

**Centennial Cup Tournament**  
**Rules and Procedures**  
**All Coaches and Referees Please Read Carefully**

**Rules of Play**

- 1) The rules of play shall be the LAWS OF GAME as published by IFAB with CSA modifications below.
- 2) The Tournament Rules Committee for the good of the game shall address any rules not addressed.
- 3) The Tournament Director or designated representative shall determine the suitability of playing conditions. Teams shall be expected to play in accordance with the tournament game schedule unless severe weather poses a threat to safety. Only the Tournament Director or designated representative shall reschedule the game times and/or locations. Games may be shortened or relocated in order to complete the days' schedule of play. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the tournament and the Director's decisions are final.

**Certification of Players and Coaches**

- 1) Eligible Players:
  - a) The tournament is exclusively for Competitive Centennial League and Front Range League, all of whose players are registered with CSA or teams that contact CSA for tournament registration and are approved by the Tournament Director.
  - b) No all-star teams are allowed. Any team found to have substituted ineligible players on a roster will forfeit their games at this tournament and may be subject to further sanctions. No refund.
  - c) Additionally, any team or player who has entered in or is rostered for State Cup or Presidents Cup play is not eligible.
  - d) CSA will provide frozen roster to referees.
- 2) Each team must possess a current certified club or CSA roster or game card, signed by the club registrar, and **a valid USYSA player pass** for each player and coach participating in the tournament. THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL (referee or tournament director designee) WILL CHECK ROSTERS and PLAYER PASSES AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH GAME.
- 3) A player may play for only one team during the tournament.

- 4) All player passes are to be returned to the coach or manager at the conclusion of the game except for passes of the players or coaches ejected. It is the responsibility of the coach to retrieve passes from the Field Referee at the end of each match. Passes inadvertently retained by the Field Referee can be picked up at Tournament Headquarters. Passes for players who sat out a match after receiving a game suspension can be retrieved at Tournament Headquarters.
- 5) At the conclusion of the match, the Field Referee will complete the game card in detail. He/she will also forward to the Head Referee any passes of ejected participants for the Tournament records and any possible further action. He/she will also turn in an official supplemental game report if there are any unusual match circumstances to be reported.

### **Playing Conditions**

- 1) Games may be canceled or temporarily suspended when fields are not playable due to rain, low air temperature, excessively high winds or lightning.
- 2) The responsibility of game cancellation or temporary suspension will rest with the Tournament Director or designated representative. Kicks from the mark will be utilized to determine winners of games canceled due to weather or unforeseen events.
- 3) In event that play has been stopped by the Referee, or Tournament Director, the score at the stoppage of play will be the final game score if at least one half was completed and if play is not resumed as ordered by Tournament Director.
- 4) In case of bad weather a siren or horn will sound for clearing the fields. When the siren or horn is heard again, play will resume. Do not leave area until games are officially canceled. PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS SHOULD LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA AND GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR CARS.
- 5) An unfinished game due to any cause shall be replayed providing neither team is at fault nor play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped after the completion of the first half, and cannot be resumed as determined by the tournament Director, and provided neither team is at fault, the Tournament Director may deem the game as complete. Should play be stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged a fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director as to whether the game is to be replayed, stand as is, or declared a forfeit.

- 6) Tournament Director has authority to shorten the lengths of games to adhere to game schedule.

### **Special Rules of Play Modifications to Laws of the Game and Other Requirements for This Competition**

All games shall be played in accordance with the most current FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by the Colorado Soccer Association and the additional modifications herein. Situations that are not covered by these rules or rules of CSA or cannot be reasonably resolved in a timely fashion by application of these rules or the rules of CSA shall be resolved in the most expedient manner at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director or the Site Director.

Substitutions can occur whenever the ball goes out of play or after an injury has occurred, with the following exceptions:

- Corner kicks
- Opposing team's throw-in, unless the opposing team is substituting players

### **Uniform and Equipment**

- 1) In all games, the team listed first on the official game schedule shall be the home team and they shall wear dark Jersey and the visiting team shall wear white or light. Teams must have light socks and dark socks that resemble their jersey.
- 2) All field players on the team shall wear similar color jerseys. The goalkeeper shall wear colors, which distinguish him/her from the other players and from the referee.
- 3) Shin guards are required.
- 4) Jersey numbers are required.

### **Duration of Games**

- 1) The duration of the group matches will be as follows:
  - a) 11U through 12U 2 X 25 minutes of pool play
  - b) 13U through 14U 2 X 30 minutes pool play
  - c) 15U through 16U 2 X 35 minutes pool play
  - d) 17U through 19U 2 X 40 minutes pool play
- 2) All semi and final matches will be as follows:
  - a) 11U through 12U 2 x 30 minutes of play
  - b) 13U through 14U 2 x 35 minutes of play

- c) 15U through 16U 2 X 40 minutes of play
- d) 17U through 19u 2 x 45 minutes of play

- 3) No overtime periods shall be played in preliminary-round games. If a quarterfinal, semi-final, final or consolation place game is tied at the end of the second regulation period, there shall be two full overtime periods of ten minutes each (for all age groups). If a quarter-final, semi-final, final or consolation place game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark per IFAB Laws of the Game.

### **Team Expulsion**

A team removed from Cup Competition for any team fault for one or more matches shall be required to post a bond of no less than \$2,000 in certified funds with the CSA office prior to being admitted to any future state championship competitions. The bond will only be refunded after the team has played in all Cup matches for whom it qualifies.

### **Player/Coach/Spectator Misconduct**

1. Suspensions will carry over to league play.
2. Any coach rostered to more than one team in the competition who is ejected shall sit out a minimum of the next SCHEDULED MATCH for the team with which the ejection was awarded.
3. If a game is abandoned due to coach/spectator/player the team for which the coach/spectator/player is with shall forfeit the match and the other team awarded points based on the score or a 1-0 victory whichever is greater.
4. If a player/coach/spectator is sent off/dismissed for misconduct, the referee will submit the game report to the Cup Commissioner or designated alternate. The player/coach/spectator shall be subjected to penalties described below and shall be ineligible until he or she is reinstated by cup administration.

### **Immediate Suspension from Current Match and a Minimum One (1) Game Suspension From Next Scheduled Match**

- a) Serious foul play (S1) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: when a player, in a violent or dangerous manner intentionally trips, holds, pushes, charges, or tackles an opponent from behind.

b) Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball. (S4) This does not apply to a goalkeeper within his /her own penalty area.

c) Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick (S5)

d) Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or Gestures (S6)

- i. Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: language uttered in frustration and, in the referee's opinion loud enough to be heard
- ii. Derogatory Language or inappropriate gestures displayed and directed at others. Immediate suspension from current match and a one (1) or more game suspension upon review

e) Receiving a Second Caution in the same match (S7)

### **Immediate Suspension from Current Match and a Minimum Two (2) Game Suspension From Next Scheduled Match**

f) Violent Conduct (S2) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: Striking or attempting to strike another player, team official or spectator, unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.

g) Pushing in an act of aggression, striking or attempting to strike a referee, linesperson or fourth official will result in immediate suspension from all CSA sanctioned activities and upon CSA Disciplinary Committee review a potential minimum of one (1) year suspension from all US Youth Soccer sanctioned activities, unless serious injuries are inflicted then the minimum suspension period will be at least five (5) years.

h) Spits at an Opponent or any other Person (S3) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: spitting or other unseemly acts on or at another person.

i) Miscellaneous: Any player, substitute or coach who refuses the referee's request for their name, or gives a false name, while the referee is gathering data to report an infringement of the "Laws of the Game", involving them, shall have a minimum of one (1) game added to the suspension that would normally be levied – by the Disciplinary Committee. Actions listed above are to be regarded as minimum suspensions.

j) Team personnel dismissed from the field of play are guilty of irresponsible behavior and a report written by the referee will be provided about the incident. The person sent off will serve a minimum one game suspension and based on the severity of the incident, the Cup Committee may escalate the incident to the CSA Disciplinary Committee for further review and action, which may result in more than a one game suspension.

k) In specific situations, the Cup Committee may place an individual on probation in addition to the suspension. The probationary period is to be served immediately following the suspension period and is intended to monitor the individual's degree of reform. Should an individual on probation be sent off the field of play and shown the red card during the probationary period the matter shall be referred to the Cup Committee for evaluation.

### **Groups, Point System, Advancement**

- 1) Teams will be divided into flights by age and sex. Separate flights for option 1 teams may be added in the 13U-19U age groups depending on number of applications accepted. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine flights or age groups where deemed necessary.
- 2) During the preliminary rounds of the tournament, games will not have overtime periods. Team standings will be based on the following point system:
  - a) 11 points to beneficiary of forfeiture (\*see misconduct rule 3. for exception)
  - b) 7 points for a win
  - c) 3 points for a tie
  - d) 0 points for a loss
  - e) 1 point for each goal scored to a maximum of three goals
  - f) 1 point for a shut-out (unless 0-0 tie).
- 3) Should there be a tie at the completion of the preliminary round, the tie will be broken by the following order of criteria:
  - a) Head to head (this criteria not used if more than two teams are tied).
  - b) Winner of most games
  - c) Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within the team's flight. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game
  - d) Least goals allowed in all games played within the team's flight
  - e) Kicks from the mark per IFAB laws of the game.

Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at Point "b" above until the tie is broken.

### **Protests & Appeals**

- 1) To be valid and eligible for consideration, protests shall be lodged verbally with the referee and the opposing coach at the game within five minutes after the end of the game, except protests relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, and their appurtenances of the game must be in writing and submitted to the referee and opposing coach prior to the game.
- 2) All protests must be made in writing within three hours after the end of the game in which the protest incident occurred, accompanied by a non-refundable \$100.00 protest fee to the CSA Centennial Cup Commissioner or the Centennial Cup Commissioner's designated representative.
- 3) The judgement decision of a game official cannot be protested, only the misapplication of the laws of the game.
- 4) If these conditions are not met in full, the protest will not be considered.
- 5) Upon receiving a properly filed protest, the CSA Centennial Cup Commissioner or designate will determine the time and location of the protest hearing and shall designate the members of the ad hoc protest committee. This committee will meet in a closed meeting to make a ruling on the protest. A hearing will be held immediately upon receiving filed protest and protest fee if it requires immediate action. Otherwise, a decision will be rendered in 48 hours.
- 6) A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the Centennial Cup is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by the CSA Cup Committee.
- 7) In Centennial Cup competitions at the State Association level, decisions made on protests and appeals by the CSA Centennial Cup Committee protest and appeal authority are binding and allow the competition to proceed.

### **Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs of Abuse or other Controlled Substances**

- 1) Possession, consumption or use of any of these items at the field area by any coach, parent, referee, team official, league official or spectator prior to, during or after the play of any game at this tournament is prohibited. Any individual who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action by CSA.

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