

Placer United Prestige Cup Girls 2011 Tournament Rules

FIFA Rules: As modified by USYSA, US Club Soccer and as modified herein.

Disputes: All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee.

Protests: ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

1. **Registration:** A team representative must check-in the team at the MANDATORY CHECK-IN. Failure to register will result in automatic disqualification from the Tournament without a refund of the fee. At the discretion of the Tournament, the disqualified team may be allowed to compete as a "Guest Team." (See Guest Team rule.) Games not played will be classified as "Forfeits and Byes."

Credentials: All US Club Soccer and USYSA teams are eligible to play provided that the proper US Club credentials are presented at registration. The following credentials must be presented at the mandatory credentials check-in:

Official Team Roster - A US Club Soccer official team roster must be presented. Guest players must have US Club loan forms with signatures of both the loaning club and receiving club representative.

Medical Authorization Form - Each participating athlete must have an official US Club Soccer medical authorization form. Each form MUST include a parent's signature in both signature locations.

Laminated US Club Soccer Player Card: A valid laminated US Club player cards with a photograph. Player pass cards MUST all be valid, expired cards will not be accepted.

Laminated US Club Soccer Coaches Card: Each team must have at least one properly credentialed adult present on the sidelines of each match. Coach pass cards MUST all be valid, expired cards will not be accepted.

For Non US Club Registered Teams: If you are not a US Club registered team, you may attend our tournament as a non-member by obtaining temporary US Club status and insurance just for our tournament. Visit www.usclubsoccer.com and select the green "Registration" tab and proceed to the "Tournament Team Insurance" Option for further details.

Each team will receive a packet containing rules of competition, schedule, and any updates or new information at the mandatory check-in.

Players Age Group: Teams will play in their 2011/2012 Age Group.

U11	8/1/00 – 7/31/01
U12	8/1/99 – 7/31/00
U13	8/1/98 – 7/31/99
U14	8/1/97 – 7/31/98
U15	8/1/96 – 7/31/97
U16	8/1/95 – 7/31/96
U17	8/1/94 – 7/31/95
U19	8/1/93 – 7/31/94

Roster Size/Guest Players: This tournament will accept up to five (5) guest players on a roster, with total roster size to not exceed 18 players for any one game (14 players for U11). Guest player forms must be submitted at check-in, complete with all signatures. Guest player must have current player pass, medical release of the same year as the rest of the team, to be inspected at check-in.

Guest Teams: Teams that are accepted to the tournament as guest teams shall not advance out of their bracket. The guest team results are predetermined to be 1-0 against the guest team. The opposing team is awarded three (3) points.

Game cards will be provided by the tournament and will include the roster provided in GotSoccer. Teams are required to update their GotSoccer Roster online by October 25th. Players and coaches may not be added once registration is complete.

Check-In: Mandatory check-in is on October 28, 2011 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. **Hilton Garden Inn**, 1951 Taylor Road, Roseville, CA.

Conduct: Good sportsmanship will prevail at all times. Coaches are directly responsible for the conduct of their players, assistant coaches, substitutes, team officials and other spectators affiliated with their team, and will be accountable for continued disruptive action.

Player Equipment: It will be at the Referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment, including the wearing of a hard brace or cast. **Shin guards are mandatory for all players.**

Prohibitions: The following are **prohibited** at any of the Cup game sites.

- NO Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances
- NO Dogs
- NO Horns/loud noise makers
- NO Use of tobacco products – Use of tobacco products on the grounds of any public school facility is a violation of California State Law
- NO Fire Arms

Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to comply with the prohibitions listed above. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the Cup and will not be invited to any future Placer United Soccer club events.

Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances: Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the fields being utilized for the event. Any team (including players, coaches, team officials, parents and spectators) found violating this rule will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the event, will not be invited back in future years.

Inclement Weather:

- In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament committee reserves the right to modify all tournament rules in order to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully.
- Contingency Plan:
 - Plan A. All games will be played as scheduled. Plan will not change before Friday.
 - Plan B. Shorten all Friday games to 2 x 20 or as necessary.
 - Plan C: Plan B plus shorten all Saturday games to 2 x 20 or as necessary.
 - Plan D: In the event the fields become totally unplayable due to inclement weather, it may be necessary to decide some games with kicks from the mark.
- The Tournament Committee will do whatever is necessary to play all games; however, the safety of the players is paramount. Along with safety, damage to the fields will be considered in making the decision to cancel any games.

Refunds: Full refunds will be made to teams not accepted. Full refunds will be provided to teams that withdraw from the tournament **prior to the application deadline**. Accepted teams requesting to withdraw must do so by contacting the tournament director; however, they shall forfeit their entire application fee. No refunds will be given after the deadline and/or acceptance.

There will be no refunds or reimbursements of tournament application fee for forfeiture of games. In the event the tournament is cancelled, teams will receive a partial refund of their application fee after expenses for the tournament have been covered.

Suspended Games: If, in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench or spectators and/or unsportsmanlike conduct; the offending team(s) could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. The score at termination will stand. All previous points earned remain as played. Additionally, the home league, state association and/or FIFA Association will be contacted as appropriate.

Tournament Web Site: The tournament web site shall be the final reference for all schedules, scores, rules, polices and procedures. Any conflicts between this site and other published information shall default to this site. The Tournament Committee maintains the right to independently make new and possibly conflicting rules or regulations on the web site at any time.

Yellow and Red Cards: A player receiving two yellow cards in a single game is considered the same as receiving a RED CARD. A player given a red card or two yellow cards in one game shall be expelled from that game and shall not be replaced. A player or coach receiving a red card or two yellow cards in one game shall not be allowed to participate in the next game. The tournament committee reserves the right to modify penalties assessed on a player or coach for violent play or more serious conduct violations. For purposes of this tournament a coach can be carded for his/her actions or those of spectators or friends of the team.

Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions are allowed with referee approval in the following situations (coaches - use discretion - as long as it's within the spirit of the game)

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1. Prior to any throw-in
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
3. After a goal, by either team.
4. At the start of second half of play
5. After an injury, either team per FIFA Rules

Brackets: Brackets shall be in flights of 5 or more teams. Barring a team forfeiting or dropping from the tournament, each team shall play a minimum of 3 games. Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend brackets and games to accommodate unexpected changes, i.e. team no-show.

Six Team Brackets: Teams will be divided into 2 flights of 3. Each team will crossover and play the teams in the opposite bracket. Two teams with highest points will play in championship game.

Eight Team Brackets: Will be divided into two (2) flights of four (4) teams. Each team will play three (3) preliminary round games against the other teams in their flight. Top 2 teams from each flight will advance to championship game.

Twelve Team Brackets: Will be divided into four (4) flights of three (3) teams. Each team will play three (2) preliminary round games against the other teams in their flight. The top team in each bracket will compete in a semi-final game (1st Bracket A vs 1st D, 1st Bracket B vs 1st C). Winners will compete in Championship game. Second, and third place teams will play each other (2nd A vs 2nd D, 2nd B vs 2nd C etc.)

Home Teams: The team listed first on the schedule is the home team. Conflicts in jersey color will be resolved by the home team being required to change jerseys. Home team must provide game balls.

Start Times/Forfeitures: Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game start time to be checked in by the tournament field marshals. Players from each team must present themselves, with their player passes, to the field marshal for their assigned field. All games must be started within five minutes of their scheduled start time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of 7 players within the five-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team in attendance with a minimum of 7 players on the field. If neither team complies with this procedure, no points will be awarded to either team.

The referee may terminate a game at his discretion and the tournament staff may award a forfeit if:

1. A team leaves the field of play during the game without referee approval.
2. Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are observed.
3. A team is sent from the field by the referee for violent play, and/or misconduct by the coaches, players or fans. This rule may also be enforced by the tournament staff at any time during tournament matches.

Injury Delays: Delays of the game due to injury, regardless of the amount of injury time, will result in no more than five (5) minutes being added to the full game time. However, the referees will be responsible for ensuring that any additional time will not interfere with the next scheduled game starting on time. Refer to "playing times".

Playing Times: Play will be based on halves as below:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Preliminary (!)</u>	<u>Finals (!)</u>	<u>Golden Goal</u> (Championship Only)
U11	25 Min	25 Min	5 Min
U12 - U18/19	30 Min	35 Min	5 Min

(!) All preliminary games will be terminated not less than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game regardless of the amount of time played in each half to that point. A game is "complete" upon completion of one half regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half with the final results based on the score at termination. A preliminary game may end in a tie. Championship games will go to Golden Goal and if still tied, after playing two 5 minute halves in Golden Goal, will go directly to penalty kicks.

Scoring: Tournament points will be awarded to and deducted from each team based on the following system:

- Three (3) points for each win
- One (1) point for each tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- 1-point deduction for a player send off
- 1-point deduction for a coach send off

Forfeit games shall be scored as a 1-0, 3 points to the team not forfeiting. If a team withdraws from the tournament before completing all preliminary games, all games they played shall be considered a forfeit.

In the event of a tie: In case of a tie in tournament points within a flight after preliminary games, the winner shall be determined based on the following procedure:

1. Head to head results off head to head competition, winner advances
2. Goal differential (Maximum 4 goals)
3. Team with the fewest goals scored against advances
4. Team with the most goals scored (up to a max of 4 goals per game) advances
5. Team with the most shutouts advances
6. Team with the least amount of red cards (player or coach) advances
7. If a tie still exists after steps 1 through 6, FIFA Kicks From the Mark will be taken fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the appropriate Semi-Final/Championship game. If penalty kicks cannot be taken, the winner will be decided by a coin toss.

Three team ties: Should there be a tie between three or more teams, and teams are still tied after steps 1 through 6... a three-way coin toss will be conducted to determine the order of which teams will shoot PKs. The teams that tie in the coin flip will compete in FIFA Penalty Kicks from the mark to eliminate one team prior to proceeding to FIFA Penalty Kicks From the Mark with the third team. The coin toss and time of the FIFA Penalty Kicks will be thirty (30) minutes prior to the Semi-Final or in some cases Final game.

In the event two of the three teams are from the same bracket, the coin toss will be bypassed and the two teams from the same bracket will compete in FIFA Penalty Kicks from the mark to eliminate one team prior to proceeding to FIFA Penalty Kicks From the Mark with the third team.

Awards: Individual player awards will be awarded to each player and coach of the first and second place teams. A Championship cup trophy will be awarded to the winning team in each age group.

- First Place: Championship Team Trophy and Individual Player Award
- Second Place: Team Trophy and Individual Player Award
- All Players and Coaches will receive a Tournament Pin