

2016 VIRGINIA SHAMROCK SUPER CUP TOURNAMENT RULES

The Virginia Super Cup will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

Except as modified

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Tournament Headquarters will be located at Courtyard by Marriott, 470 McLaura Circle, Williamsburg, VA 29183;

Tournament Director: Susan Smith; 757-639-6859

TEAM ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Participation is open to U14-U19 Boys and Girls Travel Teams of 22 or fewer players (U9-10-11) 12 players and U12 teams may have no more than 14 players on their roster and U13 teams may have no more than 18 players on their roster registered with a National State Association affiliated with USYSA/USSF or national equivalent and must present a valid State or Provincial roster. Teams that are members of organizations of the United States Soccer Federation but not members of US Youth Soccer (such as AYSO, SAY or US Club Soccer) DO NOT have to have a US Youth Soccer Application to Travel form (although that team's organization may require that the team have permission). Such a team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials, however, along with current passes from its organization and a current team roster. Roster for the year 2015-2016.

Up to 5 carded guest players are permitted for U-9 through U-18. However, a team using guest players must have no more than

Roster Sizes:

- U9- U10 7v7 teams are limited to 12 players identified at Registration.
- U11 8v8 teams are limited to 14 players identified at Registration
- U12 8v8 teams are limited to 14 players identified at Registration
- U13 teams are limited to 18 players identified at Registration
- U14-U18 teams can have 22 players on their rosters turned in at Registration; however teams must identify 18 players before each game with the referees. Only 18 players in each game are allowed to play

REGISTRATION Team Check-in / Registration Requirements US Teams: • Original 2015/2016 Player Passes; either USYS State Association or US Club Soccer passes • Original 2015/2016 Official Roster; either USYS State Association or US Club Soccer • One Copy of Official Roster • Guest Players identified: Written on front or back of COPIES of Rosters • Player Passes for Guest Player • Individual Player Medical Release Forms • Permission to Travel Paper Work: Not Required for US Club Soccer Teams. USYS State Association teams from Region I do not need Permission to Travel Paper Work. USYS State Association teams from all other Regions need Permission to Travel Paper Work. All registration will take place on line. March 10-13, 2016.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Applied Teams Withdraw before Acceptance:

Teams withdrawing from the event before acceptances are issued via e-mail will be issued a full tournament refund. The tournament is not responsible for any hotel or additional costs incurred by the team.

Accepted Teams Withdraw after Acceptance:

Teams withdrawing from the event after being accepted will not be refunded.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine age groups if necessary.

GENERAL

All tournament matches will be played in accordance with "The Laws of the Game" as issued by FIFA except as modified in the "Tournament Rules." All decisions of the referee(s) are final and binding. There are no protests regarding the outcome of a match or sanctions.

Inclement Weather and Tournament Cancellation Policy: Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective field site, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match. Referees may suspend a match only in case of severe weather, in his/her discretion, Tournament Director(s) may cancel any and all games. In case of severe weather that occurs after the beginning of play, the Tournament Director may reduce the length of the match and may discontinue or cancel the game. Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after 20 minutes of play, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand. If a match is terminated prior to 20 minutes of play, every attempt will be made to complete the match. However, if necessary other means, determined by the tournament committee, may be used to determine a winner. Referees and field marshals will not consider beginning or continuing matches when a lightning storm exists. If games are canceled once the tournament has commenced, there will be no reimbursement. There will no refunds given if the tournament is cancelled b/c of weather. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Tournament Committee, any official sponsor, or VYSA be responsible for expenses (including tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the tournament or any game(s) is/are cancelled in whole or part.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

The tournament will use its best efforts to schedule a minimum of three (3) games for each team. However, in the event that at least three (3) games cannot be scheduled or played, there shall be no liability upon the tournament and no refund is guaranteed. It is possible because of weather or other issues (such as a late drop out by a team) that at least three (3) games cannot be played.

Home/Team Field Positions: The Home team is listed first in the schedule. Each team's players will take a position on one side of the field opposite the spectators. In the event a uniform conflict occurs the HOME team will change their colors. We request that all sideline trash on the player side and spectator side must be picked up and removed. The Home team is responsible to turn in the game report within ten minutes of the match to the main tent.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather forcing play to be halted and preventing the match from completing during the scheduled time, the score shall stand if at least one-half of the game has been played. In the case of matches halted prior to the completion of at least one-half, the Tournament Director reserves the right to declare the match final thereby counting the score at the time the match was halted. Regardless of weather conditions, teams and coaches must be at the game site and ready to play at the scheduled time. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game. As stated in the application, no refunds will occur as a result of inclement weather.

REFEREES

All referees will be USSF certified. A one-man system will be used for all U-10 and U-11 games and a three-man system will be used for U-12 and above in addition to all semi-final and final matches.

SIDELINES

Coaches and **players** will **share** the **same side** of the field as designated by the field marshal. **All spectators** will take up a position on the **opposite side** of the field during the time that the match is in progress. Coaches, players and spectators for all participating teams must remain on their respective sides of the field during the time of the match. Behavior of spectators associated with the team remains the responsibility of the coach. The referee and field marshal are authorized to remove any spectator whose behavior, in their opinion, interferes with the play of the game.

No coaching shall be permitted within 18 yards of the goal line or behind the goal line. Coaches, players or spectators are not permitted to stand behind the goal line at anytime during the time the match is in progress.

Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted at any tournament side; violators will be subject to criminal prosecution.

START OF PLAY

Any U-13 through U-19 team(s) that cannot field seven (7) players at the scheduled start time of a match shall forfeit the match. Any U09 through U12 team, which cannot field five (5) players at the scheduled start time of a match, shall forfeit the match. **Any team forfeiting the match shall be declared the loser by a score of three (3) goals to none (0).**

If there is **no** referee present within ten minutes of the scheduled start time, the match shall be rescheduled unless both teams' coaches agree to proceed. If the match proceeds, the score shall stand as played. If there is only one referee present for a preliminary match (U-12 and up) at the scheduled start time, the referee present shall commence the match using volunteer line's person. Should the second/third referee arrive at the field, he should enter the match at the appropriate break in the play and volunteer linesmen shall be relieved of their duties.

It is the duty of the coaches to ensure that players report to the field **15 minutes** prior to the start time of each match for possible verification of rosters and players passes. Player passes and roster must be present at the field for the duration of every game.

The home team is responsible for providing the game ball, unless the ball is provided by the tournament.

PROTESTS

NO PROTESTS WILL BE PERMITTED.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Shoes must meet FIFA specification. All players must wear shin-guards.

Padded casts will be allowed ONLY under these conditions:

1. They are well padded in foam or other protective material AND
2. The player with the cast does not attempt to use it to an advantage or to harm other players AND
3. The referee approves the cast.
4. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

In the event of a uniform conflict, the HOME team must change (listed first on schedule).

ALL SIZE

U-12 and younger	Size 4
U-13 and older	Size 5

DURATION OF MATCHES AND FORMAT

ALL MATCHES WILL START ON TIME. The duration of halves is listed below. The interval between halves shall be five (5) minutes. The referee is the official timekeeper of the match and reserves the right to shorten the interval between halves if necessary. During the preliminary matches there will be no injury time allowed. All age groups will play with goalkeepers.

Five guest players per team will be permitted for all age groups. US Club Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYSA teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYSA player pass cards. **Players can only play for 1 team throughout the tournament.**

A. Ball Size:

- Size 5 U19 - U13
- Size 4 U12 - U10

B. Game Duration:

- U15, U16 U17, U18, U19 Halftime - 5 min 70 min.

- U14, U13 Halftime - 5 min 60 min.
- U11 & U12 (8v8) Halftime - 5 min 60 min.
- U09 & U10 (7v7) Halftime - 5 min 50 min.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Either team will have unlimited substitutions subject to the following conditions and upon approval of the referee:

- 1 Prior to a throw in by the team in possession
- 2 Prior to a goal kick by either team
- 3 Anytime approval is granted by the referee. (As in the case of injury, for injured player only.) **Note:** When this occurs, opponent may substitute a like number.
- 4 For a player who has been cautioned. **Note:** When this occurs, opponent may substitute a like number.

DIVISION STANDINGS

Division standings will be decided by the following point system:

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| 1 Win or forfeit | 3 points |
| 2 Tie | 1 point |
| 3 Loss | 0 points |

TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKERS

(Determination of wild cards first and second place winners)

Total points ties within divisions and/or brackets will be broken by the following tiebreakers in order:

1. Head to head competition during the tournament of the two tied teams. (Disregard if more than two teams are tied – **Never revert back to this tiebreaker if more than two teams are tied**).
2. Least amount of goals allowed.
3. Team with the highest goal differential. A maximum differential of three (3) goals **per match** will be counted. Positive only.
4. Most wins.
5. Total goals scored.
6. If still tied after steps 1 through 5, both teams will proceed to an available field, at a time and place directed by the Field Marshall, and take penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA tie breaker rules.

TOURNAMENT OVERTIME

All preliminary and consolation matches will remain a tie. In **semi-final** and **final** matches, if regulation play ends in a tie score, the following steps will be taken:

1. Both teams will be given a five-minute rest period before overtime periods begin.
2. The teams will play 2- five-minute periods to completion, with substitutions allowed, and changing goals after each five-minute period, with a one-minute break between periods.
3. If still tied after two overtime periods, the tie will be broken by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA tiebreaker rules.
 - 1 Only the players on the field at the end of regulation will be eligible to participate in penalty kick procedure.
 - 2 The players from each team must stay on the field of play and will meet at the center at the end of the game.
 - 3 Captains will meet for the coin toss to decide who kicks first.
 - 4 Referee decides which goal will be used.

WARNINGS & EJECTIONS

If a player is ejected from a match – red card by the referee – the player must sit out the remainder of that match, plus

his team's next tournament match. No substitution will be made for the ejection of a player during the match that the red card was issued.

Two yellow cards to the same player in the same match equal a red card and will result in immediate ejection from that match. Coaches in receipt of a red or two yellow cards in the same match are subject to the same penalties as outlined above for players. A coach ejected from a match will not be allowed in the vicinity of the field for the remainder of that match and for his team's next match.

Coaches are responsible for their players, parents and guests on the sideline. No team or club official may enter the field of play regardless of the circumstances unless that person has been given permission to enter the field of play by the referee.

Because of the seriousness of such instances, red cards issued after the end of regulation play or as a result of physical assault are subject to review by the Tournament Committee and a more strenuous penalty, which is not subject to appeal, may be employed.

PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS

In the event of a problem, or if a team has a question about the tournament, they should first check with the Site Coordinator at their respective field location. The Site Coordinator will check periodically with the Tournament Headquarters and can handle most problems. The Tournament Director will ultimately decide all issues not resolved on the field locations. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final.

REGION 1 POLICY REGARDING APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT

Teams that are members of organizations of the United States Soccer Federation but not members of US Youth Soccer (such as AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer or Super Y Leagues) DO NOT have to have a US Youth Soccer Application To Travel form (although that team's organization may require that the team have permission). An approved team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials, along with current player passes from its organization.

Region 1 has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournaments in Region 1. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region 1 teams to travel to tournaments within Region 1.

NATIONAL STATE ASSOCIATION IN REGION 1

Connecticut Jr. Soccer Assn.
Delaware Youth Soccer Assn.
Eastern New York Youth Soccer Assn.
Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Assn.
Soccer Maine
Maryland Youth Soccer Assn.
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Assn.
New Hampshire Soccer Assn.
New Jersey Youth Soccer Assn.
New York State West Youth Soccer Assn.
Pennsylvania West State Soccer Assn.
Soccer Rhode Island
Vermont Soccer Assn.
Virginia Youth Soccer Assn.
West Virginia Soccer Assn.

TEAM CONTACT

At registration, each team is required to provide local contact information, such as the name of the hotel where the

team is staying (if applicable) and cell phone numbers for the coach and team manager. These contacts must be available at all times during the tournament. Also at registration, you will sign for a copy of the official tournament schedule for your team. Please review this schedule as changes may have occurred since the schedule was first released.

DISCLAIMER

No requests for application fee refunds after acceptance will be considered.

Important Notes:

1. Have all player passes, official roster, and medical release forms with you at the fields during the tournament. Although only verified at check-in the tournament director reserves the right to check credentials during the event. US Club Soccer teams must have player cards and official roster and be in good standing.
2. The tournament is dedicated to the development of all the players participating, good sportsmanship, and the "good of the game". The Tournament Director may suspend, without recourse or appeal, any players, coaches, or spectators who demonstrate anything less.

Advancement in tournament play:

- a. Division with 4 teams only will play each other and winner and finalist will be determined by points - no final match.
- b. Division with 5 teams only will play each other and winner and finalist will be determined by points - no final match.
- c. Division with six teams: Each team will play two preliminary matches. At the conclusion of all preliminary round matches, all teams will be ranked in their respective divisions with the top two teams in each division advancing to semi-final matches. The third team in each bracket will play a consolation match.
- d. Divisions with eight teams (two brackets of four). Each team will play three preliminary round matches. At the conclusion of preliminary round matches, teams will be ranked in their respective brackets with the top two teams advancing to a final match.