



Rimland Challenge Tournament 2018

Rules of Operation and Conduct



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1. TOURNAMENT WILL BE A ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

2. CHECK IN

- A. A coach or team manager from each team *must* check in at the tournament headquarters tent at Northwest Soccer Park no less than 30 minutes prior to their first match. Teams are required to submit a preliminary roster with their application. This roster must provide player name, date of birth, jersey number and identify guest players. A roster signed by a club or association registrar is due at check-in. If you are traveling from out of state or out of the country, your travel documents should be submitted a week prior to the tournament. Proof of medical authorization, birth certificates and/or player cards, and travel authorization may be checked at this time. At check in, coaches/managers will receive their team packets. Teams need to check in with the referee at least 5 minutes before the match and must have a copy their approved tournament roster and/or player cards available at each match.
- B. Refunds: Withdrawing from the Tournament: After **July 23, 2018**, teams wishing to withdraw from the tournament must notify us in writing. There will be no refunds issued for teams withdrawing after **July 23, 2018**. Prior to **July 23, 2018**, teams wishing to withdraw must notify us in writing; refunds will be issued less a \$35.00 handling fee.

3. GAMES

- A. Each team will play a minimum of three (3) preliminary round robin matches. The U9 – U12 will play two twenty-five (25) minute halves and U13-U19 two thirty (30) minute halves. Each team will have one match on Friday and two on Saturday. Divisions will be based on either 3 or 4 team brackets based on the number of teams applied/accepted into the tournament. Preliminary Games will be on a simple point system:

Win= 6 points Tie= 3 point Loss= 0 points
(1) point for each goal up to a maximum of (3) (1) point for a shutout Forfeit is awarded 8 points.

- B. Teams with highest points will advance, in the event of a point tie. Teams advance based on:
 1. Head to head competition.
 2. Goals against.
 3. Goals for (max. 3 per game)
 4. Goal differential
 5. Coin flip.
- C. All semi-final and final matches will be 30-minute halves. In semifinal and final matches if teams are tied at the end of regulation, two (2) five-minute overtimes will be played to completion and if still tied following the extra time, FIFA penalty kicks will be taken to determine a winner.

4. PLAYING RULES

- A. WYS rules will apply except as amended below.
 1. **U9-U12 will utilize the USSF build out line and opposing team needs to retreat past the line when the keeper has the ball in hand or on goal kicks.**
 2. **No punting of the ball by the goalkeeper in the U9,U10 and U11 divisions.**
- B. Each coach will be responsible for the maintenance of proper spectator conduct.
- C. All players will have same color and style uniform with a number on the jersey to match that given to the referee on the team roster. **JERSEYS MUST HAVE NUMBERS!**
- D. The tournament is for boys and girls teams under 10 through 19. Age groups are determined for the 2018 tournament based on the calendar year birthdates below:

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| Jan1- Dec 31, 2010 | Under | 9 | Jan1- Dec 31, 2005 | Under | 14 |
| Jan1- Dec 31, 2009 | Under | 10 | Jan1- Dec 31, 2004 | Under | 15 |
| Jan1- Dec 31, 2008 | Under | 11 | Jan1- Dec 31, 2003 | Under | 16 |
| Jan1- Dec 31, 2007 | Under | 12 | Jan1- Dec 31, 2002 | Under | 17 |
| Jan1- Dec 31, 2006 | Under | 13 | Jan1 2001 - Dec 31, 2000 | Under | 18/19 |



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- F. All persons and teams receiving red cards will have their respective National, Provincial, and State soccer associations notified with a copy of the misconduct report. ***If a player/coach has games remaining of a suspension passed down by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee, the tournament disciplinary committee will submit the remaining suspension to WYS which may affect the player/coach in future WYS sanctioned events.*** For an out of state player/coach their respective national, provincial or state associations will be notified of the remaining suspension.
- G. Weather- All matches will be played in weather conditions unless the tournament committee determines play is unsafe. No refunds will be given for matches having to be cancelled due to weather conditions

6. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION

- A. In the event the tournament is cancelled all teams will be issued a full refund.

7. SOCCER PARK RULES

- A. There will be NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT THE FIELD.
- B. There will be NO PETS ALLOWED AT THE FIELD. (Exception: service animals with appropriate identification)
- C. NO SMOKING on the fields or near buildings. Please limit your smoking to the parking lots.

8. GENERAL

The above tournament rules will apply in all the matches of the tournament. In situations not covered by these rules, WSYSA District One, WSY & FIFA rules will take priority.