

2016 New Holstein Tournament Rules

General Information

FEE:

\$260 for U8-U10 teams, \$295 for U11-U19 teams.

LOCATION:

New Holstein soccer fields (west – New Holstein HS; east – New Holstein Kiwanis Park). You will receive a schedule, set of rules, and maps to the fields the first week of June. Please be sure to check the schedule boards the day of the tournament for any last minute changes. There will be a board located at each registration center.

MEDICAL/LIABILITY:

As required by WYSA, prior to play, each team must present a medical authorization and waiver of liability for each player. Photocopies of your teams medical/liabilities forms are accepted just bring to registration table when registering.

FORMAT:

- A. Two game minimum.
- B. 8 to 16 team brackets (round robin format, if needed).
- C. Round robin or winner/consolation brackets established after first game.
- D. Each team will be placed in its appropriate age bracket. When playing brackets, first round games will be held with the winners going into the winner bracket on the right and the losers going into the consolation bracket on the left. From this point, each side of the bracket (winner and consolation) will play single elimination until a champion is decided.

HOME TEAM:

For each game, the first one listed alphabetically is considered the home team. The home team will be responsible for a uniform change in case of any uniform conflicts.

RULES:

1. LAWS OF THE GAME

- A. All games will be played in accordance with the USYSA/FIFA laws. Any exceptions are as noted below.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- A. Players for the age group follow the USYSA birthday cut-off of August 1st.
- B. For U8 teams, the maximum roster size is 14, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- C. For U10 teams, the maximum roster size is 14, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.

- D. For U11 and U12 teams, the maximum roster size is 14, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- E. For U13 thru U16 teams, the maximum roster size is 18, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- F. For U17 thru U19 teams, the maximum roster size is 22 (18 may suit up for a game), which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- G. Guest players must have the necessary release form from their respective state association.
- H. All teams may use unlimited Club Pass players, as long as those players are age appropriate.
- I. No roster changes will be permitted after registration unless approved by the Tournament Director.
- J. All players must have valid USSF/USYSA Player Passes. All players must be listed on the Official Roster Form. Player Passes must be presented to the referee prior to the start of each game.
- K. Medical Release/ Waiver of Liability form is required for all players.
- L. A player may only play for one team in the tournament unless special permission is given ahead of time by the Tournament Director.
- M. All out-of-state teams must provide official "Permission to Travel" forms.

3. GAME INFORMATION

- A. Teams should be present at the field on which they are to play at least 30 minutes prior to game time. Teams will then check in with a referee at their designated field for the checking of player passes and equipment.
- B. There will be NO on field warm-ups.
- C. Games for U8 will be 2 - 20 minute halves (6 x 6) with a 5-minute half time.
- D. Games for U10 will be 2 - 20 minute halves (8 x 8) with a 5-minute half time.
- E. Games for U11 and U12 will be 2 - 20 minute halves (8 x 8) with a 5-minute half time.
- F. Games for U13 thru U19 will be 2 - 25 minute halves with a 5-minute half time.
- G. Game play time may be shorter or longer, determined by the Referee Staff.
- H. On north-south fields, the team listed first will kick off toward the north.
On east-west fields, the team listed first will kick off toward the east.
- I. Home team will provide the game ball.
- J. Both teams will have their bench on one side of the field. Parents and spectators must watch the games from the opposite side of the field as their team and must stay behind the spectator lines.

4. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- A. Shin guards are required. Socks must be pulled over the shin guards.
- B. Casts (soft or hard) are not allowed. Referee's decision on the field is final!
- C. No jewelry or knotted headbands are allowed.
- D. All players on a team must have the same type of jersey. All jerseys must be tucked in.
- E. Jerseys must have a unique number on them.

5. DISCIPLINE

PLAYERS

- A. Red-carded players will be suspended for at least one game. (Two yellow cards in one game equal a red card.) Players will be red-carded for violent conduct, violent fouls or abusive language and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament at the TD's discretion.
- B. All red cards will be reported to the state soccer association of the player's team.
- C. No substitution will be permitted for a red-carded player.
- D. A player receiving 3 yellow cards during the tournament may be suspended for a game.

COACHES AND SPECTATORS

- A. Harassment of officials will not be tolerated. Referees may temporarily stop games or suspend play in the presence of persistent sideline harassment or intimidation. In the case of a game suspension, the Tournament Director will decide the outcome of the game.
- B. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents and spectators at the fields, hotels and other locations for the duration of the tournament. If the Tournament Committee receives complaints regarding conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the Tournament Director may ask any/all people to stay away from the tournament, and/or ask the team to leave the tournament, and/or ban the team from future tournaments.

6. FORFEITS/FAILURE TO SHOW

- A. All teams are expected to complete all scheduled games. Any team that fails to show within 10 minutes of posted game time, or leaves the field of play before the end of a game, may be disqualified from the tournament.
- B. That team may also be banned from future tournaments and its state association will be advised of its misconduct.
- C. A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitutions may be made prior to a throw-in in favor of your team, prior to a goal kick by either team, following a goal by either team, following an injury to a player from either team or at half time. Substitutions may also be made for your team on the opposing team's throw-in if the opposing team also has a player at the half-way line.
- B. A player with blood on the uniform or on the body must be substituted out. The bleeding must be stopped, the injury covered with a bandage, and the uniform must be blood-free before the player may return to play.

8. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND REFEREE AUTHORITY

- A. All referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed. The Tournament Director has the right to relocate, reschedule, cancel, or reduce the length of any game. OUSC is not responsible for the expenses incurred by any team or individual if the tournament is canceled in whole or part.

9. SCORING

3 points for a win, 0 for a loss, and 1 point for each goal scored with a maximum of 3 goals per game.

A. Tie Breakers -- Preliminary Round

In the event of a tie, penalty kicks must be used - USYSA/FIFA rules will be followed. Each team will select 5 players to kick from those that were on the field at the end of regulation. The goalie for the shoot-out must be on the field at the end of regulation. Teams will alternate kicks --the visiting team shoots first. If the score remains tied after 5 kicks, teams will alternate kicks one at a time until a winner is determined. All eligible players must be used before anyone can repeat. Both teams must use the same number of players before anyone can repeat.

B. Tie Breakers --Championship Games

Games tied at the end of regulation play go to a maximum of two 5 minute overtime periods - Golden goal. If the game is tied after the added time, the teams go to penalty kicks. Same rules apply as stated in 9.A above.

C. A forfeit will result in the winning team being awarded 3 points.

D. If there is a tie in a category at the end of the day, we will use head-to-head games to decide a winner

10. AWARDS

- A. U8 and U10 teams: There will be metals for First to Third Place teams; all remaining teams will receive a participation metal.
- B. U11 and Above: Individual team members receive a trophy for bracket champion and second place finisher. Consolation bracket champions will be awarded individual metals. Round Robin teams, First Place receives a trophy & second place receives a metal.
- C. In round-robin brackets, the team with the best record at the end of play will be the champion, next highest points will be awarded second place

11. WEATHER /CANCELLATION POLICY

- A. The New Holstein Soccer Association (NHSA) will make every effort possible to conduct and complete the tournament. NHSA foresees no circumstances under which its tournament would be cancelled other than inclement weather so severe that play is impossible for extended periods throughout the day. One such circumstance is lightning, during which play will be suspended and will not begin again until the lightning has passed. If the tournament is cancelled, no refunds will be made.