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27th Annual Michael Karlin AYSO Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup Tournament Rules

CATEGORY	RULE
1) JURISDICTION	A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 1 and FIFA Laws of the Game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY! B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day. C. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!
2) FEES	A. Entire entry fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.) OR by Region Divvy Credit Card per the link on the Region 76 Cup tournament registration website. B. Fees are: U-10 \$900 (\$500 entry fee plus \$400 referee deposit), U-12 \$950 (\$550 entry fee plus \$400 referee deposit), U-14 \$1000 (\$600 entry fee plus \$400 referee deposit).
3) ACCEPTANCE	A. Applications are due on November 25, 2025 B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of receipt of their applications. C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If a team chooses not to be on a waiting list, the application and entry fee will be returned within 48 hours of notification. D. The primary form of communication between the Tournament and applying teams will be email and the Tournament website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email and Internet access. E. Priority consideration will be given to teams that supply a full referee crew.
4) REFUNDS	A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the tournament will be issued a full refund. Teams withdrawing between 30 and 15 days before the tournament, you will be granted a refund if a replacement team can be found, less any cost to register that replacement team. If you withdraw 14 days before the start of the tournament, no refund will be granted if we determine it will be too disruptive to find a replacement team from a scheduling, financial, or organizational standpoint. B. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued. C. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the tournament. Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments actually completed versus the team's obligation.
5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION	A. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, the tournament will be held on January 3-4, 2026.. All teams will be expected to return on that date to resume the tournament. Any team not able to return will only receive a refund if a replacement team can be found. If the tournament cannot be held that weekend due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, a full refund will be given to all teams B. If the tournament is cancelled due to weather after partially completing and it cannot be rescheduled to be completed, refunds will be made to teams on a prorated basis, based on the number of actual games played.
6) PLAYERS/TEAMS	A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO, and have played in the Fall 2025 season, core or Extra programs. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements. B. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be received by the Tournament Registrar prior to the tournament. We accept changes on tournament day provided there is an RC signature on a revised roster and teams submit at least four copies so they can bring one to each field they play. C. 3 Guest Players (players from a different Region from the applying team's Region) will be allowed for each team. However, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner and the Host Team Regional Commissioner (see Guest Player Form). D. Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boys' divisions only.

	E. Division U-14 will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 22 players per team. Division U-12 will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 18 players per team. Division U-10 will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 14 players per team. F. If there are sufficient Extra teams in any division, there will be a special flight for those Extra teams in that division; if there are not enough Extra teams in a particular division to form a separate flight, there will not be a special Extra flight and those Extra teams will be placed in the regular U10, U12, and U14 tournament divisions. G. Matchups take account of information about the team provided to the tournament scheduler H. All players must play at least half of each game. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director. I. Players may play up a division (except no U8 players may participate in the tournament), but they may not play down a division. If players played up a division, at the request of the region, in the primary season (e.g. high school players) they should not be required to play up in the secondary season.
7) COACHES	A. Each team is limited to two coaches but must have two – one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach.. These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster. B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number, be a currently registered volunteer, be Safe-Haven, Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Awareness certified, and AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level. C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kids Zone behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.
8) REFEREES	A. Each team in the tournament is asked to provide a crew of 3 referees capable of officiating games at the team's age level, with at least one referee capable of officiating as a Center Referee. These referees will be assigned up to 3 games, based on their qualifications. B. All referees must be AYSO registered and trained volunteer and have completed AYSO required safety courses (Safe-Haven, SafeSport, Concussion Awareness, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest). C. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games. D. Referees for U-14 games must be Intermediate level or above for Center or AR Referees for U-12 games must be Intermediate level or above for Center; Regional or above for AR Referees for U-10 games must be Regional or above for Center or AR. E. Youth referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing. F. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the Referee Badge. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture. G. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded (see REFEREE PLAN for more details). H. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment. I. Coaches and players in the tournament will be allowed to referee, but not a game involving their own team. J. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO Rules and Regulations and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy. K. For participants who wish to provide some observations (positive and constructive) regarding one of the referees in the tournament, there will be feedback forms for this purpose at the Information Booth. The information on these forms will not be used to overturn a referee's ruling or the outcome of a game, but will be used as an opportunity to provide further education. L. AYSO youth referees are appreciated at the tournament, as long as they are not players on a team in the tournament. Youth referees will be required to have their Youth Referee Form (provided by the tournament) on them at all times while officiating at the tournament, and present to any tournament official upon request. This form must be signed by the youth referee's Referee Administrator, and be accompanied by a copy of the youth referee's Youth Volunteer Registration form. M. Each referee team will submit a single score for each team to the Field Director after each game. The referees' scoring is final and not subject to protest. Individual teams will be evaluated using a point system. Each team can earn a maximum of 100 points per game. The factors to be evaluated at each game are found in the following table: A more detailed description of the factors will be provided to coaches and referees.

	Players	Coaches	Spectators
	Total of 50 points	Total of 25 points	Total of 25 points
	Courtesy to opponents and to teammates	Cooperation with officials	Cooperation with officials
	cooperation with officials	Positive coaching and encouragement	Remaining 2 yards off the line
	appearance	line-up cards properly completed	encouragement without coaching
	N. Deductions and Cards. (1) Ten (10) points will be deducted for each yellow card infraction and fifty (50) points will be deducted for a red card infraction. (2) Red Card or Send-Off: Player must leave the field (under supervision of their parent or safe haven adult) and is suspended for the next game. (3) Yellow Card or Caution: if player receives two yellow cards in different games, player is suspended for the following game. (4) In addition, field directors have 5 discretionary points that they may deduct based on conduct at check-in and at other times before and after games. O. In accordance with the Laws of the Game, coaches and spectators are not subject to receiving cards. However, the referee may note coach and spectator conduct in awarding sportsmanship points, and may eject and send off from the area of a field a coach or assistant coach or spectator who, in the referee's opinion, is disruptive or interfering with the control of the game. The referee may suspend play until the person leaves, and can terminate the game for willful noncompliance. A written referee's report will be filed with the Tournament Director in the case of all red cards or send-offs, and a copy will be forwarded to the offending team member's Regional Commissioner and Area Director.		
9) FIELDS	A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff. B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving. C. Please observe the Facility Use Rules while attending the tournament as posted, or directed by park rangers or tournament staff.		
10) FORMAT	A. This is a pool-play tournament. B. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools. Each team will play a minimum of 4 games within their respective pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple competition flights. C. Teams with top sportsmanship points as determined by referees will be awarded Sportsmanship Cup trophies and their players will be given Sportsmanship Cup medals. Success in following AYSO philosophies, and not the number of wins or the number of goals scores, will determine the top teams in each gender/age group		
11) CHECK-IN	A. Teams must check in 60 minutes prior to their first game, and will receive Game Cards at check in. B. Each coach or team representative must provide AYSO Player Registration Forms with original ink signatures for verification by tournament officials. C. Coaches must have these Player Registration Forms with them at all times and ready for presentation to Tournament Officials. D. Late arriving players must be escorted to the check-in station by a team official along with their Player Registration Form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.		
12) FIELD MONITORS	A. There will be a tournament Field Monitor assigned to each field, and will report to the Tournament Field Director. Field Monitors will check in teams prior to each game, and present the verified game cards to the match referees. B. At the conclusion of the game, the match referees must return the completed game cards and sportsmanship scored to the Field Monitor. C. Field Monitors will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by radio or phone. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Monitor, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Monitor.		
13) GAMES	A. Pool play games will consist of 20 to 35 minute halves depending on the age division (see chart below) with a five minute half time. There will be a running clock during the match including substitutions. There will be no time added on for injuries or time wasted in qualifying rounds. Games will expect to end on time, and may be shortened if they started late. Pool play games may end in a tie.		

	B. There are no Championship games. After four games, top teams in each gender and age division in terms of sportsmanship points will be awarded a trophy and their players will be awarded medals. C. Game duration shall be as follows: Division Pool Play U-10: 20 minute half U-12: 25 minute half U-14: 30 minute half D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the game ball. The home team will be situated on the North or East side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or West side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary. E. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places. F. FORFEITS: Teams must check in at the designated Field Coordinator Station 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be will be the maximum number of Sportsmanship points for the remaining team (See STANDINGS for the points to be awarded). For U-10 division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For U-12 the minimum number is 6 players. For U14, the minimum number is 7 players. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned and a forfeit will be declared. G. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Tournament Committee may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions; and may distribute awards according to games played and points. The Tournament Committee will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.). H. ABANDONED GAMES: if any pool play games cannot be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament, the final sportsmanship scores will be determined by the Tournament Director or designee. Note. This does not apply to games which were shortened due to late a late start. Only the Tournament Director or designee can declare a game to be abandoned or not played. I. There will be a running clock during all pool play games. There will be no time added on for injuries or time wasted during substitutions. Each coach is urged to have their team ready at the start of each half and to conduct substitutions in as expedient a manner as possible.
14) SUBSTITUTIONS	A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions U-10 through U-14, and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee. B. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made for injured players; however, they may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission).
15) STANDINGS	A. Teams will earn Sportsmanship points for the conduct of their players, coaches, and spectators. Sportsmanship points will be awarded by the referees of each game. Sportsmanship points will be totaled for each team and the winner will be determined after the 4th game. The medals will be given if possible before teams leave their last field of play; and if that is not possible logistics wise, then coaches will be notified by the Tournament Director who will make arrangements to ship the medals to the coach. B. Standings will not be posted. This is a Sportsmanship Cup where winning is de-emphasized and sportsmanship and good conduct are emphasized for all participating.
16) ADVANCEMENTS	A. There are no playoffs or medal-round games. All four games count toward collecting Sportsmanship Points.
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18) AWARDS	A. Medals will be presented to coaches and players from the top teams in terms of Sportsmanship Points in each gender and age division. B. A tournament pin will be presented to each player and coach.
19) CONDUCT	A. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team, and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain behind the control line and between the 18-yard lines (penalty areas in small fields). Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from halfway line). B. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will indicate on the reverse of the game cards any point deductions for poor sportsmanship. Point deductions will be used as tie-breakers should that become necessary. Referees

	will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators. C. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of his/her parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the next game. In the alternative, the player may stay on the sideline under the supervision of the coach. There will be penalty point deductions for all send-offs. D. Any violent conduct red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament. E. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, that coach will be barred from further participation in the tournament. F. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner. G. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner. H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.
20) MEDICAL/FIRST AID	A. There will be a First Aid station at the main tent where participants may receive ice, etc. for minor injuries. B. There will be a roving first aid response staff member to respond to injuries on the field. Field Monitors will communicate via telephone to call the first aid staffer to the field where first aid is requested. C. If an injury is serious, the first aid staff or Safety Director will call 911 for emergency response. D. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the First Aid station.
21) UNIFORMS/SAFETY	A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only according to the National Rules & Regulations, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey, AYSO logo is recommended but not required.) B. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper. C. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not. D. Not allowed: jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair. No player will be allowed to participate with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation. E. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.
22) PROTESTS	A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons: • An ineligible player has played. • One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, have not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee). B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game. C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL! D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for nor subject to protest or dispute!
23) RULES INTERPRETATION	The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.