



## **2018 Autumn Cup, Presented by TRIA Tournament Rules**

October 12-14, 2018

Eagan & Eden Prairie, MN

### **Background**

The Autumn Cup is the culminating event for Autumn 2018 teams at 9U-14U. All participating teams must have participated in the 2018 Autumn League. 9U & 10U will play a one-day festival format, while 11U-14U will play a “Cup” format.

### **Team Eligibility**

All teams must have participated in the Autumn 2018 league season.

### **Club Pass**

Per TCSL & US Club Soccer values, the use of the club pass is allowed in this event. Any age-eligible player from a team’s club may participate. A player may play for more than one team in the Cup, as long as the club pass is used for developmental reasons, rather than for the purpose of winning games nor for the purpose of maximizing number of

games. Players should not play more than two games in one day. All teams and clubs are expected to be honest and transparent with the use of the club pass.

## **Age & Division Categories**

Teams register at their appropriate age and level as per the Autumn 2018 season.

*The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the team's selected divisions in order to balance the competitiveness of certain divisions, based on the teams entered, and may use Summer league results as a vehicle for making decisions.*

## **Format**

The competition format will be dependent on the number of entries per age and level category. Tournament authorities reserve the right to combine age brackets should the number of teams participating warrant such a move.

In general, 11U-14U teams will be seeded according to their respective results in the Autumn 2018 league season. In certain cases, the Tournament Director reserves the right to modify seedings in an effort to ensure that brackets are competitive and that TCSL values are recognized.

All 9U & 10U matches will commence and conclude on one day, either October 13 (Boys) or October 14 (Girls).

11U-14U matches will commence on October 12, 2018 & conclude on October 14, 2018, with the majority of the matches.

## **Check-In**

There is not formal check-in for this event. Teams are responsible for presenting at each match:

- US Club Soccer-issued player passes

Team managers are responsible for having on file medical release forms.

A code of conduct form will be required to be signed prior to the event. This will be done electronically.

## Match Procedures

All matches, including playoffs and championships, will be played as follows. All matches are full-length.

Age Group	Length	Ball Size
9U & 10U (7v7)	2x 20 min halves	4
11U/12U (9v9)	2x 30 min halves	4
13U/14U (11v11)	2x 35 min halves	5

- All matches shall use a TCSL-supplied Nike match ball, pending availability. Referees shall be responsible for ensuring that the ball is supplied to the next referee on that field, if it is not him/her self.
- Teams shall warm up in an adjoining area by the field and should be prepared to start their matches on time.
- Minimum number of players to begin a match: 11v11 (7); 9v9 (6)
- In case of a team not having the minimum number of players to field a team or a “no show” by opponent: the game may NOT be called and declared a forfeit by referee. Referee must consult with assignor and Tournament Director. The Tournament Director is the ONLY official that has authority to declare a forfeit.

## Overtime Periods

If a winner is needed, two (2) five (5) minute overtime periods shall be played, in their duration (no “Golden Goal”). If the match remains tied, kicks from the penalty mark shall decide the outcome.

## Exceptions/Modifications to FIFA Laws

- 1) Substitutes are to enter the game at the centerline on the bench side of the field.
- 2) 9U & 10U: all free kicks indirect; substitutions may occur on any stoppage.
- 3) 11U-12U: substitutions may occur at any stoppage.
- 4) 13U-14U: substitutions may occur at own throw-in (or if opposition is also substituting); after a goal is scored; at half-time; at a goal kick.

## **Point Calculations**

In cases where group play is used: teams are awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss.

Tiebreaking criteria is as follows (in order):

- Total number of points
- Head-to-head results
- Goal differential (subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored)
- Fewer misconduct (yellow & red cards combined)
- Most goals scored (up to 4 per game)
- Least goals allowed
- Kicks from the Penalty Mark, per FIFA guidelines

## **USSF Mandates**

Twin Cities Soccer Leagues follows all U.S. Soccer mandates.

- Heading is not permitted at 11U and shall be penalized with an indirect free kick to the opposing team
- Build out lines are present at 9U & 10U.

## **Ejections**

If, for any reason, a player or coach is ejected from any match (receiving one [1] red card or two [2] yellow cards) the same player or coach will lose his/her eligibility to further participate in this match. In addition, they will lose the right to participate in the next scheduled match. Furthermore, they may lose the right for further participation in the entire tournament depending on the gravity of the offense. The tournament disciplinary committee's decision is FINAL. Foul and abusive language is cause for ejection.

## **Protests**

No protests will be heard. All decisions by the Tournament Director is final.

## **Inclement Weather or Extraordinary Circumstances**

In the event of extraordinary weather conditions or field circumstances, the Tournament Director shall have the authority to change the format as follows. In cases of inclement weather, teams are to retreat to a safe area.

- 1) Reduce the scheduled duration of any yet to be played games
- 2) Cancel any preliminary game(s) having no bearing on flight winner selection

- 3) Games called off in the first half, because of weather conditions, will be decided as follows:
  - a) The team up by two goals or more shall be awarded a win
  - b) Score difference of one goal or less will be recorded as a tie
- 2) Games called off during the second half are confirmed complete and will be scored according to the score at the time the game is called off.

All weather-related decisions will be made by the Tournament Director, in collaboration with athletic training staff, to ensure consistency at each complex. The TCSL weather policy will be followed.

### **Abusive Behavior**

While at the fields, any coach, parent, team official, player or spectator threatening violence or engaging in verbal abuse will be subject to ejection from the tournament and the team may be ejected from the tournament as well if appropriate. This type of behavior is not acceptable at any TCSL event, will not be tolerated, and contradicts League values.

### **Tobacco and Alcohol**

Tobacco and alcohol are not permitted on or near any playing field, any food services or any area where the public congregates.

### **Refund Policy**

Once accepted into the tournament, no refunds will be granted. 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 organizers to make the necessary decisions concerning the arrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. Fees are non-refundable if games or the tournament are cancelled for any reason.

### **Referees**

This tournament will use USSF certified officials for all matches.