

2019 Lander Soccer Tournament

Tournament Rules, September 14 & 15, 2019

Location: The Tournament will be held in Lander, WY. Games will be played at various locations throughout the community.

Tournament Check-In: Teams will be permitted to check-in online. Onsite check-in will be available. Location to be posted at a later date.

Required Documents:

- Medical Releases for every player.
- Electronic copy of current year official roster from state affiliate.
- Current year player passes for every player from state affiliate.
- State permission to travel paper from state affiliate for non-Region IV teams.
- Guest player permission from state affiliate.

All games will be played under FIFA rules modified by the USYSA/WSA for youth competition. Each team will play a minimum of three games.

Rules regarding conduct of spectators, coaches, and players will be in accordance with FIFA rules and regulations and outlined below.

Bracketing:

All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) matches. There will be white and green divisions where the number of participating team permits such format. Brackets will be populated based on past performance, age of players and other factors in order to create a competitive bracket and is at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine age groups as necessary. The tournament is not responsible for registration forms filled out incorrectly.

Eligible Players:

No player can play on more than one (1) team at any point during this tournament.

Any team playing an illegal, ineligible, or non-rostered player will forfeit that game or games, and will no longer be eligible to participate in the tournament final game.

Guest players must register as a guest through GotSoccer or be written in at the bottom of the roster. A player may only play for one (1) team during the tournament.

Age Determination: The players playing age is determined by the USYSA guidelines.

Game Duration:

Age Group	Game Length	Ball size	Players on the Field	Max Guest players
8U	2- 20 minute halves	#3	4	3
10U	2- 25 minute halves	#4	7	3
12U	2-30 minute halves	#4	9	4
14U	2-35 minute halves	#5	11	5
15U	2-40 minute halves	#5	11	5
High School	2-40 minute halves	#5	11	5

Games for 14U, 15U and High School age groups may be shortened to no less than 2 -30 minute halves. Based on number of teams that register for each division and daylight hours.

Modified Rules**8U Division**

1. No heading the ball. Intentional heading will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
2. All free kicks are indirect, including kickoff, goal kicks and corner kicks.
3. Goal kicks will be taken anywhere inside of the goal area.
4. During goal kicks the opposing team must retreat and remain on their defending half until the goal kick has been played by a second player or until the ball has crossed over the half line. Infractions of this rule will result in retaking the goal kick.
5. Any player may play the ball at any location on the field.
6. No goalkeepers. Handling in the goal area is an indirect free kick on the line of the goal area.

10U Division

1. No heading the ball.
 - a. Intentional heading will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
2. Kick Off, Corners and throw-ins are taken like normal.
3. When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play
4. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed)
5. After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.
6. The opposing team must also move behind the build out line prior to a goal kick and may only cross the build out line once the ball has left the penalty area
7. If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
8. If the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
9. The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called.
10. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line.
11. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.

Withdrawn Teams

No teams will be scheduled until payment is received. If a team withdraws after the schedule is published, no money will be refunded.

Financial Responsibility

The tournament officials or any member of the tournament board or sponsor will not assume any financial responsibility or liability for any injuries or illnesses occurring during and/or while traveling to or from the Lander Soccer tournament. The individual team assumes all financial responsibility and liability.

Forfeits

Teams failing to be previously check-in with the Field Reps at their designated fields five (5) minutes after their scheduled kick-off time will forfeit the game. Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players present for 14U-16U, five (5) for 10U-12U, and three (3) for 8U. Forfeiture shall result in the awarding of eight (8) points to the non-forfeiting team.

Referees

The tournament will employ a USSF certified referee assignor. USSF certified referees will be employed for the duration of the event, and USSF referee rules, policies and procedures will be followed.

Abandonment

The results of any game terminated as a consequence of abandonment, defined as misconduct by players, coaches, and/or spectators as called by the referee, shall be based on the score at the time of abandonment. However, at no time shall the non-abandoning team be awarded less than eight (8) points. The abandoning team shall have two (2) points deducted from its point total.

Inclement Weather

The tournament director or designee reserves the right to not allow a game to be played in inclement weather if there is a possibility of injury to players or damage to the playing surface. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee has authority to:

- Relocate or reschedule
- Change the duration of any non- championship games
- Cancel the match
- Change the division structure

If, because of inclement weather or for other reasons, play is halted and the match cannot be finished during the scheduled time, the scores shall stand if at least half of the match was completed.

If a championship match is suspended for any reason, play will resume at a time, date. And location so designated by the tournament director.

Home/ Visiting Teams

Team Jerseys: The home jersey should be light-colored, visiting team wears dark. Home team will change colors if there is a color conflict. Home team is listed first in the program.

Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions by either team may be made, with the permission of the referee at the following time:

- Prior to any throw in

- Prior to any goal kick
- After a goal is scored by either team
- Injury if play is stopped, one for one

Coaching

No excessive coaching from the sidelines will be allowed. Coaches must stay in the technical area. The coach is responsible for all spectators. Warning may be issued by coached for unruly spectators and coaches can be ejected from the game. Unruly spectators will be asked to leave the premises. Failure to comply may cause a team to forfeit the game.

Scoring: Scoring will be based on a 10 point system. There will be no overtime or tie breakers in the flight rounds.

Teams shall be awarded points for games as follows:

Win	6 points
Forfeit	8 points
Tied	3 points
Loss	0 points
Shut out	1 point for holding the other team scoreless

One (1) point for each goal scored, up to a maximum of three (3) for each team, regardless of whether the team wins, loses, or ties.

Any **red card** infraction will result in the loss of 3 points from the team's standing.

Standings

If ties when all games in flight play are complete, standings will be determined as follows:

1. Winner of any head to head game (disregard if more than 2 teams tied)
2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed- max of 3 per game)
3. Most goals scored (Max of 3 per game)
4. Least goals allowed (no Max)
5. Shutout wins (forfeits not counting)
6. FIFA kicks from the penalty mark

Sportsmanship

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited by players, coaches, or spectators, will be reported by the referees to the tournament committee. Spectators displaying unsportsmanlike conduct may earn a red or yellow card for the coach of the team they are supporting.
2. A player receiving a red card or two yellow cards in one game shall be expelled from the game and cannot be replaced. Furthermore, this player is automatically disqualified from participating in their teams next scheduled tournament game.
3. A coach that gets ejected from a game shall be expelled from the game, must leave the field of play to the satisfaction of the referee, and is automatically disqualified from coaching their team at any time during the next scheduled tournament game.
4. **4. In the event that a player or coach is ejected (red carded) from a game for fighting, the player or coach will not be permitted to play or coach in any other game in the tournament.** Furthermore, any player coach, or spectator who physically strikes a referee will be ejected

from the tournament, the State Organization will be contacted for disciplinary action and law enforcement officials may be notified.

5. Any player or coach receiving a red card or two yellow cards in one game, who then plays or coaches in the teams next tournament game will cause their team to automatically forfeit the game and the game shall be scored as if a forfeit had occurred.

Sideline Policy

The home team had first choice as to where it wishes to locate its bench area. Coaches and substitutes are required to remain within their bench area during the game. Parents and spectators should be on the opposite side of the field from the benches. Spectators are not allowed to observe the game from behind the goal line.

Protest

No protest or appeals will be accepted or considered. The decision of the referee is final.

General Policies

1. The tournament committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament that may not be addressed in these guidelines and its decision will be final.
2. The referee tent or referee gathering area is off limits to players, coaches, and spectators, unless accompanied by a tournament official or representative or to retrieve a player pass. No harassment or verbal abuse will be tolerated.
3. The Tournament retains the right to eject any coach, player or spectator during the tournament that does not obey or respect requests or rulings of the referee.

Awards

First and Second place teams will be awarded in all age divisions. Awards will be based on the maximum roster size allowed in each group as approved in the application to host documentation.