved roster. If a player plays in a game and is not properly registered, the team will automatically forfeit that game and may face further penalties as determined by the Tournament Director and/or Home Association.

**Team Discipline (“Cumulative Card System”) (North Texas Rule 3.11.2.3):**

**“a. Yellow Cards** One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual’s third yellow card. Two game automatic suspension for the game following such individual’s fifth yellow card of the tournament. One game automatic suspension for the game following such individual’s 6<sup>th</sup> yellow card of the tournament.

**NOTE:** A player/coach/assistant coach receiving a second yellow card in a single game is suspended for the balance of that game, and those two yellow cards are then added to such individual’s previous total of yellow cards for that tournament to determine whether additional game suspensions, if any, are required. Red cards issued *solely* as a result of a second yellow in a single game will not be added to such individual’s red card total for the tournament.

**b. Red Cards** One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual’s first red card of the tournament. Automatic suspension, pending a hearing, from all NTSSA-sanctioned activities following such individual’s second red card of the tournament. Red cards issued *solely* as a result of a second yellow card in a single game will not be added to such individual’s red card total for the tournament.

**NOTE:** In cases where, during a single game, an individual receives a yellow card followed by a “straight red card” (as opposed to a red card issued solely as a result of a second yellow) both cards will be added to such individual’s respective total of red and yellow cards for the tournament and punished accordingly. If Tournament Officials determine that a red card was issued for an infraction that was not an “expulsion” offense in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, such officials may reduce the red card to a yellow card and assess sanctions accordingly. The Tournament Officials may not, however, do away with the card altogether. A full report of this action must be sent to NTSSA.

**c. Seventh Card** Any individual obtaining a seventh card in tournament play shall be immediately suspended pending a hearing with NTSSA A&D Committee (meaning any combination of yellow and red cards totaling seven).”

**d. The Sit-Out Verification Form** (used for any player, coach, manager, or spectator, sitting out a game due to disciplinary action) must be signed by the referee. Any individual that has been ejected must leave the field area within two minutes of the ejection or the game will be forfeited. Ejection for fighting or violate conduct will automatically result in the person not being allowed to participate in the remainder of the Tournament. The Coach is responsible for the actions of verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated.

**Team Protests and Appeals:**

Protests and appeals will be allowed only if the Referee has misapplied the rules of the game or if a team uses an ineligible player. The offended team may file a protest by submitting in writing, the nature of the violation within two hours of the incident, along with \$250 in cash to the Tournament Director. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and corrective action as determined by the Tournament Director will be taken. The Tournament Director must determine that the violation defined by the written protest materially affected the outcome of the game. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final.

**Matters Not Provided For:**

Any situation or questions on rules of competition not covered herein will be governed by NTSSA and USYSA Administrative Rules books, in that order. Any matter not provided for in Tournament rules or NTSSA or USYSA rules shall be determined by the Tournament Director, whose decisions shall be final. There are NO Dogs or Pets allowed at the fields. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on City of Plano facilities is against the law and will not be allowed. There is NO smoking allowed at the fields.