

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
TOURNAMENT RULES/POLICIES

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COMPOSITION OF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The tournament committee shall be comprised of the chairman and six (6) or more committee members. Membership on the committee shall include a representative of each UYSA sanctioned tournament and each national qualifier (President's Cup and Utah State Cup). It is recommended that this committee meet quarterly/four times per year as follows:

1. October – Summer tournaments
2. January – Participate in UYSA AGM
3. March – Winter tournaments
4. TBD – as needed

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A subcommittee will be formed to include a representative for each of the following categories: fields, scheduling, referees, risk management, rules, registration/travel.

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DUTIES

The Tournament Committee shall have the power to approve or deny applications for UYSA to sanction proposed tournaments.

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The committee shall conduct all UYSA sponsored tournaments / national qualifiers and establish rules for the conduct of these tournaments, i.e., President's Cup, Utah State Cup, Select Team and Regional Representation.

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The chairman may request additional assistance as a chairman for specific tournaments / national qualifiers, i.e., Select Team and Regional Representation. This selection shall be made with the concurrence of the UYSA President with UYSA Board approval.

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SANCTIONING CRITERIA

The criteria for sanctioning a tournament shall be:

- A. Only sanctioned clubs, leagues or associations affiliated and in "good standing" with UYSA may be granted permission to host tournaments.
- B. The ability of the league, district, association or club to effectively conduct the requested tournament.
- C. A conflict with dates of UYSA tournaments or supported functions, i.e., select team, and regional or national events requiring individual participation which might effect the right of choice of the player, and,
- D. The conformance of the proposed tournament dates, format and rules to UYSA and USYSA rule.

- E. A completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Games* along with a copy of the rules for the tournament and application fee must be submitted to UYSA for consideration. A *Post Tournament Report* must be submitted to UYSA within forty-five (45) business days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. This report should include documentation of any incidents involving ejections or cautions, serious injuries and financial report. No host club, league, or district will be eligible to host another tournament until such report including an accounting statement has been submitted and reviewed by UYSA.

1.01 TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

1. UYSA sanctioned tournaments will be open to all FIFA, USSF, USYSA, and UYSA affiliates and members.
2. Tournaments may have multiple divisions—divisions for State Competition teams, divisions for District teams and possible division for recreation teams.

1.02 TOURNAMENT SANCTION. Summer tournaments will be subject to a yearly review and evaluation by the UYSA Tournament Committee at their October meeting each year. Winter tournaments will be subject to a yearly review and evaluation by the UYSA Tournament Committee at their March meeting each year.

1. All new and ongoing requests for tournament sanction must include the following (as per the *Application to Host* form):
 - a. \$25 Administration sanction
 - b. Date and location
 - c. Number of estimated teams
 - d. Age groups
 - e. Proposed fields
 - f. Other facilities at your disposal.
 - g. A copy of the tournament rules.
 - h. Name of Certified Referee Assigner for tournament.
 - i. Any other pertinent information that will help the UYSA Board expedite the request.
2. All requests for tournament sanction must be sent to the State Office, attention: Tournament Director, by October 1 of the season preceding the requested tournament dates.
3. Any variations from the original application must be cleared by the UYSA Tournament Committee, UYSA Executive Director or Tournament Chairman and must be submitted two weeks prior to the start of the tournament on the “Final Application for Tournament”
4. New requests for tournament sanction submitted after the October 1st deadline will require a \$200 late fee.
5. Late requests for on-going tournament sanction submitted after the October 1st deadline will require a \$500 late fee. An ongoing tournament is a tournament that has been held for more than two years.
6. No summer tournament requests will be accepted after January 1st of the tournament year. No winter tournament requests will be accepted after June 1st of the tournament year.

7. The Tournament Director must secure a certified referee assigner for the tournament who can provide sufficient referees to cover all games during the tournament. Specific questions should be communicated to the SYRA as well as tournament committee chairman. The certified referee assigner must be present (on location) during the entire tournament. The referee assigner fee as well as referee pay scale should be discussed prior to the beginning of the tournament. A referee assigner “Job Description” is recommended for each tournament.
8. The Tournament Director must submit a “*Final Application for Tournament*” at least two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
9. For information regarding the playing of unaffiliated organization teams, please refer to Bylaw 2:01:03.

1.03 SIZE OF TOURNAMENTS. The Tournament Director will indicate on the *Request to Host* application the estimated number of teams to be accepted. The Director must indicate that there are sufficient facilities and resources to accommodate the number of teams the tournament plans to accept. This should include a listing of fields, the sizes of the fields and the age groups to be played on each field.

1.04 TOURNAMENT FORMAT.

1. A minimum rest between games of not less than two hours is required.
2. Games may be shortened to accommodate time and weather conditions. Each half will be equal in time of play. This should be decided prior to the beginning of the game.
3. If a game is called because of weather conditions, it must have been played for at least half of the second half in order to be a completed game.
4. Injury time must be provided for and addressed in the tournament rules. If injury time is more than 10 minutes during a game, future game times may be adjusted to accommodate all games played that day. Detailed injury reports should be included in the final tournament report and should include name of injured player, team, DOB, description of injury and action taken.
5. If a team forfeits during the tournament, no money should be refunded and the team may be put in bad standing. Additional penalties should be addressed in the tournament rules. It is recommended that if a team forfeits one game, it forfeits all games in the tournament.
6. Each tournament must have a check-in. The following will be required at check-in:
 - a. Official roster (UYSA Affinity, official out-of-state, official AYSO or official tournament roster approved by UYSA Tournament Chairman prior to tournament). This roster does not need to be signed by organization official if from the UYSA Affinity System. Rosters are frozen at the time determined by the tournament and must be no later than the first game. This should be addressed in the tournament rules.
 - b. Player cards for all players.
 - c. Coaching cards for all coaches.
 - d. UYSA Registration forms or equivalent.
 - e. Proof of date of birth is NOT REQUIRED for players at check-in but if a player’s age is questioned, coach/team manager must be able to produce a government approved proof of date of birth prior to the beginning of the next game in which that player participates.

- f. Player / Coaching cards should be “stickered” once checked in so referees know player/coach is a legal player/coach in that tournament.

1.05 TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS. All tournament invitations / announcements should include the following information:

- a. UYSA sanction
- b. Dates of tournament
- c. Entry fee (including late fee)
- d. Entry deadline
- e. Age groups for both male and female
- f. Field locations
- g. Housing (if applicable)
- h. Refunds of fees (where applicable)

1.06 OUT-OF-STATE TEAMS.

- a. All travel papers must be presented to the Tournament Director not later than at check-in but one week prior to the first game is recommended.
- b. No team shall play without proper travel authorization to include rosters, laminated player passes and medical releases.

1.07 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.

In addition to the above rules, tournament hosting organizations requesting sanction must be prepared to meet the following requirements.

- 1. Player passes are required and must be checked. The tournament hosting organization must be in possession of approved travel papers for out-of-state teams prior to the first game of the tournament.
- 2. Up to five (5) guest players per team playing 11 v 11. For small sided games (6 v 6, 8 v 8), each tournament must designate how many guest players are allowed. Guest player forms must accompany all guest players
- 3. Medical Authorizations are required for all players. These medical authorizations must be presented to the host organization at registration and must be present at every game with coach or team representative.
- 4. A tournament center or office, centrally located and properly staffed, must be available to provide rules, provide up-to-date game scores and other pertinent information.
- 5. A UYSA banner must be displayed at the headquarters site (banner will be provided by UYSA).
- 6. In accordance with USSF Rule 1203, only USSF registered referees shall be used in all games utilizing a three-referee system in 8 v 8 and 11 v 11 games. Only one referee is required for 6 v 6 games. These officials shall be in proper uniform. A certified referee assigner must be used for referee scheduling and must be available at all times during the tournament.
- 7. Adequate restroom facilities should be available at all locations.
- 8. Concession stands may be available to provide refreshments for players and spectators at all locations.
- 9. Water and ice must be available at each site.

10. Each tournament location will have a field marshal assigned to it at all times. The field marshal will be readily available and identifiable. The field marshal shall also have a copy of the tournament rules with him/her at all times as well as a way to communicate with headquarters.
11. Medical personnel should be available at each location. If not available on site, prior arrangements must be made with local fire/paramedic services including telephone numbers (if other than 911) and ability to arrive at site within a reasonable amount of time. Police and paramedic services must be given prior notice of dates, times, and locations of the tournament.
12. The UYSA office must be notified within 48 hours of the final game of the tournament in the following cases: gross misconduct, serious injury or police involvement.

1.08 TOURNAMENT REPORT.

1. The UYSA tournament report must be filed with the UYSA Tournament Director within forty-five (45) BUSINESS DAYS after the conclusion of the tournament and shall include the following: A *UYSA FINAL TOURNAMENT REPORT* is provided and must be filled out completely.
 - a. Program (if available)
 - b. Rules of play
 - c. Invitation/announcement
 - d. Method and content of Acceptance
 - e. Financial Report (on UYSA Final Tournament Report)
 - f. Misconduct Report
 - g. List of teams participating in the tournament
 - h. Fields utilized (on UYSA Final Tournament Report)
 - i. Name of tournament sponsor(s), where applicable
 - j. List of serious injuries (report should be turned in by coaches within 48 hours of the injury)
2. Fees of \$2.00 per team for small sided games and \$5.00 per team for full sided games participating in the tournament are also due within FORTY-FIVE (45) BUSINESS DAYS after the conclusion of the tournament.
3. Failure to adhere to the tournament policies, including the late filing of tournament reports and payment of fees, will result in a \$150 fine. The hosting organizations (club and/or league) are responsible for these fines and may be placed in bad standing for failure to comply.

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