



# 2012 Peoria River City Soccer Invitational Tournament Rules



**Except as noted below, the Peoria Soccer Club will conduct all games according to the FIFA Laws of the game.**

## 1. Player Eligibility:

- A. Players must be born on or after August 1 of the following years for their appropriate age division:

<b>U8 – 2003</b>	<b>U9 – 2002</b>	<b>U10 – 2001</b>	<b>U11 – 2000</b>
<b>U12 – 1999</b>	<b>U13 – 1998</b>	<b>U14 – 1997</b>	<b>U15 – 1996</b>
<b>U16 – 1995</b>	<b>U17 – 1994</b>	<b>U18 – 1993</b>	<b>U19 – 1992</b>

## 2. Team Eligibility:

- A. Roster size:
- The maximum number of players on a roster for Teams competing in the U8 & U9 brackets is 12 including up to 4 guest players.
  - Teams competing U10, U11 and U12 brackets the maximum number of players on the roster is 14 including up to 4 guest players.
  - Teams competing in the U13 – 14 bracket maximum number of players on the roster is 18 including up to 4 guest players.
  - Teams competing in the U15 brackets and up the maximum number of players on the roster is 22 including up to 4 guest players.
- B. Only 4 Guest Players will be allowed on each team.
- C. A team may **not** change its roster after it has registered.
- D. **No Player** shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another during the tournament even in different age brackets. Team(s) caught by a member of the Tournament Committee violating this rule will forfeit the game they are currently playing. A second offense will result in the team being removed from the tournament. The opposing team will receive the max points for a forfeit (see Rule 6B for explanation).
- E. Only teams currently registered with and in good standing with their state associations may participate in the River City Soccer Invitational.
- F. To register, **US Youth Soccer/Illinois Youth Soccer Teams** must have the following:
- Current Player Passes
  - Copy of the current State Approved Roster
  - Copy of the IYSA Tournament Roster
  - Copy of signed and dated IYSA Medical Waivers for each player
  - Copy of Guest Player Forms (Maximum of 4)
  - Copy of a Travel Permit (if outside Illinois)
- G. To register, **US Club Soccer Teams** must have the above information along with the following additional information:
- Completed Form NT
  - Certificate of Liability from Organization of Registration

### 3. Game Procedures:

- A. Both teams must check in with the Field Marshall at the field prior to play.
- B. Both teams will be on the same sideline opposite from the spectators.
- C. **Home Team** is listed first on the schedule.
- D. The Home Team for a Championship Game will be determined by the points awarded in pool play. The team with the higher point total will be the Home Team.
- E. **The Away Team will kick-off, and the Home Team has choice of side.**
- F. All matches have a continuous running clock.
- G. There will be 5 minutes between halves.
- H. The Referee will not stop the clock except for a serious injury.
- I. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter match length due to weather.
- J. Teams will use the following guidelines for play:

U8 – U9	6V6	Two 25 Minute Halves	Size 4 Ball
U10 – U11	8V8	Two 25 Minute Halves	Size 4 Ball
U12	9V9	Two 25 Minute Halves	Size 4 Ball
U13 – U14	11V11	Two 30 Minute Halves	Size 5 Ball
U15 – U19	11V11	Two 35 Minute Halves	Size 5 Ball

### 4. Substitutions:

- A. Teams may substitute without limitation during the match. A team may only substitute under the following situations:
  - i. Restart following a goal by either team
  - ii. Goal Kick by either team
  - iii. One for one on an injury substitution
  - iv. A throw-in for the team in possession of the ball

### 5. Player, Coach, Parent, and Spectator Conduct:

- A. Managers/ Coaches will be responsible for the behavior of their fans.
- B. Any Player(s) receiving a **red card** must leave the field area for the remainder of the game and **will not** be allowed to play in the next game. This includes Semi-Finals and Finals.
- C. Any Coach being ejected during a game must leave the field area for the remainder of the game. If a Coach is ejected from two more games they will not be allowed to coach for the remainder of the tournament.
- D. Two **yellow cards** during one game is equivalent to a **red card**. A team **may not** substitute for an ejected player.
- E. The Head Field Official shall keep the player card of any player receiving a **red card** during or immediately following a match and turn it into the Tournament Director. The player card will be returned to the coach of the team involved after the player has sat out their suspension or at the conclusion of the tournament.
- F. **All red and yellow cards** issued during the tournament will be recorded in the tournament records and reported to the home state association for the team involved. The home state association and the home club/league have the responsibility for imposing additional sanctions, if warranted.
- G. Appeals and protests **will not** be accepted on behalf of any player or coach ejected because of flagrant misconduct.
- H. Any Player receiving 2 **red cards** during the tournament will NOT be allowed to play for the remainder of the tournament.
- I. Any referee assault will be dealt with according to USSF Rule 1108.

## 6. Forfeits:

- A. A minimum of five players for the 6v6 format constitutes a team. A minimum of seven players for the 8v8, 9v9, and 11v11 formats constitutes a team. A team must begin play if the minimum number of players is present at game time.
- B. If a match is forfeited a score of 3-0 will be recorded for the winning team.
- C. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to eliminate a team from further participation in the tournament for forfeiting a game.

## 7. Uniform and Equipment:

- A. All equipment must conform to IYSA/USSF rules.
- B. Each player on a team must have a unique number on the back of his/her jersey (excluding Goalies).
- C. USSF guidance to referees is that a player may not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to themselves or another player (including any kind of jewelry).
- D. All players in every age group will be required to wear FIFA approved protective shin guards at all times while actively participating in a game.
- E. In the case of similar jerseys, the referee will instruct the **HOME TEAM to change jerseys.**
- F. **HOME TEAM will provide a game ball.**

## 8. Brackets:

- A. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine age groups if there are not a sufficient number of teams in any age bracket.
- B. The Tournament Director will divide age divisions with six or more teams into multiple groups.

## 9. Point System:

- A. In the preliminary matches, each victory is worth three (3) points, a tie is worth one (1) point and a loss is worth zero (0) points. Forfeits are scored as a 3-0 victory for the opposing team. If there is a tie in the round robin or preliminary round standings, the Tournament Committee will use the following procedures to determine group, wild card, and final standings for round robin play:
  - i. Head to Head Competition.
  - ii. Fewest Goals Allowed - Maximum of three (3) goals per game.
  - iii. Best Goals Differential for all matches - Maximum Goal Differential of three (3) per game.
  - iv. Most Goals Scored - Maximum of three (3) goals per game.
  - v. Penalty Kicks (see penalty kick rules below)
- B. The Tournament Director will make all determinations of teams advancing.
- C. If there is a tie with multiple (three or more) teams, the above criteria will be used to break the tie. If after using the above procedures one team can advance or be eliminated and the remaining teams are still tied, then the Tournament Director will start at the top of the criteria again. **This process will be repeated until a second team can advance or winner is determined.**

## 10. Overtime:

- A. If there is a tie at the end of regulation in a Semi-Final match or Final match, the winner will be determined as follows:
  - i. The teams will play two (2) five (5) minute overtime periods to conclusion. There will be no coaching between periods. The Home Team will Kick-Off, and the Away Team will choose side of field.
  - ii. If the teams are still tied, then the teams will play one (1) round of penalty kicks with five (5) players shooting for each team. These players must come from the players that are on the field at the end of the last overtime period.
  - iii. If the match is still tied at the conclusion of the first round of penalty kicks, then the teams will select five (5) additional players to go to sudden victory penalty kicks. These players can be any player on the team except for the five (5) who took the penalty kicks in the first round.

## 11. Awards:

- A. U8 and U9 Teams
  - i. All U8 and U9 players will receive participation awards
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will also receive team awards
- B. U10 – U19 Teams
  - i. Players on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will receive individual awards
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will also receive team awards

## 12. Tournament Committee:

- A. The Tournament Committee reserves the right and authority to:
  - i. Group age divisions based on team availability.
  - ii. Relocate and/or reschedule match times.
  - iii. Reduce match duration due to inclement weather.
  - iv. Decide final standings and trophy winners.
- B. **Any protest must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee within one (1) hour of the completion of the game, and it must be accompanied with a \$100 bond. This bond will only be returned if the protest is upheld.**

**REFEREE JUDGEMENT CALLS CANNOT BE THE BASIS FOR APPEAL.**  
**REFEREE DECISIONS ON THE FIELD ARE FINAL!**

## 13. Weather Policy:

- A. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify any Tournament rules in order to safely and fairly end the River City successfully. Matches may be shortened or eliminated in cases of inclement weather or unplayable field conditions. **Coaches are asked to be patient and remain flexible.** If a match is halted, the following procedures will be followed:

- B. If the Weather Delay is less than 15 minutes:
- i. All matches will resume at the point of stoppage.
  - ii. If there is less than 5 minutes left to play, the match will be considered a complete match.
  - iii. If the match is tied with less than 5 minutes left to play, the match will be considered a tie. **Except for Semi Final and Final matches**, then the match will resume following the **Overtime Procedures**.
- C. If the Weather Delay is from 15 – 30 Minutes:
- i. If the match is in the first half it will resume with the start of the second half which will be a 15 minute period.
  - ii. If the match is in the second half with less than 15 minutes having been played, the match will resume with a 10 minute period.
  - iii. If the match is in the second half and more than 15 minutes were played, the match will be considered a complete match. **Except for Semi Final and Final matches**, then the match will resume following the **Overtime Procedures**.
- D. If the Weather Delay is more that 30 Minutes:
- i. If the match is in the first half, the match will resume with the second half which will be a 15 minute period.
  - ii. If the first half or more of the match has been completed, the match will be considered complete. **Except for Semi Final and Final matches**, then the match will resume following the **Overtime Procedures**.
  - iii. All remaining matches will need to have times adjusted to ensure all matches are completed. This may mean moving to other fields or shortening the duration of all remaining matches.
- E. Coaches and/or Managers must check at the registration/scoring tent to receive final instructions:
- i. **DO NOT LEAVE** Detweiller Park unless you have spoken with the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – VITO MINNECI (309) 258-2646** or with the **REFEREE ASSIGNOR – RANDY WEATHERLY (309) 840-2349**.
  - ii. **PLEASE** stop by the registration / scoring tent before releasing any of your players.
  - iii. *If your team is not present at the resumption of play the match will be considered a forfeit!*

**TO SIGNAL THE OFFICIAL STOPPAGE OF PLAY, AIR HORNS WILL BE SOUNDED.**  
**PLEASE TAKE COVER IN YOUR CARS.**  
**WHEN PLAY CAN SAFELY BE RESUMED, AIR HORNS WILL SOUND TWICE.**

#### 14. Cancellation Policy:

- A. In the event matches are discontinued due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions, **the Peoria Soccer Club is not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team.** **All decisions related to such are final.** If matches are cancelled because of weather, the following refund policy will be in effect:
- i. No games played – 80% Refund of Entry Fee
  - ii. 1 game played – 50% Refund of Entry Fee
  - iii. 2 games played – NO Refund