

## Placer United Girls Cup 2016 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.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE ALL ROSTERS MUST BE UPDATED BY 5:00 PM ON Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.** All rosters will be frozen at that time and changes will not be permitted.

**ALL PLAYERS PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT MUST BE ON YOUR GOTSOCGER ROSTER – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**THERE IS NO IN PERSON CHECK IN. ALL CHECK IN'S MUST BE DONE ONLINE**

**Players Age Group:** Teams will play in their 2016/2017 Age Group.

<b>U11</b>	1/1/06 – 12/31/06
<b>U12</b>	1/1/05 – 12/31/05
<b>U13</b>	1/1/04 – 12/31/04
<b>U14</b>	1/1/03 – 12/31/03
<b>U15</b>	1/1/02 – 12/31/02
<b>U16</b>	1/1/01 – 12/31/01
<b>U17</b>	1/1/00 – 12/31/00
<b>U19</b>	1/1/99 – 12/31/98

**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 9v9). 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. **Players cannot be rostered on more than one team in the tournament.**

**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 do their online check in no later than October 19<sup>th</sup>. Players and coaches may not be added once registration is complete.

**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 Saturday games to 2 x 20 or as necessary.
  - Plan C: Plan B plus shorten all Sunday 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 acceptance and/or 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 after consultation with PAD committee. Abusive or violent behavior towards referees will result in additional penalties. 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 3 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.

**Five Team Brackets:** Teams will play a league format playing the other 4 teams in their bracket. Top two teams will finish champion and finalist.

**Six Team Brackets:** Teams will be divided into 2 flights of 3. Teams will play the two teams in their own bracket. The top two teams will then move on to a semi-final (A1vB2, B1vA2). The third place teams will play each other in a consolation (A3vB3).

**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 team 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 two (2) preliminary round games against the other teams in their flight. The top team in each bracket will compete in a semi-final game (A1 vs D1, B1 vs C1). Winners will compete in Championship game. Second and third place teams will play each other in consolation (AvD, BvC)

**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>
U11-U12	25 Min	25 Min
U13 - U18/19	30 Min	30 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. Semi-final and Championship games ending in a tie will go directly to penalty kicks to determine the winner.

**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

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 most goals scored (up to a max of 4 goals per game) advances
4. Team with the fewest goals scored against 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