

2012 NOSO CUP TOURNAMENT RULES

I. TOURNAMENT NAME

NOSO Cup 2012

II. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Tournament Headquarters is located at:

Barton/Bradley Soccer Fields

30661 Bradley Road

North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.

The contact person is:

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Cell 440-476-5632

III. REGISTRATION AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All teams and players must be registered with their state and national association.

Each team must be registered as a club, interclub or intra-club team that plays together as a unit.

Each player must have a Player Pass or I.D. Card that clearly displays his/her name, date of birth and a recent photograph.

Each team may add up to four guest players for the tournament. The guest players must meet the eligibility requirements listed above and if not a member of a US Youth Soccer team must obtain a guarantee from US Club that they will provide medical and liability insurance on the players, coaches and spectators.

Guest players must be from the same USSF affiliate as the team to which they are requesting to guest play with.

All required documentation including player passes, parental permission forms, team rosters and travel permission forms should be brought to registration:

Radisson Inn Cleveland Airport

25070 Country Club Blvd.

North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

The registration will be from 5:00 until 8:00 pm on Friday, June 29th.

1. Manager/Coach will be provided wristbands for entire team at registration
 - a. One wristband issued for each rostered player with valid player pass
 - b. Players put wristbands on prior to the first game
 - c. Wristband needs to display team name and age group for each game
 - d. No wristband and the player is considered ineligible
 - e. **Do not remove wristband until tournament ends**
 - f. No additional check-in will be required at individual games
2. Teams that do not register Friday night will be checked in prior to the first game at the scheduled field

REPLACEMENT WRIST BANDS

1. Report to tournament headquarters at Barton Bradley or check-in tent at North Olmsted Park, High School, or Porter Fields
2. Present player pass to tournament official
3. Tournament official will provide a wristband with age group filled in.

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IV. PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

Age Groups Accepted: U19 (8/1/1992); U18 (8/1/1993); U17 (8/1/1994); U16(8/1/1995); U15 (8/1/1996); U14 (8/1/1997); U13 (8/1/1998); U12 (8/1/1999); U11 (8/1/2000); U10 (8/1/2001); U9 (8/1/2002); U8 (8/1/2003)

Separate male and female teams in each age group are eligible to participate.

The maximum roster size for U8 is 10; U9 and U10 is 12; and for U11 and U12 the maximum roster size is 14. U13 through U15/16 have a roster size of 18. U17/18 and U19 have a maximum roster size of 22. **Note: Only 18 players are eligible for any match.** Four guest players are allowed for each age group. Guest players must be members of the USSF affiliation to which the team they are playing on is a member. Guest players may not play on more than one team in an age group. Scheduling will not be customized to accommodate players registered on more than one team.

V. TEAMS

The top team in the bracket is the home team. Both teams will bring two sets of uniforms to each game, however if the referee determines there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change.

VI. LAWS OF THE GAME

The tournament will be played under the laws of FIFA unless stated otherwise. The U11 AND U12 games will be 8v8. U10, U9 and U8 games will be 6v6. There will be no offsides for U10, U9 and U8.

VII. EQUIPMENT

Size 5 balls will be used for ages groups U13 through U19. U8 through U12 will use size 4 balls. The tournament will provide game balls.

A player may not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to ones self or another player (including any kind of jewelry).

Shin guards are required of all players (no exceptions).

Hard and soft casts may be permitted by the referee if the referee determines the casts to be sufficiently padded.

VIII. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be allowed with permission of the referee:

- a. after a goal by either team;
- b. at half time;
- c. at the referee's discretion after an injury;
- d. prior to a throw-in, in your favor;
- e. prior to a goal kick.

In any U17 or older age group which includes more than one foreign team, FIFA limited substitution rules will apply.

IX. FORFEIT

A team that cannot field 7 players within five minutes after a match is scheduled to begin shall forfeit the match. Three points will be awarded to the opponent and the score will be recorded as the greatest differential allowed in the bracket. For example, if the greatest differential in any group game is a five goal margin the team that gains the forfeit will be credited with five goals for the purpose of determining goal difference. In the U11 and U12 age groups, which are 8v8, a team that cannot field five players within five minutes after a match is scheduled to begin shall forfeit the match. In the U10 age group which is 6v6 a team that cannot field four players shall forfeit the match. There will be no forfeits in the U8 and U9 age groups since the scores will not be recorded. A team that forfeits a game will not be permitted to advance to the knock out stages of the competition.

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X. EJECTIONS

If for any reason a player or coach is ejected from any game for receiving one red card or two yellow cards, that player or coach will lose his/her eligibility to further participate in that game. In addition, they will lose the right to participate in the next game and could be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, depending on the gravity of the offense. The Tournament Committee's decision is final. There will be no penalty for yellow card accumulation during preliminary rounds.

XI. PROTESTS

There will be no protests of referee decisions. All decisions of the referee are final and binding. Protests of a technical nature must be written and given to the NOSO Cup information center at the Barton/Bradley soccer fields no later than ninety minutes after the match. The protest will be decided by a committee consisting of the tournament directors and assistant tournament directors.

XII. TEAM FIELD POSITIONS

Coaches and players will be required to stand on the same side of the field during competition and spectators will be on the opposite side.

XIII. DURATION OF GAMES

Age Groups U15/16, U17/18, and U19 will play two 35 minute halves. Age Groups U13 and U14 will play two 30 minute halves. U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12 will play two 25 minute halves. Games that are tied at the end of regulation time will end as a tie in the qualifying round. Semi-Final and Final games will continue with two 5 minute overtime periods that will be played to conclusion. If no winner emerges from the overtime periods, FIFA penalty kicks will be taken until a winner is determined.

XIV. QUALIFYING ROUND

Standings will be determined by points. Three points will be awarded for each victory; one point for each tie. The top two teams in each age group classification will advance to the championship round

XV. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

If after the conclusion of the group matches, the point system has not been decisive, the results of the match between teams with equal points will apply (this is also called head to head competition). If this procedure is not decisive, goal difference shall apply. If goal difference is equal, the team that has scored the highest number of goals shall qualify. Failure to reach a decision according to the above will result in FIFA penalty kicks.

XVI. SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

The tournament committee will use advanced lightning and storm detection equipment at the Barton/Bradley headquarters to aid the officials in deciding whether to suspend play. If the decision is made to suspend play, games will be halted at all tournament sites.

XVII. GAMES HALTED BY WEATHER

Any game halted by the referee because of weather after more than 20 minutes have been played will be considered an official game. If fewer than 20 minutes have been played before the game has been halted, the game will be recorded as a 1-1 tie, even if it never formally started.

XVIII. AWARDS

Team award will be given to the winner in Cup and Trophy Flights, and individual awards to finalists in Cup and Trophy Flights in all age groups except U8 and U9 where awards will not be given.

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XIX. REFUNDS

No refunds after acceptance except to Region I qualifiers. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine tournament classifications and age brackets should the number of teams participating warrant such a decision.

XX. CANCELLATION

If the tournament is cancelled a full refund will be granted to the teams that have applied. If weather conditions or the state of the fields make it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, it is up to the tournament committee to make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. Fees are non-refundable after the tournament has begun.