

TOURNAMENT RULES

NOSO Cup 2016

I. TOURNAMENT NAME

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II. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Tournament Headquarters is located at:

Barton/Bradley Soccer Fields
30661 Bradley Road
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.

The tournament director is Ken Janosek -216-374-4531

III. TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. All teams and players must be registered with their local, state or national association
2. Each team must be registered as a club, interclub or intra-club team that plays together as a unit
3. Each player must have a Player Pass or I.D. Card that clearly displays his/her name, date of birth and a recent photograph. Exceptions will be made for U8 teams not yet issues player cards and providing copies of birth certificates.
4. The maximum roster size:
 - U8 - U10 is 12
 - U11 - U12 is 14
 - U13 - U16 is 18
 - U17 - U19 is 22 Note: Only 18 players may be dressed and rostered for any match
5. Guest players:
 - U8 - U14 are allowed 4 guest players
 - U15 – U19 are allowed 6 guest players
 - Guest players must meet all other player requirements and be members of the USSF affiliation to which the team they are playing on, is a member (ex. USYSA teams may only use USYSA rostered guest players; US Club teams may only use US Club rostered guest players.)
6. Players may not play on more than one team in an age group and scheduling will not be customized to accommodate players registered on more than one team
7. Age Groups Accepted:
 - U8 born on 8/1/2007 or after
 - U9 born on 8/1/2006 or after
 - U10 born on 8/1/2005 or after
 - U11 born on 8/1/2004 or after
 - U12 born on 8/1/2003 or after
 - U13 born on 8/1/2002 or after
 - U14 born on 8/1/2001 or after
 - U15 born on 8/1/2000 or after
 - U16 born on 8/1/1999 or after
 - U17 born on 8/1/1998 or after
 - U18 born on 8/1/1997 or after
 - U19 born on 8/1/1996 or after

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IV. REGISTRATION

- The registration will be from 5:00 until 8:00 pm on Friday, June 24th, 2016.
Radisson Hotel Cleveland Airport West
25070 Country Club Blvd.
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070
- All teams must present required documentation:
 - team roster
 - player passes or ID
 - travel permission form if your association requires it
 - tournament waiver
 - player medical waiver
 - Coaches concussion certification - All coaches must complete the requirements for concussion safety training as mandated by the state of Ohio. Proof of concussion training and risk management must be provided by all coaches coming from outside Ohio North
- Credential checks will also take place at the field during the tournament by a Field Marshall. Teams must be able to present a tournament approved roster and player passes for each player. If a roster or player pass/ID is not available, disqualification of the player and/or team may result

V. BRACKETING

- Separate male and female teams in each age group are eligible to participate. Coed teams must participate in the Boys division
- We will offer 2 divisions:
 - Cup (top division) – premier, club, top division travel and non-community based teams (U10, U12, U14, U16, U19)
 - Trophy (lower division) – Travel and community based recreation teams (U8-U19)
 - U9 and lower divisions will not have playoffs
- The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust tournament classifications and age brackets should the number of teams participating warrant such a decision
- No games will be scheduled for a team until all fees are paid

VI. LAWS OF THE GAME

- The tournament will be played under the laws of FIFA unless stated otherwise
- U8 through U10 games will be 6v6, 2-25 minute halves and played with no offsides
- U11 through U12 games will be 8v8, 2-30 minute halves
- U13 through U14 games will be 11v11, 2-30 minute halves
- U15 through U19 games will be 11v11, 2-35 minute halves
- 5-minute half time
- The game clock will not be stopped because of injury unless, at the discretion of the referee, medical personnel must remove the injured player from the field. Due to the time allowed for the completion of all games, not more than 10 minutes will be added to the clock
- Coaches and players will be required to stand on the same side of the field during competition and spectators will be on the opposite side
- Ohio House Bill 143, concussion training, player removal and return to play rule will be in effect

VII. EQUIPMENT

- The tournament will provide game balls
 - U8 through U12 will use size 4 balls
 - U13 through U19 will use size 5 balls
- Shin guards are required of all players and must be covered by socks (no exceptions)
- Hard and soft casts may be permitted if sufficiently padded as determined by the referee
- All teams required to have two sets of numbered uniforms. If the referee determines there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change

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- No metal cleats or other equipment which is dangerous to oneself or another player
- All equipment will be subject to approval of referee

VIII. SUBSTITUTIONS

- Substitutions will be allowed with permission of the referee:
 - after a goal by either team
 - at half time
 - at the referee's discretion after an injury (1 for 1)
 - after warning by referee if it is player that was warned
 - prior to a throw-in, in your favor
 - prior to a goal kick
- Unlimited Substitution will be used for all games EXCEPT in any U16 or older age group which includes more than one foreign team where a limit of only six substitutions is permitted

IX. FORFEIT

- There will be no forfeits in the U8 and U9 age groups since the scores will not be recorded
- A forfeit will be recorded for any match where a team, within 5 minutes of the scheduled match time, in the:
 - U10 age cannot field a team of four players
 - U11 and U12 age groups cannot field a team of five players
 - U13 through U19 age groups cannot field a team of 7 players
- Three points will be awarded to the opponent and the score will be recorded as 4-0

X. EJECTIONS

- If for any reason a player or coach is ejected from any game for receiving one red card or two yellow cards, that player or coach will lose his/her eligibility to further participate in that game
- In addition, they will lose the right to participate in the next game and could be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, depending on the gravity of the offense
- There will be no penalty for yellow card accumulation during preliminary rounds
- The Tournament Committee's decision is final

XI. QUALIFYING ROUND

- Standings will be determined by points
 - Three points will be awarded for each victory
 - One point for each tie
- Games that are tied at the end of regulation time will be recorded as a tie
- Top two teams in each age group classification/bracket will advance to the championship round

XII. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

- If after the conclusion of the group matches, the point system has not been decisive, the following will apply for bracketing:
 1. Results of the match between teams with equal points will apply (this is also called head to head competition)
 2. Highest total goal differential. A maximum differential of 4 goals per game will apply
 3. Least goals allowed
 4. Most goals scored. A maximum differential of 4 goals per game will apply
 5. FIFA penalty kicks or coin toss as determined by tournament directors
- Semi-Final and Final games will continue with two 5 minute overtime periods that will be played to conclusion. If no winner emerges from the overtime periods, FIFA penalty kicks will be taken until a winner is determined.

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XIII. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- The tournament committee will use advanced lightning and storm detection equipment at the Barton/Bradley headquarters to aid the officials in deciding whether to suspend play.
- If the decision is made to suspend play, games will be halted at all tournament sites
 - If more than ½ the game has been completed, it will be considered an official game
 - If less than ½ the game has been complete, it will be recorded as a 1-1 tie, even if it never formally started
 - Every effort will be made to play championship games to conclusion
- The tournament directors reserve the right to make whatever adjustments may be necessary in game length to proceed with the tournament schedule following any delays due to weather
- At the tournament directors discretion, based on temperature conditions, a mandatory 2 minute water break may be instituted approximately half way through each half as decided by referees.

XIV. AWARDS

- U8 and U9 age group players will receive participation award
- U10-U19 teams will receive team award for the winner in Cup and Trophy Flights and individual awards for the winners and finalists in Cup and Trophy Flights

XV. PROTESTS

- There will be no protests of referee decisions. All decisions of the referee are final and binding

XVI. REFUNDS

- If the tournament is cancelled a full refund will be granted to the teams that have applied
- No refunds after registration deadline except to Region I qualifiers
- No refund will be made in the event of cancellation or shortening of any matches due to inclement weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament directors
- Fees are non-refundable after the tournament has begun

XVII. GENERAL RULES

- The Tournament Committee and North Olmsted Soccer Organization will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or part.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its judgment is final
- Serious misconduct of coaches, parents or anyone associated with the team can result in disqualification of the team from the tournament