



# 2012 Schwaben Youth Tournament

U8-U14 Boys and Girls

August 24-26, 2012

## TOURNAMENT RULES

**1. LAWS OF THE GAME** - All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws observed by the USSF/FIFA with the exceptions noted below.

**2. SUBSTITUTION / MATCH CANCELLATION** - Substitutions, with the consent of the referee, will be allowed on all dead balls. All teams will play a minimum of three matches or receive a full or proportionate refund if all or some of the matches are cancelled.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

| Age Group                       | Roster Size | Guest Players | Length of Games | Sides   | Ball Size |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| All U08 – born 8/1/04 or later  | 12          | 3             | 2 x 20 mins     | 5 v 5   | 3         |
| All U09 – born 8/1/03 or later  | 14          | 3             | 2 x 25 mins     | 7 v 7   | 4         |
| All U10 – born 8/1/02 or later  | 14          | 3             | 2 x 25 mins     | 7 v 7   | 4         |
| All U11 – born 8/1/01 or later  | 16          | 3             | 2 x 25 mins     | 9 v 9   | 4         |
| All U12 – born 8/1/00 or later  | 16          | 3             | 2 x 25 mins     | 9 v 9   | 4         |
| U13 Boys – born 8/1/99 or later | 18          | 3             | 2 x 30 mins     | 11 v 11 | 5         |
| U14 Boys – born 8/1/98 or later | 18          | 3             | 2 x 30 mins     | 11 v 11 | 5         |

- A. No roster changes will be approved once the tournament games begin.
- B. Players can only be rostered on one tournament team.
- C. The Tournament Director and/or Field Marshals reserve the right to spot-check any player and/or coach's pass anytime during the tournament.

### 4. REGISTRATION

- A. All teams are required to check in at the registration site, Friday night or Saturday morning, about 1 hour prior to their first game.
- B. All teams must be registered with their local USSF, US Club Soccer, or USYSA state organizations.
- C. Each player is required to submit a signed and unaltered [US Club Soccer Medical Release and Liability Waiver](#). Tournament Officials will retain a copy.
- D. All teams are required to submit a copy of an approved USYSA State or US Club Soccer roster. Tournament Officials will retain a copy.
- E. All teams must have completed a copy of the [Tournament Roster](#). Only players participating in the tournament should be listed. No changes are allowed to the Tournament Roster after registration.
- F. All teams with guest players must submit a signed (by both coaches) and completed [US Club Soccer Player Loan Form](#). Tournament Officials will retain a copy.
- G. All teams from outside Illinois must have approved "permission to travel" forms with a copy of their approved roster. Travel Permits are not necessary for US Club Tournaments.
- H. All players must have a valid, current, laminated player pass card.

**5. DURATION OF MATCHES AND PROCEDURES** - All match durations shall be based on age division (see Table 1) with a 5 min. half time. The designated Home team will be required to change uniforms in case of color conflict.

The tournament committee shall have the authority to:

- A. Relocate and/or reschedule any match.
- B. Reschedule, relocate, or terminate games due to weather conditions. If more than half of the game has been played before the termination for weather conditions, the game stands as a completed match and will be scored accordingly. The Tournament Director will make the final decision.

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- C. Reduce, by up to half (50%), the duration of the match, if the circumstances warrant.
- D. Cancel a preliminary match that has no bearing in deciding the group winner.
- E. Decide the final tournament standings and trophy winners.
- F. Cancel the tournament due to weather or other unforeseen conditions, which are not conducive to tournament play.

**6. TIE BREAKING** - Matches in the preliminary rounds will be scored with 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. One point will be allowed for each goal scored, up to a maximum of 3 points per match. Teams will be awarded one additional point for a shutout.

In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

- A. Head to head competition.
- B. Most matches won.
- C. Fewest goals allowed (against).
- D. Most goals scored (for).
- E. Penalty kicks, as defined by the tournament overtime rules

**7. OVERTIME** - In the event of a tie in the Semi-Final and Championship matches – the winner will be determined by penalty kicks:

- A. Each team will designate five (5) players to take alternate kicks; the best of five is the winner.
- B. If still tied, alternate penalty kicks will be taken by remaining players until the tie is broken. No “best of” series – first unanswered goal will determine the winner.
- C. If a tie still persists after all on-field players have taken their kicks, this process continues with all eligible players until there is a winner.

NOTE: ONLY THOSE PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT THE END OF REGULATION PLAY ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PENALTY KICKS.

## 8. FORFEITS

- A. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team playing 11v11; six (6) players playing 9v9, five (5) players playing 7v7, and four (4) players playing 5v5.
- B. If a team has less than the required number of players, it will be granted a five (5) minute grace period before a forfeit is declared. Match time adjustment may apply in case of a delayed start under this provision. The Tournament Director will make the necessary adjustment.
- C. In the event of a forfeit, the winning team’s score will be 3-0 and awarded ten (10) points.

**9. FAILURE TO SHOW** - Any team quitting the field of play before the conclusion of any match is automatically disqualified from the tournament. The current match in play will be recorded as a forfeit. Any club whose team fails to show for any match will be banned for up to five (5) years from participating in the Schwaben tournament.

**10. PLAYERS EQUIPMENT** - The Referee has the final approval.

**11. PROTESTS** - All Referees decisions are final and judgment calls are not subject to protest. A \$100.00 cash protest fee (refundable if the protest is upheld) must to be filed with the Tournament Director within one (1) hour of match completion. A decision will be rendered prior to the start of the protesting team’s next match. All Tournament Director decisions are final.

**12. ANY PLAYER OR COACH THAT RECEIVES A RED CARD DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY IS INELIGIBLE FOR THEIR NEXT SCHEDULED MATCH.**

**13. ANY PLAYER OR COACH THAT RECEIVES A SECOND RED CARD WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

**14. FOR ANY CIRCUMSTANCES NOT COVERED BY EITHER USSF OR FIFA RULES OR THE TOURNAMENT RULES – THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.**

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