

# AYSO Meltdown *Friendly* 2017 Tournament Rules

## I. Tournament Name and Location

AYSO Meltdown Friendly Tournament. All games played at Bernalillo Soccer Complex.

## II. Date

February 11-12, 2017

## III. Format

The tournament is designed to provide a minimum of 4 games for each team in the U09 to U19 age groups. AYSO and non-AYSO teams are welcome.

At the conclusion of each FIRST game there will be practice "Kicks from the Penalty Mark". This is to not determine a winner/loser, but will be for fun and practice for each team. Note: If there are odd teams in a bracket... some teams may do this twice.

## IV. Registration

- a. The registration deadline is January 20, 2017. Applications received after this date may be considered, provided space exists. Teams with certified referees will receive priority.
- b. Registration is considered complete when all required forms are filled out and entered in on the on-line registration and all required fees are received by the tournament registrar (or entered on-line).
- c. Teams selected for participation will be notified by e-mail within 2 weeks of the tournament of their acceptance.
- d. The registration fee for all teams is:  
\$125.00 + \$100.00 (\*refundable referee deposit) = \$225.00

This deposit is returned to a team based on their referee participation (Centering and/or AR games) – see section XVI – Referee Reimbursement Program. The "deposit" is to encourage teams to bring referee's as AYSO cannot "pay" referee's.

Any AYSO team must submit their fee on a Regional Check.

- e. Any team not selected for participation will receive a full refund immediately.
- f. Brackets and Age Groups
  - i. There will be separate single age divisions for Boys and Girls starting at U09 through U19. However, some age divisions may be combined for scheduling and/or team numbers
  - ii. Age groups will be based on Birth Year (01/01/yyyy – 12/31/yyyy)

1. Players may ONLY play up one age group (exception U15 and above)
  2. Please see the chart in Appendix A for age/year breakdowns
  3. As this tournament is open to AYSO "Recreational" teams and they have not moved to the "Birth Year" age definition, any AYSO "Recreational" teams will continue with their age definitions and be allowed to play in the tournament. See Appendix B for their age definition chart.
- iii. U08 Players may play in the tournament ONLY IF:
1. They have played on that team during their Fall Primary Season and that team is U09 (or older). Also, over half of that team must consist of players that are true U09
- g. Roster Limits (rostered players and guest players):
- U09/10 will be limited to 11 players and 4 coaches with coach's cards
  - U11/12 will be limited to 14 players and 4 coaches with coach's cards
  - U13+ will be limited to 18 players and 4 coaches with coach's cards
- h. All registered teams must attend a mandatory check in on Friday, February 10th from 6:00 – 9:00PM at a location yet to be determined.
- At that time all teams must provide:
- Pass cards for each player and coach (\*)
  - And be in possession of Medical Releases

(\*) AYSO Primary / Core teams (including "Extra") may use the AYSO registration paperwork in lieu of pass cards. However, they must fill out 4 line up cards for the check in process.

Additionally, the team must provide a photo copy or original signed roster (AYSO teams must submit a roster generated by eAYSO), applicable guest player forms, and travel papers (if traveling from out of state) – if applicable.

Up to 4 Guest players from different Team(s), Regions, or Organizations will be allowed for each team. Guest Players are required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner/Organization President and the Host Team Regional Commissioner/Organization President (see Guest Player Form). Use of guest players may not exceed the above roster limits.

## V. Player Eligibility

- a. All players affiliated with AYSO teams must be registered with AYSO, and must have played in a just completed or current regular season. Players on non-AYSO affiliated teams must be currently registered, and have fulfilled all playing obligations required by their league.
- b. All teams not sanctioned by AYSO or NMYSA must provide proof of liability insurance and accident reimbursement equal to or better than that provided by AYSO to its players.
- c. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that each player on the roster is eligible.
- d. The Regional Commissioner or equivalent league official must sign the roster form to affirm that all listed players meet the eligibility criteria.
- e. Player pass cards will be required, and must be presented at team check-in. AYSO Primary / Core teams (including "Extra") may use the AYSO registration paperwork in lieu of pass cards.

- f. Open to all U09 and up AYSO teams nationally, and all non-AYSO team U09 and up.
- g. Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boy's divisions only

## **VI. Scheduling**

- a. All teams will be guaranteed four (4) games.
- b. No team will be required to play consecutive games.
- c. Schedules will be available by week prior to the tournament.
- d. In the event of unusual conditions requiring rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the Tournament Director will have the sole authority to make such changes in the best interests of the Tournament.
- e. Games which are discontinued due to weather will be rescheduled, if possible, for completion.
- f. Refund Policy.
  - i. In the event that the entire tournament must be canceled due to weather, or other uncontrollable events, teams will receive a full refund.
  - ii. Teams that withdraw prior to the application deadline will receive a full refund.
  - iii. Teams that withdraw after the application deadline will receive full refund only if a replacement team is found.
  - iv. No other refunds will be given.

## **VII. Game Conduct**

- a. Referees shall at all times follow the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game
- b. Consistent with the US Soccer mandates on heading the ball, heading is banned for all division players U11 and below. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team if a player age 10 or younger, deliberately touches the ball with his/her head during a game. Please note that if a bracket is formed with U11 and U12 teams, no heading of the ball will be allowed in that bracket for the entirety of the tournament.

## **VIII. Competition**

- a. Players on the field:
  - Games for U13-U19 will be 11-a-side
  - Games for U11-U12 will be 9-a-side
  - Games for U09-U10 will be 7-a-side.
- b. Coaches shall not enter the field of play, unless requested by the referee. Only coaches and players will be allowed in the technical area.
- c. All games shall start on time. If a team is not ready to start a game within 5 minutes after the scheduled time, the game may be shortened in order to maintain the schedule.
- d. Minimum Players to constitute a team:
  - Seven (7)      players for U13 - U19
  - Six (6)        players for U11 - U12
  - Five (5)        players for U09 - U10

- A scheduled game shall not commence nor be continued if one or both teams cannot field the minimum number of eligible players.
- e. The following point structure will be in effect: (None)... this is a Friendly
  - f. There are no overtime periods.
  - g. The first game of each team will end by having "Kicks from the Penalty Mark"
    - i. The same rules apply to this as if this was a competitive tournament... championship game\*
    - ii. Only players on the field at the end of the game may participate
    - iii. A TOTAL of five (5) kids per team will be played (no matter the score) – alternating per team

(\* ) One variation will apply... a team can substitute one keeper during the Kicks from the Penalty Mark
  - h. Players "sent off" (issued a Red Card) from any game will not be permitted to play in the following game. Coaches requested to leave a game by the referee cannot be present at or coach their team's next game. Not present means not within 100 yards of the game field. All players under the age of 18 will be escorted off the field by a parent, guardian, or Safe Haven Trained Volunteer. If a parent or guardian is not present, the player will stay on the sidelines with the Safe Haven Trained Volunteer (away from the team) until a parent or guardian shows up or until the end of the game (at which time the player will be given over to the coach).
  - i. Game durations:
    - U09/U10 will play 2 20-minute halves (total of 40 minute game)
    - U11/U12 will play 2 22-minute halves (total of 44 minute game)
    - U13/U14 will play 2 25-minute halves (total of 50 minute game)
    - U15-U19 will play 2 30-minute halves (total of 60 minute game)
  - j. All games will be played following the rules given in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. Thus, all players on the team roster and in attendance at each games must play at least one half of each game.
  - k. Monitored Free substitutions are allowed for ALL age groups. Teams may substitute players, with the referee's permission, at any of the following stoppage of play: kick offs (to start game, start second half, or after a goal), goal kicks, corner kicks, or any throw-in. A substitution may only be called when a team's players are ready and at the center line.
  - l. The referee must be notified of all substitutions.
  - m. Substitution for injury is as follows:
    - i. If a player is injured, the coach may provide a substitute for the player. The other team may substitute one-for-one at that time also.
    - ii. The coach may choose to play 'short', thereby allowing the injured player to return with the permission of the referee.
    - iii. The injured player must be recognized by the referee to legally return to the game.
  - n. A Player that are cautioned (shown a yellow card), may, at the discretion of coach, be substituted. The other team may substitute one-for-one at that time also.

## IX. Officiating

- a. Referees shall at all times follow the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game.

- b. Referees shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate the game in a manner conducive to fair competition and good sportsmanship.
- c. If a player is injured, the referee, at his or her discretion, may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player even if the ball has not gone out of play.
- d. USSF Referees must cross-certify with AYSO and be Safe Haven Certified

## **X. Duties and Responsibilities of Coaches and Officials**

- a. Each **AYSO** Coach must have:

- A current season volunteer form on file with the NSTC
  - Provide their AYSO Identification Number
  - Be Safe-Haven certified

Both Head Coach and Assistant Coach must have Certifications as follows:

U09-10	U10 Certification or higher
U11-12	U12 Certification or higher
U13-14	Intermediate Certification or higher
U15+	Advanced Certification or higher

- b. All coaches and officials must remember that they are important role models for the players.

It shall be the duty of each coach and official to:

- i. Conduct himself / herself in a manner promoting good sportsmanship.
  - ii. At all times encourage clean competition and fair play.
  - iii. Uphold the Tournament Rules.
  - iv. Participate in positive coaching.
  - v. Present a healthy athletic environment for players. Coaches, officials and spectators must not consume alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products during games or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields.
- c. Sideline coaching is limited to four coaches from each team. They shall be limited to technical area that extends 10 yards on either side of the half-way line.
- d. Negative comments and complaints about refereeing are not permitted.

## **XI. Field of Play**

- a. Dimensions, marking, goal area, penalty area, corner area, and goals will be at the discretion of the Tournament committee. All efforts to conform to FIFA Laws will be made.

## **XII. Teams**

- a. A player may not play on more than one entered team.
- b. Teams discovered to have ineligible player(s) shall be disqualified from further competition.
- c. The Home Team is that which is listed first in the schedule.

- d. The Home Team shall change jerseys when there is a color conflict in uniforms. The Home Team should have some pennies available if they do not have a jersey change.

### **XIII. Player Safety**

- a. All Players must wear shin-guards in all tournament games.
- b. Players shall not be allowed to participate in any game with any type of cast or splint.
- c. It is recommended that all players wear soccer shoes, tennis shoes, or similar type athletic shoe. Players may not wear metal cleats. Cleats that have toe cleats must be inspected by the referee to ensure they are safe to play in – some cleat configurations wrap the cleats across the toe, however, toe cleats like the ones found on baseball cleats are not allowed.
- d. Players shall not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player.
- e. Players shall not wear jewelry of any kind.
- f. Any player with a medical alert necklace or bracelet may wear it in competition if secured to the body with clear medical tape.

### **XIV. Medical Emergencies**

- a. The tournament will provide at the very minimum one individual stationed at the tournament operations tent.
- b. The Tournament Safety Director will be responsible for ensuring that there is coverage at the tent at all times.
- c. In the case of a medical emergency, the Tournament Safety Director will coordinate communications with local emergency services as needed
- d. Local emergency services will be notified of the date and times of the tournament in accordance with AYSO National Policy
- e. 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. 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.

### **XV. Referee Reimbursement Program**

- a) Each Region (AYSO) or team (non-AYSO) will receive a refund of part of the referee deposit fee according to the following schedule:
  - i. For each game centered by an accredited referee in uniform: \$25.00.
  - ii. For each game completed by a trained assistant referee in uniform: \$12.50.
- b. The refund is limited to \$100.00 per team. The total refund for each team for the entire tournament is \$100.00 -- the amount deposited.
- c. Only AYSO accredited referees (or AYSO cross trained USSF Referee's) will be permitted to center games.
- d. The tournament referee administrator will make all decisions on game assignments.
- e. To receive credit, the referee and assistant referees must sign the game report card, and legibly print their name and the name of the team that is to receive credit. This card must be returned to Referee Tent at the end of the game.
  - i. NOTE: "Club Lines" (parents asked to help on the sidelines to call balls in and out) will not be counted toward refund

# Appendix A

## Team Playing Age Chart

Tournament Age Chart (Birth Year)				
2016 - 2017 Soccer Season				
Team Age	Allowed on Team			
Age	Year	Grade	Year	Grade
U09	2008	3rd/2nd	2009	2nd/1st
U10	2007	4th/3rd	2008	3rd/2nd
U11	2006	5th/4th	2007	4th/3rd
U12	2005	6th/5th	2006	5th/4th
U13	2004	7th/6th	2005	6th/5th
U14	2003	8th/7th	2004	7th/6th
U15	2002	9th/8th	2003	8th/7th
U16	2001	10th/9th	2002	9th/8th
U17	2000	11th/10th	2001 - 2002	10th/9th
U18	1999	12th/11th	2000 - 2002	11th/10th
U19	1998	?/12th	1999 - 2002	12th/11th

# Appendix B

## Academic Age Chart for Recreational Teams

Tournament Age Chart (Academic Year)			
2016 - 2017 Soccer Season			
AYSO Recreational Teams			
Age	From	Thru	May play on Team
U08	08/01/2008	07/31/2009	No U08 Teams
U09	08/01/2007	07/31/2008	U08 (see rules)
U10	08/01/2006	07/31/2007	U09; U08 (see rules)
U11	08/01/2005	07/31/2006	U10; U09
U12	08/01/2004	07/31/2005	U11; U10
U13	08/01/2003	07/31/2004	U12; U11
U14	08/01/2002	07/31/2003	U13; U12
U15	08/01/2001	07/31/2002	U14; U13
U16	08/01/2000	07/31/2001	U15; U14
U19	08/01/1997	07/31/2000	U18; U17; U16; U15