

# Tournament Rules

## Team Check-in Details:

**DEADLINE March 11th:** Please check your team in by emailing your completed US Club and/or US Youth Soccer Roster and Medical Release forms to basinsounders@gmail.com.

### **Requirements for Check-in:**

#### **1. Official Roster**

- If using US Youth Soccer, the **roster must be signed by the club registrar**. (no write-ins by anyone other than the club registrar)
- If using US Club Soccer, teams must provide an official US Club roster. (no write-ins). Even though actual physical player cards are not required, each player on the printed roster must be cleared through US Club. If "No Card" is listed by a player's name, they have not been cleared through US Club. You can call the US Club office and ask for them to be processed in time or provide a current US Club card from 2024-25

#### **2. Medical releases**

- Teams can use whatever version of a medical release that their club uses. There is no tournament-specific medical release. These must be presented at team check in.

*\*Players cards are **NOT** required! We use the official roster as proof of registration and birth date*

**Guest Players:** US Club or US Youth Soccer official team roster must be provided for any guest players. (Official roster of their current US Club or US Youth Team) and their medical release forms. **A limit of 5 guest players per team.**

## Roster Size:

The maximum team roster per age group is as follows:

U9 – U10 = Maximum 14 players (not to exceed 14)

U11 – 12 = Maximum 16 players (not to exceed 16)

U13 = Maximum 20 players (not to exceed 20)

### Teams:

- The home team is the first team listed on the schedule.
- Both Teams must bring two sets of uniforms to each game, however, if the referee determines there is a conflict, the **home** team will be required to change
- Teams will be located during games on the same side of the field. Spectators will be on the opposite side. No persons are permitted behind the goals
- No persons are permitted on the coach's sideline who are not listed as coaching staff. All coaches must have a valid coach's card

### Laws of the Game:

- The games will be played in conformity with the rules of FIFA, USYSA and USSF unless otherwise stated herein
- Modification of game rules for jamboree/tournament

### Game Lengths & Number of Players on the Field:

- **U10 & Below** = 25 minute halves / 7 players a side
- **U11-U12** = 25 minute halves / 9 players a side
- **U13** = 35minute halves / 11 players a side

Matches that are tied at the end of full-time will go straight to penalty kicks, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game

### Substitutions:

- A player may be substituted at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.
- Free substitutions for all age limits

### Player Equipment:

- Shin Guards – REQUIRED for all players (no exceptions.)
- Casts – casts are permitted with the permission of the referee
- Jerseys - all players must be wearing the same colored uniform during game play with the jersey number listed on the roster assigned to the player

### **Game Balls:**

- The home team will be responsible for providing the 3 game balls for the match  
The following size breakdown is used:
- Size 4 for U10-U12
- Size 5 for U13–U19

### **Modified Rules for U12–U9:**

- No Heading (If a player deliberately heads the balls the opposing team will be given an indirect free-kick at the spot of the infraction.)

### **Build Out Line:**

- Goal-kick, the opposition can enter the build-out area as soon as the ball is played.
- GK is in possession with their hands. The opposition can enter the build-out area as soon as the goalkeeper puts the ball into play.
- Offside is enforced at the build-out line.

### **Match Schedules:**

- The first round is round robin where numbers permit. The number of advancing teams is based upon the numbers in the round robin play. Minimum number of matches a team will play is three. Number of matches per day will be a minimum of zero to a maximum of three
- Referees – All matches will use referees certified by the federation

- Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellations - Any match delays due to the weather or other situations will be handled by the tournament director based upon rescheduling openings or cancellation of play
- Championship game will be played on Sunday
- If Championship game ends in regulation time in a tie, the match immediately goes to penalty kicks

### **Match and Score Reporting:**

- Referees are responsible for reporting the cautions, and ejections to the
- Scores must be reported to basinsounders@gmail.com 1 hour after the game finishes by BOTH teams

### **Forfeits:**

- A forfeit occurs when a team is not present for its match past five minutes from the scheduled kickoff
- Once a team forfeits a match, all further games will be forfeited as well
- Forfeited match results in a 0-6 loss for forfeited team

### **Standings & Tie-Breakers:**

A point system is employed to determine the order of finish in-group play, as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) point for a tie
- Zero (0) point for a lost

***If teams are equal in points, the tie-breakers, in order shall be:***

- Head-to-head competition (when two teams are tied)
- Goal Differential: total team goals for, minus goals against
  - E.g., A 6-0 game or a 9-3 game are listed as +6. An 11-1 game is also listed as +6

- o Fewest goals conceded (max goals for is six per game)
- o Most goals scored (max goals against is six per game)
- o Kicks from the mark between the two tied teams, to take place immediately before a playoff match

### **Protests & Disputes:**

Protests require a \$300 fee and must be made to the tournament director within 45 minutes of the game ending wanting to protest. Fee is refunded if protest is upheld

Disputes – Non-referee decisions (Example – player eligibility issues or disputes over tournament rules) are handled by the judiciary chair of the tournament.

A committee for protests and disputes is chaired and organized by the judiciary chair of the tournament The Judiciary Chair will make sure and provide a quick due process Decisions by referees may not be appealed Decisions by the judiciary committee deciding a protest or dispute are final and may not be appealed

### **Code of Conduct:**

- Team and spectator are expected to respect the referee and any tournament officials (e.g., field marshals, staff, etc.). Any abusive action – whether verbal or physical will result in expulsion from the tournament a reported to the appropriate sanctioning organizations
- NO SMOKING, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED
- Ejections – A player or coach sent off during a match is not allowed to participate in the next match
- The tournament committee may take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the tournament and non-eligibility for future tournaments
- Suspended players and coaches will only be allowed to sit with the spectators during the suspension period of the tournament. They will not be allowed to participate during the match

## Report of Disciplinary Action:

For United States teams, misconduct will be reported to WYS and USYS if necessary. All unserved and serious disciplinary action will be reported to WYS and USYS if necessary.

## Awards:

- The first place team will receive \_\_\_\_\_

## Refund Policy:

No refund of entry fee due to cancellations. If a team applies to the jamboree/tournament and cancels before the deadline of registration refund will be granted minus a **\$200 administrative fee**. If a team cancels after the registration deadline no refund will be given.

- If enough teams are not registered for the specific age group, the team contact from the registration will be notified as soon as the information is available to the tournament directors. Teams will receive a full refund for their registration.

## Payment:

- All payment for registration is required to participate. If chosen, the “pay by check” check must be delivered before the first game of play.

***Disclaimer: If choosing to pay by check it MUST be sent via certified mail with receipt emailed to [bookkeeper@spokanesc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@spokanesc.org)***

- ***If check is not received before the tournament starts, you will not be able to participate.***
- Mail Checks to:
  - o Spokane Sounders
  - o P.O. Box 4786 Spokane, WA 99220

### Weather Delays and/ or Cancelation:

- Any match delays due to the weather or other situations will be handled by the tournament director based upon rescheduling or cancellation of play
- No refunds will be allowed due to the weather condition
- Should the tournament be cancelled before any games start due to exceeding the Air Quality Index recommendation, a full refund will be granted