



Kohl's US Youth American Cup - Cache Valley

Recreational 4v4 Tournament Rules of Play

Purpose and Philosophy: The Kohl's American Cup tournament is designed to encourage and honor the recreational player by allowing the player to compete for both team and personal goals. This tournament is structured so that, regardless of ability, all players can realistically strive for the goal of being a champion. It is our philosophy that all players should receive equal opportunities and benefits within their level of play. Further, all players have the right to participate, in competitions where they can be honored as winners.

Rules:

1. Teams will be grouped into divisions according to age and gender, with the exception of U6 which can be co-ed, or as otherwise specifically designated.
2. Tournament officials reserve the right to verify any player's age. Inaccurate information is grounds for disqualification of the entire team.
3. All teams must be a whole or part of a recreational team from this playing season. No competitive players. Up to three (3) Guest recreational players are allowed per team. Recreational teams are defined as teams that are organized by a registrar or area coordinator and not by a coach, or by tryout; do not stay together for more than 1 year or playing season, and are not now or ever been registered to play in a state or district level competition program. Teams may have up to three (3) guest players. All players must be US Youth Soccer affiliates (UYSA, AYSO, or SAY soccer all are affiliated.) Unaffiliated players will be an additional \$9 per player or \$80 per team.
4. All players must wear a jersey the same color as their teammates. SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY!
5. *Each player must be allowed 12 minutes playing time per game.*
6. All teams will play at least three (3) games during the tournament.
7. The playing field shall be 40 yards x 20 yards with the penalty arc being a two (2) yard semicircle located in front of the goal.
8. Everyone will be using a size 4 ball except U6 and U8 teams which will use a size 3 ball.
9. Coin Toss: Winner kicks off first half, Loser determines direction and kicks off second half. Teams switch goals at half time.
10. NO GOALKEEPERS
11. THERE IS NO OFFSIDES
12. Games will have two 12 minute halves with a five minute halftime. If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, the game is recorded as a tie. In a Championship game, tied games will be given up to two five-minute overtime periods. If the score is still tied, a shoot-out will determine the winner.
13. The ball must completely cross the goal line between the goal posts to score a goal. All scoring must be shot from the scoring team's offensive half of the field.
14. Ball is out of bounds when it completely crosses at least one of the boundary lines. .

15. Kick-ins will replace throw-ins. A kick-in is considered an indirect kick. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in. All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with the exception of corner kicks and penalty kicks. Corner Kicks will be taken from the Corner.
16. Regulations governing fouls and misconduct conform to FIFA with the following exceptions: All fouls taking place more than ten (10) feet from the goal shall result in a indirect free kick with opponents three (3) yards away. All fouls taking place within ten (10) feet of the goal will result in a penalty shot taken on an open goal. Intentional fouls are addressed in Rule 18.
17. No player is allowed to play the ball inside the penalty arc. If an attacking player plays the ball in the arc, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. If a defensive player plays the ball in the arc, a penalty kick is awarded to the attacking team. If the referee declares a dead ball in the arc, a goal kick will be taken.
18. Intentional fouls or *intentional* handling the ball in the attacking half of the field will result in a penalty shot taken on an open goal.
19. Goal kicks will be taken from your defensive END LINE.
20. Penalty shots will be taken from midfield on an open net, except for U6 and U8. All U6 and U8 divisions will shoot from 15 yards out. Once the shot is taken, the ball is dead. No rebounds or follow-up play is allowed. If the shot is missed, the defensive team is awarded a goal kick.
21. NO SLIDE TACKLING IS ALLOWED.
22. Substitutions are unlimited and may only be made when play is stopped. You may sub on an opponent's kick in.
23. Each game will have one referee, who will call fouls, keep time, and award Sportsmanship point. THERE ARE NOT APPEALS, referee judgment is final and will supported by tournament officials.
24. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and spectators. If a referee believes that the coach has not attempted to control spectators, then the coach may be cautioned or ejected. Red and Yellow card will be shown to players for serious infractions. Teams walking off a field in protest will forfeit the game and the coach will be summoned by the Fair Play Committee for unsportsmanlike conduct and possible disciplinary action.
25. Have fun and show good sportsmanship to the youth. The referees are bound to make calls that you don't agree with. Let's remember the purpose of the recreation program and look past the disagreements and make this an enjoyable event. The purpose of the recreational program is to develop the skills of the youth, but most importantly, to foster a love of the Game. Have fun - enjoy!!

Point scoring system:

Teams are ranked by the total number of points accumulated through individual games in each round of play.

A win is awarded 6 points, a tie is awarded 3 points, a forfeit is awarded 6 points, and a loss is awarded 0 points. 1 point will also be earned for each goal up to 3 and 1 point may also be earned for good sportsmanship. The sportsmanship point is always awarded unless taken away by the referee due to poor sportsmanship by players, coaches or parents. A maximum of 10 points may be earned in a single game. Teams that do not earn a single sportsmanship point during the round-robin portion of the tournament are not eligible for Championship play.

