

RIVER FALLS TOURNAMENT & PROCEDURES

Club Teams (not Tournament-only teams) will be accepted in order of application. Registration is not complete until payment is received. The minimum number of teams accepted in each category will be four. The maximum number of teams accepted in each will be: U9 & U10 – twelve teams at each age level; U11 – U16 - eight teams at each level. Classic 2 through Rec. teams will be combined within age groups. Full refund if cancelled prior to April 30, 2008. No refunds after that date. Teams will be notified of acceptance as soon as brackets are full, or at the latest by May 15, 2008 whether they are confirmed or on a waiting list.

USYSA/FIFA travel procedures require written proof of permission to travel be submitted to host tournament director 15 days in advance of the tournament. (Only teams not affiliated with MYSA or WYSA need this.)

Teams must have written proof of insurance coverage for players at registration, along with official league approved player passes. (MYSA & WYSA player passes include necessary insurance coverage) Coaches and/or managers must show a copy of their players medical authorization forms at check in.

RULES: All games will be played according to USYSA/FIFA rules with MYSA and WYSA modifications.

REFEREES: Only certified referees will be used.

PLAYERS & PLAYER PASSES: Maximum 12 players for U9 & U10. Maximum 14 players for U11 & U12 teams, and maximum 18 players for U13 – U16. A team roster with the coaches' names and names and jersey number of each player must be given to the center referee prior to each game. Duplicate jersey numbers will not be allowed. At registration the team's roster will be frozen for the remainder of the tournament. Official league roster or MYSA Invitational Team Roster must be used at registration. Up to three guest players are allowed per team, providing they are at the same age level and division of the team registered in the tournament, or providing they are at the same or lower competitive division as that entered in the tournament. (All players not on an official roster are guest players.) No player may be rostered on more than one team per tournament. Official league approved player passes are required and will be marked at check-in and checked at the field by the referee.

GAMES: Each team is guaranteed 3 games, with no more than 3 games per day.

** In keeping with the new smaller sized games, the following will be used for our tournament:

FIELD SIZES:

U9 - 6 v 6

U10 – 6 v 6

U11 – 8 v 8

U12 – 8 v 8

U13 – 11 v 11

U14 – 11 v 11

U15 – 11 v 11

U16 – 11 v 11

6 v 6: 35 – 45 by 45 – 55 yards

8 v 8: 45 – 50 by 80 – 90 yards

11 v 11: 50 – 100 by 100 – 130 yards

STARTING TIME: A game is forfeited if a team is not ready to play within 5 minutes of the scheduled start.

STARTING KICK-OFF: In accordance with USYSA/FIFA rules, for starting kick-offs:

A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match. The other team takes the kick-off to start the match. The team that wins the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half of the match. In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack the opposite goal.

HOME TEAM: The home team supplies the game ball. If the center referee determines there is a color conflict, the home team must change jersey color. A color pinney is acceptable as an alternate jersey.

PLAYING TIME: All U9 and U10 games will have two 22-minute halves. All U11 – 14 games will have two 25-minute halves. U15 – 16 games will have two 30-minute halves. There will be a 5-minute half-break in all games. Championship games are regulation length.

DISQUALIFICATION: All cautions and send-offs will be reported to MYSA and WYSA. A player receiving a red card will be treated according to MYSA rules. The player pass will be sent to the MYSA Tournament Director at the MYSA Office. Any coach asked to leave the game site by the referee will be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament. The team of the offending coach will forfeit the game. Any player or coach found abusing the tournament site or neighboring property will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. Home State Association and the Home Club 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 or games.

All disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organization shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games

Cautions and Send-offs:

Minimum 1 game suspension:

- A. Sent off by the referee for persisting in misconduct after having received a caution.
- B. A player sent off by the referee for denying a goal – scoring opportunity either by deliberately handling the ball or by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.

Minimum 2 game suspension:

- A. Serious foul play.
- B. Spitting at an opponent or any other person.
- C. Offensive, insulting or abusive language.
- D. Violent conduct.

NOTE: A 2-game suspension will be in order even if the player had received a yellow card prior to the red card.

TOURNAMENT POINTS:

6 points for each win (U11 – 16 qualify for medals based on tournament points)
3 points for each tie (Scores are not posted for U9 & U10 – All Players Medal)
1 point for each shut out
1 point for each goal scored (maximum of 3 per game)
10 points maximum per game

A forfeit in play will result in a 2 – 0 score and the team not forfeiting will be awarded 9 points.

TIEBREAKERS: (Used in order if there is a tie with tournament points)

- A. Winner of head to head competition.
- B. Winner of most games.
- C. Goal differential (Max. of 3 per game)
- D. Fewest goals allowed.
- E. Kicks from the mark (shoot out)

TROPHY ROUNDS: In the event of a tie at the end of a play-off game, a shoot-out will be held.

REFEREES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL. NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.

NO PETS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE TOURNAMENT SITES.

SEVERE WEATHER & FIELD CONDITION POLICY:

1. The River Falls Wildcat Soccer Tournament follows the MYSA guidelines for suspension of play or cancellation of games in the event of severe weather or adverse field conditions.
2. Severe weather generally means heavy thunderstorms accompanied by frequent lightening and/or dangerous high winds. A light or medium rain shower in the absence of thunder or lightening does not generally constitute severe weather.
3. The tournament Committee and/or Director may cancel some or all games due to severe weather or adverse field conditions if in their sole judgment continued play may be hazardous to the safety of participant and/or officials.
4. Referees may suspend play in any individual game due to severe weather or adverse field conditions. If in their sole judgment continued play may be hazardous to the safety of participant and/or officials.
5. If play in any game is temporarily suspended due to severe weather or adverse field conditions, the Game's re-start and completion is subject to the following guidelines:
 - A. Any game which is restarted may not run past the scheduled start time of the next game assigned to that field.
 - B. If an adjacent field is vacant, with the permission of the Tournament Director, the referee may transfer the uncompleted game, but a relocated game also may not continue past the scheduled start time of the next game assigned to that second field.
 - C. Games which cannot be restarted will be considered complete if one half has elapsed before play is stopped.
 - D. Games which cannot be completed before a first half of play has elapsed shall have a recorded score of 0 – 0 for tournament rankings.
6. The Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee has the exclusive right to reschedule any canceled games. Following any widespread weather delay, the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten the time or remaining games in order to re-establish a workable Tournament schedule.
7. Cancellation of individual games due to severe weather or adverse field conditions does not guarantee participating teams any refund of entry fees. Cancellation of the tournament will entitle teams to a refund of 50% of their registration fee within 60 days of the tournament date.