



2025 NWISL TOURNAMENT RULES

Substitutions:

- Unlimited by both teams with Ref approval at following times:
 - Either teams throw-in
 - Prior to goal kick for either team
 - After a goal by either team
 - After an injury to either team after Ref has stopped play
 - Half time

Forfeiture:

- Teams must be able to field the min. number of players within 15 minutes of scheduled game time.
 - U8: 4 players
 - U10: 4 players
 - U12: 5 players
 - U14: 7 players
 - U19: 7 players
- Teams do not need to play even sided.
- If one team is not ready to play (at least minimum number of players properly check in) after the 15 minute grace period the game is abandoned and the other team is declared the winner of the game.
 - Game score will be recorded as 1-0.

Duration of Game:

- U8 Two 25 minute halves Two 5-minute OT periods
- U10 Two 25 minute halves Two 5-minute OT periods
- U12 Two 30 minute halves Two 5-minute OT periods
- U14 Two 35 minute halves Two 5-minute OT periods
- U19 Two 35 minute halves Two 5-minute OT periods

Ties:

- In Tournament play, both 5 minute OT periods are played first (full 10 minutes is played, no golden goal). There is no break between periods.
- Then if still tied AFTER the OT periods are played, penalty kick rules in accordance with FIFA rules. (See below)
 - Only players on the field at the end of the OT period may be selected to take kicks.
 - Each team will select (5) players to kick. (players alternate until all 5 players have kicked- no sudden death)
 - Teams will alternate kicks - first team to kick will be determined by the referee's coin flip.
 - If the score remains tied after five (5) kicks, teams will choose five (5) new players. (Teams will alternate kicks 1 per team – until the winner is determined. Any eligible players on the roster must shoot before any player may shoot twice.)
 - If all players on the field (including the goalie) have kicked, then eligible players from the bench are selected
 - Once all players on the bench have kicked, then restart process with players originally on the field of play
 - Teams will alternate kicks 1 per team – until the winner is determined. (No Sudden Death)
 - All eligible players must kick before any eligible player can repeat.
 - Goalies may be changed after any shot.

Incomplete Game:

- If game does not reach half due to weather, the entire game shall be rescheduled for play
- If game reaches half then it shall be considered a complete game
- If a game cannot be completed for non-weather factors, the outcome of the game will be
- determined by the league.
- Report this to your assignor immediately by text or email.

Spectator Conduct:

- Each Club and Coach is responsible for conduct of spectators before, during, and after the game.
- Club and/or Team may receive penalties for actions of their spectators.
- Per league policy, the referee may declare a game abandoned due to spectator conduct.
- Per league policy; referees have the ability to clear the sidelines at any time per their discretion during a game.

Yellow / Red Cards:

- On a yellow card, the player must leave the field. The player leaving the field may have a sub come in to take their place. The yellow carded player can sub in on the next legal substitution opportunity.
- On a red card (either straight red or 2nd yellow / red), the player must leave the field and is not replaced. The teams must play short for the remainder of the game. A coach red carded must leave the game and the area surrounding the field. The red carded coach is not allowed to be on the parent's side of the field.
 - If there is no other properly checked in coach for this team, the game is abandoned.
 - Report this to your assignor immediately by text or email. Outcome of the game will be determined by the league.
- All yellow and red cards are to be reported to the assignor by email within 24 hours with all pertinent player / coach and game information.
- On red cards, make sure to keep the NWISL card and mail it in with the game sheet.

No Ref's:

- Either coach may invoke option of having game rescheduled
- Coaches are not obligated to act as Referees.
- Both coaches must sign the game sheet authorizing approval of substitute Ref, if one can be found.

Ref Pay:

- Do NOT collect pay from the coaches. (SUNDAY ONLY)
- NWISL will pay you for the games you refereed (SUNDAY ONLY)

Game Sheets:

- Coaches are responsible to provide game sheet.
- If no game sheet is available, place final score on sheet of paper with team names and division
- Mail game sheet to:

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