

2026 Fairport Soccer Club Tournament Rules

Tournament Game Rules

1. Eligibility / Registration

- A. Team must be affiliated with a league. Acceptable leagues are recreational, recreational-plus, recreational all-stars, classic and travel. Premier, select, travel all-star, and ODP are not acceptable * unless otherwise approved by the tournament director.
- B. Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) guest players towards the total number of players as described in sections 1.D and 1.E.
- C. A player may be registered for only one team during the tournament.
- D. Number of players per age group:

Age Group	Game Size	Max Roster	Field Size
U9-U10	7 v 7	14	Smaller
U11	9 v 9	18	Reduced
U12	9 v 9	18	Reduced
U13-U19	11 v 11	18 (see sec. E)	Normal

- E. NYSWYSA allows teams U13 and older to have 22 players on their roster, however only 18 out of 22 players may be used for matches. Teams that have more than 18 players on their certified roster may bring all their regular players, however only 18 players may be used in any tournament game. Guest players may NOT be used by teams with an expanded roster unless the total number of players including guests is 18 or fewer. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure only 18 players are in game jerseys / game attire at each game.
- F. Registration at the tournament headquarters site for all teams must occur not less than 1 hour before a team's first game. Teams must present certified roster, certified player passes, Tournament Player Information and Medical Release form, permission to travel (as required by NYSWYSA and/or US Soccer), and any other documentation specified in the official acceptance letter.

2. Length of Games

- A. Preliminary and Championship games:
 - 1. 50 minutes (25 minute halves) in length with 5 minutes between halves for U9-U10
 - 2. 60 minutes (30 minute halves) in length with 5 minutes between halves for U11-U19
- B. Clock Stoppage:

Due to the intensity of the schedule, the referee will not stop the clock during the match for any reason without approval of the Tournament Director(s) or their designee. It is the responsibility of the referee to have the field marshal check with the Tournament Director(s) for permission. Games halted by injury will not lose any more time than the half already in progress.
- C. Tied Games at end of regulation time:
 - 1. Preliminary games - no overtime, remains a tie.
 - 2. Championship Games: Games which end in a tie after regulation will immediately go to FIFA penalty kick shoot out. Any rostered player who is dressed for the match may be chosen to participate in the shoot out.

3. Forfeits

- A. Minimum Players:
 - 1. Seven players constitute a legal team for U13-U19
 - 2. Six players constitutes a legal team for U11 and U12
 - 3. Five players constitute a legal team for U9-U10
- B. Game Start Time:
 - 1. Any team that cannot field the minimum number of players at the scheduled start time for a game will forfeit that game. The opposing team will be awarded a 3-0 victory.
- C. All forfeits are the decision of the Head of Officials and his/her decision is final

4. Scoring

A. STANDINGS & TIE BREAKERS:

Total points will determine championship play positioning. Points are awarded on a per game basis:

Points	Cause
3	Win
1	Tie
0	Loss
-1	Red Card (For each occurrence)
-3	Forfeit: Score will be posted as 3-0, winning team earning total 3 points (A forfeit does not qualify as a shut out)

Scores for U9 and U10 will not be posted.

Game scores are official when submitted to the Field Marshall, unless the game is under official protest as noted on the game card. All teams will be scheduled to have at least 3 games exclusive of an additional championship game for age groups U11 and up.

Divisions with 4 teams will follow a round robin format. When the teams have completed 3 games the top 2 teams determined by the total points earned, will face each other in the championship game.

Divisions with an odd number of teams (5 or 7 teams) will follow a round robin format with one team selected randomly to play a 4th game that will not count in the standings. When the teams have completed 3 games (toward the standings) a champion will be determined based on team standings. A championship match will not be held.

Divisions with 6 teams will be divided into 2 flights of 3 teams each. Each team will have 2 games within their flight and 1 crossover game with the other flight. The top team from each flight determined by the total points earned, will face each other in the championship game.

If 2 teams are tied, the following tiebreaker system will be utilized:

- 1. Head-to-head results (If 3 teams are tied begin with #2)
- 2. Most Wins
- 3. Goals differential, (goals for, minus goals against)

4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Goals scored
6. FIFA penalty kicks

5. Team Responsibilities

- A. The team named first on the schedule designates the home team.
- B. The home team will select which side of the field they will occupy, and the visiting team must then occupy the opposite side of the field.
- C. Teams and their respective spectators must remain on opposite sides of the field at all times. Spectators are not allowed in the player areas or behind goals. Coaches will be held accountable for any infraction of this rule.
- D. All personnel must remain between the 18-yard lines. No coaching is allowed outside the 18-yard lines.
- E. The home team shall provide the game ball and will decide which side of the field they want to defend in the first half. The away team shall have the kickoff in the first half.
- F. In case of uniform color conflict, the home team will be responsible for changing to a different color.
- G. At every match, the home and away team must have with them a copy of their certified Tournament roster AND all passes for all members listed on the roster. The referee or Tournament Official may request to see the certified Tournament roster and/or passes at any time.

6. Weather Conditions

- A. All players and coaches must be ready to play at the scheduled time and location regardless of weather conditions.
- B. Cancellation or postponement of a game will be decided by the referee, the Head of Officials, or the Tournament Executive Committee.
- C. The referee or Head of Officials or the Tournament Executive Director, and/or the Tournament Executive Committee has the authority to change the game location, delay the start time, or reduce the length of the game up to 50% if the weather or daylight conditions deem it necessary.
- D. If a game in progress is terminated due to weather conditions or lack of daylight, then said game shall be considered official if a minimum of one-half the game has been played. If one-half has not been completed, the Tournament Executive Director, and/or the Tournament Executive Committee will determine when and if the game will be played (See section 9 part A).

7. Player, Coach & Spectator Conduct

- A. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches, players, and their spectators, directed towards anyone, prior, during or after a match, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Offenders will be requested to leave the tournament site. Additional disciplinary action (up to and including expulsion from the tournament) may be imposed on the team, player, coach or team spectator and at the discretion of the Tournament Executive Committee.
- B. Any person listed on the team roster who receives a red card will not be allowed to participate in the next tournament game. At the time the red card is shown, the head coach or their designee MUST immediately produce the player's, coaches or managers pass to the

referee. The game will not resume until it has been produced and if it cannot be produced, the game shall be deemed a forfeit by that team regardless of the score. At the conclusion of the match the referee will turn that pass over to tournament officials. If the player or coach does not serve out the resulting one game suspension at the tournament, the player's pass will be forwarded to the New York State West Youth Soccer Association or clubs Association so that the suspension will be served at their next game.

- C. All red card infractions shall be reported to the New York State West Youth Soccer Association or other appropriate governing body.
- D. The Tournament Executive Committee will review all red cards, which could result in the team, player or coach being expelled from the Tournament and or future tournaments. Any severe or gross misconduct will be reported to the State Association for review. In addition, there will be a reduction in points as specified in Rule IV.
- E. THE REFEREE HAS SOLE JURISDICTION OVER A GAME.

8. Protests / Disputes

- A. Protests by any team (Coach only) may only be made concerning the 17 laws of soccer and must be submitted in writing to the Head of Officials within 15 minutes of completion of the protested match (citing the specific law that is the basis of the protest).
- B. REFEREE'S JUDGMENT MAY NOT BE THE BASIS FOR PROTESTING A MATCH.
- C. All protests must be accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee (cash only), which will be returned only if the protest is upheld.
- D. All protests will be determined by the Head of Officials and/or the Tournament Executive Committee.
- E. All disputes and/or questions regarding the tournament rules, tournament operation, player eligibility, and any other matter will be determined by the Tournament Executive Director and/or the Tournament Executive Committee. No appeals are allowed.

9. FIFA Laws, as modified, are in effect

- A. FIFA rules of play will apply unless modified by the Tournament Executive Committee. The Tournament Executive Committee reserves the right to modify the Tournament format and the Tournament rules as necessary for the fair and orderly conduct of the Tournament, specifically including but without limitation the following:
 - 1. Relocate or reschedule a match.
 - 2. Reduce the length of a match.
 - 3. Cancel preliminary matches that have no impact on determination of championship participants.
- B. Unlimited substitution at any stoppage is allowed with the consent of the referee.
- C. No slide tackles for U8, U9 and U10.
- D. Heat Rule: The Head of Officials or Tournament Executive Director may require mandatory 3 minute hydration breaks halfway through each half. If this occurs, the game clock will continue to run and these breaks are not optional by either team.

10. Rule Modifications

- A. Final Rules as distributed at the Tournament supersede all prior versions of the rules.

All decisions of the Head of Officials, Tournament Executive Director, and/or the Tournament Executive Committee shall be final.