



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 June 8, 2018, teams wishing to withdraw from the tournament must notify us in writing. There will be no refunds issued for teams withdrawing after June 8, 2018. Prior to June 8, 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 25 minute halves and U13-U19 two 30 minute halves. 5-minute halftime. The Home team will choose the side of the field they wish to defend. The Away team will get the kick-off to start the game. In case of extreme heat there will be a quick water break mid way through both 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 points
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 (max 3 per game). 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!**



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- D. The tournament is for boys and girls teams under 9 through 19. Age groups are determined for the 2018 tournament based on the calendar year birthdates below:

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

- E. Under 9 -10 teams will have a maximum of 12 players on their roster and play with 7 players on the field. Under 11-12 teams will have a maximum of 14 players on their roster and play with 9 players on the field. Under 13-19 teams will have a maximum of 18 players and play 11 players on the field. Teams are permitted seven (7) guest players, to be added with approval of the guest player's association registrar.
- F. The first team listed on the schedule is the Home team and will be responsible for changing jersey colors in case of conflict. Both teams will be on the same touchline with spectators on the opposite touchline.
- G. Match scores are reported by the referee. Coaches/managers need to verify match results on the main score board. Report any discrepancies at the registration booth.
- H. Referee will provide each match with a regulation size game ball:
 U19- U12 size 4 U13 through U19 - size 5.
- I. Unlimited substitutions are allowed at all age groups and will be permitted at a stoppage in play at the discretion of the Referee in accordance with the laws of the game as this is a friendly club tournament.
- J. TIME RUNS CONTINUOUSLY. There is limited extension time for injuries. The referee's whistle officially ends the match.
- K. A player can only play for one *team* in this tournament.
- L. Players with casts WILL BE permitted to play at the discretion of the referee at the field. Protective orthopedic devices must be approved by WSYSA per rule 301.5 (F) and the referee determines the device conforms to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game. All players are required to wear shin guards.

5. DISCIPLINARY AND MISCONDUCT

- A. NO PROTESTS: No protests will be allowed, and all referees decisions will be final, except those concerning the use of overage or ineligible players. The opposing coach and referee must be notified of an overage/ineligible player protest prior to leaving the field of play and the protest must be submitted in writing to the tournament headquarters table within 30 minutes of the match completion. If a protest is upheld, a forfeiture will be awarded for the match (1-0 victory for the non-offending team) and all previously played matches that include the overage/ineligible player.
- B. A team will forfeit their game if they A) are not present with at least 7 players to kick off the match after 5 minutes of scheduled time. B) have less than 7 players to start the match or are reduced to less than 7 players during the course of the match.
- C. The disciplinary committee will settle all disputes.



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- D. Anyone receiving a red card (coach, player, or parent) will not be allowed to participate in the next match and **must report to the tournament headquarters immediately following the match in which the card was given** (cards will be adjudicated on site). Coaches and players who are sent off must immediately leave the field of play for the remainder of the match. The disciplinary committee will hold a hearing to determine if additional match suspensions are warranted. Suspended coaches may not be on the field complex and too not have any communication with the team while their team is playing the match. The team manager or assistant coach needs to submit the suspension form to the referee to sign to verify the coach is not present and served his suspension. Players must present their suspension form for signature to verify the suspension. Players may sit with the team in that they are not in uniform.
- E. Any player given three (3) yellow cards in the tournament will not be allowed to play their next match. The disciplinary committee will determine suspension for red card offenses. No appeals are allowed for cards adjudicated by the disciplinary committee.
- 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.