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## 28th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Soccer Showdown Tournament Tournament Rules & Regulations



CATEGORY	RULE
<b>A. JURISDICTION</b>	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 10, and IFAB/FIFA Laws of the Game 2019/2020 will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day.</p> <p>C. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</p>
<b>B. FEES</b>	<p>A. Entire entry fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.).</p> <p>Fees are: U-10 \$725 (\$525 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit), U-12 \$750 (\$550 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit), U-14 \$775 (\$575 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit), U-16/U-19 \$775 (\$575 entry fee plus \$200 referee deposit).</p>
<b>C. ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>A. Applications are due by March 18, 2020.</p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of the receipt of their applications.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If a team chooses not to be on a waiting list, the application and entry fee will be returned within 48 hours of notification.</p> <p>D. The primary form of communication between the Tournament and applying teams will be email and the Tournament website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email and Internet access.</p>
<b>D. REFUNDS</b>	<p>A. Teams withdrawing before March 18, 2020 will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing after March 18, 2020 will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.</p> <p>D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the tournament. Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments actually completed versus the number that were assigned.</p>
<b>E. CONDUCT</b>	<p>A. All participants, (coaches, players, referees, and spectators) are expected to follow these guidelines with a positive spirit for the benefit of all the young people who participate in the Tournament. Fair play is expected, and anything less will not be tolerated.</p> <p>B. Coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players, spectators, and guests. They are expected to follow the guiding principles of AYSO and take the lead in providing an atmosphere of fun and good sportsmanship.</p> <p>C. Taunting, baiting, ridiculing motions or body language, intimidation, foul or abusive language or other acts of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated on or off the field of play. Tournament Directors, or their designees, and center referees may ask any person to leave the Tournament grounds for infraction of this rule.</p>
<b>F. ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p>A. All AYSO players must have been registered and played in AYSO during the 2019 regular (current or just concluded) season.</p> <p>B. Players may only play in the division based upon the age guidelines in the AYSO National Rules &amp; Regulations. Players who just participated in the primary U-8 program <b>cannot</b> be moved up to U10 in tournament play. Exceptions for special circumstances may be approved by the player's Regional Commissioner.</p>
<b>G. ROSTERS</b>	<p>A. U10 teams play 7 v 7, U12 plays 9 v 9, U14, U16, &amp; U19 teams play 11 v 11. Team rosters shall consist of no more than 10 players for U10, 12 players for U12, 15 players for U14, and 18 players for U16 &amp; U19 age groups. An individual player may not be on more than one roster or play for more than one team.</p> <p>B. <b>Blue Sombrero roster</b> will be the only rosters allowed. No hand-written rosters will be allowed. <b>NO EXCEPTION.</b></p> <p>C. The tournament team's Regional Commissioner must approve all rosters and verify each player's eligibility.</p>

	<p>D. Teams are allowed to have up to three (3) guest players from another region(s); provided every guest player has a signed letter giving approval to participate from their Regional Commissioner and their RC's signature on the official tournament team roster as well.</p> <p>E. Any changes to the roster must fulfill all the requirements above AND be approved by the Tournament Director.</p>																		
<p><b>H. PLAYER REGISTRATION FORMS</b></p>	<p>A. Coaches must maintain <b>the official AYSO player registration forms with original signatures in their possession at all times. NO FORMS - NO PLAY - NO EXCEPTIONS!</b></p>																		
<p><b>I. CHECK-IN and PLAYER IDENTIFICATION</b></p>	<p>A. All teams must check in <b>at the Tournament check-in location 1 hour prior to their first game of EACH DAY.</b> Teams will report to their assigned field 30 minutes prior to each game.</p> <p>B. Every coach must provide 5 official AYSO game cards, properly completed, at their initial team check-in on Saturday.</p> <p>C. Player registration forms will be verified at check-in prior to your first game of each day of the Tournament.</p> <p>D. Photo ID cards are preferred for all players participating in the tournament.</p>																		
<p><b>J. UNIFORMS</b></p>	<p>A. Every team shall wear a matching uniform that consists of matching jersey, shorts, and socks. Each uniform shall be properly marked <b>with the AYSO logo</b> as specified in the AYSO National Rules &amp; Regulations. Players without a proper uniform may not play. Additional clothing for warmth must be safe and shall be allowed only at the sole discretion of the center referee. In the case where uniforms are too similar, the home team is required to either change jerseys or wear scrimmage vests. The center referee shall be the sole authority in determining whether the uniforms are too similar.</p> <p>B. Properly sized shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks.</p> <p>C. Jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair will not be allowed. Additionally, NO player will be allowed to participate with ANY type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation. Long fingernails may be covered by knit gloves.</p> <p>D. Goal keeper jerseys advertising alcohol or tobacco products or having profanity or anything in bad taste on them are not allowed.</p>																		
<p><b>K. HOME TEAMS</b></p>	<p>A. The home team is listed first on the schedule and shall occupy the North or West touch line.</p> <p>B. The home team shall provide a suitable ball for each match. The center referee will have the sole authority in determining the suitability of the ball for match play.</p>																		
<p><b>L. COACHING</b></p>	<p>A. Each team is limited to two coaches, but must have two – one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach. These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number, be a currently registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, and AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level. Proof of coach certification and training will be verified by the coach and assistant coach attaching their training record from Blue Sombrero to the roster.</p> <p>C. Coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players, spectators, and guests. Only positive, instructional, and encouraging coaching is allowed. Negative comments towards their players, opposing players, or the referee <b>will not be tolerated by this tournament.</b> Such behavior, if serious enough, will result in the expulsion of the coach, and potentially a team, from the tournament.</p> <p>D. Coaching shall be limited to within 10 yards of either side of the half-line. Spectators should stay 1 yard back from the touch line and at least 18 yards from the goal lines. All players, coaches, spectators, and guests shall remain on their team's side of the field.</p> <p>E. Coaches shall not enter the field of play unless requested by the referee.</p>																		
<p><b>M. DURATION OF MATCHES</b></p>	<p>A. Duration of matches for pool play will be as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="490 1654 1183 1808"> <thead> <tr> <th>Division</th> <th>Pool Play</th> <th>Finals</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>U10</td> <td>50 minutes</td> <td>50 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U12</td> <td>50 minutes</td> <td>60 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U14</td> <td>60 minutes</td> <td>70 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U16</td> <td>60 minutes</td> <td>70 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U19</td> <td>60 minutes</td> <td>80 minutes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>B. Final, semi-final, and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place matches tied at the end of regulation will proceed to an overtime period. See Matches section for further details.</p>	Division	Pool Play	Finals	U10	50 minutes	50 minutes	U12	50 minutes	60 minutes	U14	60 minutes	70 minutes	U16	60 minutes	70 minutes	U19	60 minutes	80 minutes
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<p><b>N. SUBSTITUTIONS</b></p>	<p>A. AYSO substitution rules shall prevail for all age divisions, U10/U12/U14/U16/U19. Every player must play at least ½ of every game's regulation time. Substitutions may occur at quarter breaks and halftime.</p> <p>B. Players substituting in and out at any time must report to the referee at the halfway mark, at the touch line.</p> <p>C. Players that are injured and removed from play may be substituted-out to complete the quarter. If they are substituted-out, they may not reenter play during that quarter unless to replace another player that is injured. Only the players that start the quarter on the field will receive credit for having played that quarter.</p> <p>D. After obtaining the referee's permission, the goalkeeper may change with another player on the field at any stoppage of play. If the goalkeeper is injured, he/she may be replaced with a substitute from the bench.</p> <p>E. We will be implementing a "running clock" for tournament games so that we can stay on schedule. In extreme conditions, the game clock may stop at the discretion of the center referee or tournament officials.</p> <p>F. See special substitution rules for 5-minute overtime periods. Substitutions are NOT required after the completion of regulation time.</p>
<p><b>O. FORFEITS</b></p>	<p>A. There will be a 5-minute grace period for the start of each game. A 1-0 forfeit will result if a team is not at their assigned field within the grace period.</p> <p>B. No game shall start or continue if either team has less than seven players on full-sided 11v11 matches, six players for 9v9 U12 matches, and five players on 7v7 U10 matches. Failure to field the minimum number of players will result in a 1-0 forfeit for the team that has too few players.</p> <p>C. If a referee must suspend a game for too few players, the offending team shall be charged with a 1-0 forfeit.</p> <p>D. Though the normal score for a forfeit will likely be recorded as 1-0, the Tournament Director will have the final decision as to the recorded score for all matches that result in a forfeit. This will allow for flexibility in recognizing opposing team progress in games that were in-process at the time of forfeit.</p>
<p><b>P. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS</b></p>	<p>A. A player receiving a red card must leave the field of play immediately. Players under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or Safe Haven trained adult. The team may not substitute for that player for the remainder of the game. The player will be ineligible to play in the next scheduled game. <b>Any player receiving two (2) red cards in the Tournament, or a red card for violent conduct, shall not play for the remainder of the Tournament.</b></p> <p>B. A coach who is asked by the center referee to leave must leave the field of play immediately after the referee has determined that the assistant coach has received all the player registrations. If a coach refuses to leave, the referee may terminate the match and charge the offending team with a forfeit. The referee shall complete a game misconduct report when turning in the game cards for the match. The coach must remain away from the field of play for the remainder of that game and for the next game. Any coach guilty of two (2) such infractions shall not return to the Tournament.</p> <p>C. A spectator or guest who is asked to leave by the center referee must leave the field of play immediately. If a spectator or guest refuses to leave, the referee may terminate the match and charge the offending team with a forfeit. The spectator must remain away from the field of play for the remainder of that game and for the next game. The referee shall complete a game misconduct report when turning in the game cards for the match.</p> <p>D. For each red card received by any player or for any occurrence where a coach or team-affiliated spectator is asked to leave the field of play, one point will be deducted from their team's Tournament standings.</p> <p>E. All cards shown (red or yellow) shall be noted on the back of the game card of the offending team. The referee shall complete a game misconduct report when turning in the game cards for the match.</p>
<p><b>Q. OFFICIATING</b></p>	<p>A. All referee game assignments will be posted at the referee table at each venue. Referee teams shall check in at the referee table each day to verify their assignments. Referee teams shall report to their assigned fields 30 minutes prior to game time.</p> <p>B. Referees shall officiate each game in accordance with IFAB/FIFA 2019/2020 Laws except as modified by AYSO here-in.</p> <p>C. In accordance with AYSO National Rules and Regulations, intentional heading of the ball is NOT allowed for the U10 and U12 divisions.</p> <p>D. The game scores as recorded on the official game cards shall be the official scores. Referees shall submit a written report in the event of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any misconduct cards issued</li> <li>• Violent conduct or serious foul play by any player</li> <li>• Any conduct by coaches or spectators interfering with the control of the match</li> <li>• Abuse of the substitution and minimum play rules which come to the attention of the referee</li> <li>• Any other action which the referee may determine merits a report</li> </ul> <p>E. No protests of games, official rulings or judgments shall be allowed. The Tournament Director at the venue shall have the final say in any complaint or issue that arises. All decisions are final.</p>

<p><b>R. MATCHES</b></p>	<p>A. Girls and boys teams within each division shall be organized into separate pools, where feasible.</p> <p>B. Each team will play a minimum of 3 games.</p> <p>C. Specific match structures depend upon the number of teams entered and teams may be organized into separate flights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four teams - 3 games played in a round robin, points determine standings</li> <li>• Five teams - 4 games played in a round robin, points determine standings</li> <li>• Six teams - 3 games in cross-pool format (2 pools of 3 teams), total points determine which 4 teams will advance to the medal round. The top two teams based upon points will play in the championship game of the flight. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> place of the flight.</li> <li>• Eight teams - 2 pools of four teams, 3 games in pool play, points determine which 2 teams from each pool advance to medal round. Second place teams from each pool will play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> place match. The top teams from each pool will play in the flight championship game.</li> <li>• Ten teams – Teams will be organized into two flights of 4 and 6 teams each, and follow the guidelines above to determine the top two teams from each flight. The top team from each flight will play for the championship; and the second place teams from each flight will play for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Twelve Teams &amp; above - teams divided into flights using one or more of the above formats.</li> </ul> <p>D. Schedules and finalized rules will be mailed 1-2 weeks prior to the tournament.</p> <p>E. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter match format.</p> <p>F. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes may or may not be feasible to reschedule. All questions regarding rescheduling, including decisions on forfeits will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final.</p> <p>G. <b><u>Round robin and pool scoring:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six points for a win</li> <li>• Three points for a tie</li> <li>• Zero points for a loss</li> <li>• One point for a shutout</li> <li>• One point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three goals per game</li> <li>• Deduction of one point for each red card or expelled team official/spectator</li> </ul> <p>Tiebreakers for round robin or pool play: If there is a tie in total points at the end of round robin or pool play, the following tie breakers will be used to determine a winner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First - Fewest red cards/expulsions, then yellow cards</li> <li>• Second - Head to head results</li> <li>• Third - win / loss record</li> <li>• Fourth - fewest goals allowed</li> <li>• Fifth - goal differential</li> <li>• Sixth – Shots from the Penalty Mark</li> </ul> <p>H. Semi-final and final matches tied at the end of regulation time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be two full 5-minute overtime periods commencing 5 minutes after the end of regulation. No golden-goal.</li> <li>• Kickoff will be determined by coin toss</li> <li>• Substitution can only be made at the beginning of each overtime period; however, substitutions are not required to be made during overtime.</li> <li>• If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the center referee will direct the players to go to the center circle for <b>the taking of kicks from the penalty mark (a shootout).</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Shootouts:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only those players on the field at end of the second overtime period are eligible for participating in the shootout.</li> <li>• Shootouts will be in accordance with IFAB/FIFA Laws.</li> <li>• Team captains shall participate in the coin toss to determine which team shoots first. The referee will select the most appropriate goal from which to take the shots from the mark. The team winning the coin toss may choose to shoot 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first five players from each team shall take alternate shots upon the signal of the referee. If the match remains tied after the first five shooters, a sudden victory shootout will take place until a winner is determined. When all the players on a team have taken a shot, it is not necessary that they follow the same order in taking their second shot as they had for the first round.</li> </ul>
<p><b>S. AWARDS</b></p>	<p>A. Medals shall be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place teams.</p>
<p><b>T. MEDICAL/FIRST AID</b></p>	<p>A. Trained emergency medical technicians will be available at venues.</p>
<p><b>U. REFUND POLICY</b></p>	<p>A. A full refund will be provided a team that withdraws from the tournament 30 days or more prior to the tournament. If a team withdraws from the tournament after this time, a full refund will be given only if a replacement team can be found by the Tournament. If a replacement team is not found then none of the application fee will be refunded. If the Tournament is canceled for any reason, a full refund will be given.</p>

<p><b>V. PROTESTS</b></p>	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ineligible player has played.</li> <li>• One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, have not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).</li> </ul> <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game.</p> <p>C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest.  <b>ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</b></p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for, nor subject to, protest or dispute!</p>
<p><b>W. RULES INTERPRETATION</b></p>	<p>The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.</p>
<p><b>X. OBJECT of the SCV SHOWDOWN</b></p>	<p>A. This tournament was organized to bring AYSO players and teams together to play soccer in a fun, positive, and encouraging atmosphere. It is our hope and wish that all of the coaches, players, spectators, referees, and volunteers enjoy their weekend at the SCV Showdown.</p> <p>B. We ask everyone attending the SCV Showdown to respect each other and to remember that soccer is just a game, and a game that is steeped in a tradition of sportsmanship.</p> <p>C. Please remember that everyone involved in the SCV Showdown is a volunteer. This includes all of the referees, coaches and tournament administrators. They have volunteered countless hours to make this weekend enjoyable.</p> <p>D. <b>Lastly, “Kids play soccer, because it is fun.” Help us keep it that way.</b></p> <p>If you or your team have any questions regarding the Rules and Regulations, please email the Tournament Director, Robert Benavidez at <a href="mailto:scvshowdown@aol.com">scvshowdown@aol.com</a>.</p> <p>Thank you for attending the 2020 Santa Clarita Valley Soccer Showdown.</p>