

"I do not judge success based on championships; rather, I judge it on how close we came to realizing our potential." John Wooden



**THE PAUL DELMONICO AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS
Rules and Regulations for
Area 2N U10, U12 & U14 Round Robin Tournament
December 5 and 6, 2015**

A. Organization

1. The tournament will be administered by the Tournament Staff and the Area Staff in accordance with current FIFA laws, AYSO National Tournament Rules and Regulations and rules adopted by the Regional Commissioners for this tournament.

Tournament Staff:

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| Area 2N Area Director | Michael Cassidy (Michael.cassidy@comcast.net) |
| Area Referee Administrator | Clayton Wishoff (claytonwishoff@yahoo.com) |
| Area Staff | Robert Bierman (bob@bierman.net) |

2. In order to insure participation and team eligibility, the **Regional Commissioner** must submit the following to the Area Director by **5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 25, 2015:**
 - a. eAYSO tournament rosters with RC signature. The following information MUST appear on the roster: head and asst. coach names, phone numbers and email addresses and team color (main jersey color only). Any roster submitted without the above information will be returned.
3. Only properly registered Fall 2015 AYSO Area 2N teams may participate. Player additions/deletions or a combination of teams is not allowed under any circumstances. Use of ineligible players will result in forfeiture of all games played.
4. **A mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Foster City Community Center, Wind Room (1000 East Hillsdale Blvd.) The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and may run as late as 9:00 pm. Coaches unable to attend MUST send a designated adult representative in their place. Any team not sending a representative to this meeting will be eliminated from the tournament. No exceptions. Coaches MUST bring with them to the meeting: "e-signature" player medical release forms for every member of their team. Your cards will be stamped for validation at this evening. Please**

note: Your team will not be able to play in the tournament without this important stamp.

B. General Game Information

1. U10 play will be 7v7; U12 play will be 9v9 and U14 play will be 11v11
2. All teams will follow the Area 2N matrix rule, whereby no player on a team will sit out 2 quarters in a match until all players have sat out 1 quarter.
3. Goalkeepers: In the U10 and U12 divisions, no one individual player may play more than two quarters in goal. In the U14 division, keepers may play up to four quarters in goal. However, again please note that rule two (2) is still in effect.
4. All games, except the final, will be forty (40) minutes in length, with two twenty (20) minute halves. Games will be halted approximately halfway through each half to allow for player substitutions per AYSO rules. Please note, however, that the clock will continue to run during substitutions. Please have substitutes ready and keep substitution time to 60 seconds. The final game will be full regulation in length.
5. All games must be played at the scheduled time. No game may be started more than five (5) minutes after the scheduled start time.
6. If a Region is unable to field a team, the game will be forfeited.
7. The tournament will be run using a point based round robin format within each age/gender/ flight, with scoring determined by that noted under Section C.
8. **Important note for U14 Coaches:** High school freshman planning to participate in high school soccer this winter should **NOT** play in this tournament without the consent of their prospective high school soccer coach. Over the years there has been controversy over the CIF eligibility rule. Please do not jeopardize your players' eligibility by having them play in this tournament without permission. Confirm personally with their prospective high school coach that it is OK to participate in this event.

C. Scoring

1. Scoring for the tournament will be as follows:
 - a. Six (6) points will be awarded for a WIN
 - b. Three (3) points will be awarded for a TIE
 - c. Zero (0) points will be awarded for a LOSS
 - d. One (1) point will be awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per game
 - e. One (1) point will be awarded to the winning team for a "shut out".
 - f. One (1) point will be DEDUCTED from the score of any team receiving a yellow card.
 - g. Two (2) points will be DEDUCTED from the score of any team receiving a red card.
 - h. Two (2) points will be DEDUCTED from the score for a final goal differential of 6 goals or higher.

2. Should there be a tie in points at the end of group play, the tie will be broken by using the following criteria:
 - a. When the teams played against each other in group play, the team winning that match will be declared the group play winner.
 - b. If the teams played to a tie in group play, then the team with the least amount of goals scored against it during group play will be declared the winner.
 - c. If the two teams are still tied, then the team with the higher goal differential (up to three per game) will be declared the winner.
 - d. If the two teams are still tied, then a “shoot out” between the two teams will occur. Each team will take five (5) penalty kicks alternately at the same goal, with each kick being taken by a different player. The goalkeeper may be changed at any time and after any kick. The goalkeeper may also be one of the chosen five (5) kickers. If the teams remain tied after the five kicks, then the remaining players will continue to alternate taking penalty kicks until one team scores and the other team misses (i.e. “sudden death by penalty kick”). All players must have attempted a penalty kick before a player can take a second kick. This “shoot out” will take place on Sunday, December 6, immediately after all teams have completed group play (approximately 12:15 pm)
3. If a tie exists at the end of the FINAL GAME, it will be resolved as follows:
 - a. Two (2) seven (7) minute overtime periods will be played. There are no “golden goals”. The entire 14 minutes will be played. A new line up of players can be established for the overtime play.
 - b. If a tie still exists at the end of the overtime period, the winner will be determined by a “shoot out” as described in 2d above.

D. Player Equipment

1. Shin guards are mandatory. No player will be allowed to participate in the tournament without them.
2. Joint braces with exposed metal, or other solid material joints or sections, must be securely padded and wrapped, and are subject to the approval of the referee.
3. Jewelry of any kind is prohibited. Placing tape over jewelry is not permitted.
4. Players must wear the issued shirt, short and socks. Compression shorts may be worn under the uniform if they do not extend below the top of the knee and are either solid uniform color, white, or black. Goalkeepers may wear protective clothing (i.e. long sleeved shirts, pants and soft brimmed hats (no baseball hats)) if in the opinion of the referee the clothing is not dangerous to other players.
5. In the event there is a uniform color conflict, the tournament staff will provide “pinnies” for the home team (the team listed first on the game schedule) to wear over their issued uniform jerseys.

E. Coaching

1. Coaches must comply with all of the Rules and Regulations of this tournament and carry the Kids Zone Parent Pledge (attached) with them in case of need.
2. All coaches, head and one (1) assistant, must have the age appropriate coach certification (i.e. U10 certification for U10; U12 certification for U12; and Intermediate certification for U14), and the “new” Safe Haven certification to participate in the tournament. No exceptions will be made! Also, no substitute coaches, with appropriate training, will be accepted to stand in for the noncompliant coach.
3. Coaches must be wearing properly validated coach ID’s, showing their age appropriate coaching certification issued by their home region.
4. Coaches and players from both teams will be located on the same side of the field. A maximum of two (2) coaches will be permitted with the players. All others, including parents and spectators, will be positioned on the opposite side of the field during all tournament matches. Players not able to play in the match, but attend anyway, must be in their team assigned jersey in order to be allowed to sit on the player/coach side of the field.
5. Only positive, instructive, encouraging coaching, in accordance with AYSO National Rules, is allowed, and must be accomplished **within ten (10) yards** of the halfway line. Any attempt, by **anyone**, to “coach” outside of this technical area may result in disciplinary action, for the individual or the team, by the League.
6. Coaches are responsible for the actions and conduct of their players and spectators during the match. If a coach, or his player(s) and/or, parent/spectator’s conduct toward either a referee, another player, opposing coach or tournament staff becomes such that the tournament staff must remove them from the field of play, or having had to talk to the individual(s) on more than one occasion, the team stands to be penalized for such behavior. Penalizing may result in a forfeit for the team the coach, player, parent/spectator is associated with. (See also: Conduct G below)
7. Coaches must insure that players, substitutes and spectators stay at least one yard back from the touchline at all times during play.
8. No one is ever allowed to stand behind the goal structure or in the opinion of the referee, close enough to the Goal Line to cause any distraction to any player. Coaching of the goalkeeper from behind the goal line is also not allowed.
9. The designated home field coach is responsible for supplying the game ball and back-ups at each goal. Please present game balls to the referee team for approval prior to the match onset.
10. Coaches should plan to have their teams assembled and prepared for the referee’s pregame check-in fifteen (15) minutes prior to each scheduled match.

11. Properly validated (i.e. stamped) game cards should be presented to the referee inspecting the teams, prior to the start of the game. All assigned players on the team must be listed on the game card in numerical order. If a player is absent, or is present but not playing, the reason must be noted on the game card. The coach MUST have in his/her possession the original medical release forms for each player listed, and show the forms if asked by the referee. Important: If the medical release forms are not available, the team cannot play and forfeiture may become the only option. Please note: if advancing beyond three (3) games you will need additional game cards validated by the onsite Tournament staff. (Please see Tournament staff for additional blank cards.)
12. Coaches, players and spectators are responsible for the field and its surrounding areas being left clean (i.e. notably free of trash).

F. Refereeing

1. Each Region will be assigned tournament games which they must staff with referees from their region. The Area Referee Administrator will be responsible for making the Regional assignment of games. All games MUST be officiated by three (3) referees with a fourth needed for pre-game check-ins. In order for games to remain on schedule, the fourth referee will perform pregame inspections, collect game cards and conduct the “coin toss” all prior to the game’s scheduled start time.
2. Youth referees may be assigned as Assistant Referees as long as they have a Regional Level badge and are at least two (2) years older than the players in the age division in which they will be refereeing. Youth referees may not serve as center referees.
3. Referees and Assistant Referees are expected to wear their highest grade AYSO badge and only an AYSO badge at all games.
4. At the conclusion of each game, the referee is responsible for turning in the completed game cards, with full game summary, to the tournament staff.
5. Also see Section H regarding cautions and dismissals

G. Conduct (hint: keep your Kids Zone Pledge handy for parents that may need reminders)

1. Players, coaches, parents, and spectators will conduct themselves in a manner becoming a member of AYSO.
2. No consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or smoking of any kind (including e-cigarettes / vaping) is permitted on or near the playing fields by players, coaches, volunteers or spectators.
3. **There is no food or drinks, other than water, allowed on the synthetic surface fields.**
4. No chairs are allowed on the synthetic surface fields. Put chairs on grass area only.
5. Negative comments and complaints about the referees will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of the coach(s) to control this negative behavior.

6. The use of noise makers is strongly discouraged and anyone using one may be asked to put it away.
7. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated from players, coaches or spectators toward teammates, opposing coaches, players, parents, referees or tournament staff. Referees are instructed to utilize red and yellow cards to deal with player infractions. Further, referees will terminate matches if coaches, team friends, parents or spectators are improper in their conduct and do not respond to requests made for appropriate behavior. Incidents involving foul and abusive language will be reported to the tournament staff.
8. If for any reason a game is terminated before the expiration of regular time, the results of the game will be determined by the tournament staff.

H. Cautions and Dismissals

1. A player shown a red card by the referee will be immediately ejected from the game, and will be at a minimum, suspended from the next scheduled game. Suspension beyond one (1) game may be imposed by the tournament staff.
2. Two (2) red cards during the course of the tournament will result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament.
3. Three (3) yellow cards by one (1) player in three separate games during the tournament will suspended from the next scheduled game. Suspension beyond one (1) game may be imposed by the tournament staff.
4. Any physical assault by a player, coach or spectator on a referee, coach or other AYSO official will result in the permanent expulsion of the player from the AYSO program and prosecution of all to the fullest extent of the law.
5. All cautions and dismissals must be documented by the referee on the back of the game card with the following:
 - a. City name abbreviation and jersey number
 - b. The misconduct and the time in the match of the occurrence
 - c. Any supporting information that the referee deems relevant

I. Protests

1. Protests are discouraged.
2. Protests of decisions made in the judgment or opinion of the referee are not allowed.
3. All decisions must remain final.

J. Injuries

1. All incidents, injuries, or property damage, involving an AYSO participant, occurring at this AYSO event, shall be reported by the coach to the tournament staff.
2. A coach must report any injury where a player requires medical attention by filing a written Accident Report Form with the player's home region's Safety Director or Regional Commissioner.

K. Rain Outs

1. All games scheduled on turf fields (U10 and U14 divisions) will not be cancelled due to rain. U12 games scheduled for grass fields may be moved to an alternate site. if play on the grass fields is determined to be unsafe. In the event of rain please do one of the following:
 - a. Log onto ayso2N.org to look for updates
 - b. There will be a message as to whether or not games will be played and on what fields.
2. Teams scheduled for the first games of the day should plan on coming regardless of the weather, unless notified otherwise by tournament staff.

L. Awards

1. Awards will be presented to the teams placing 1st and 2nd in each age/gender division at the conclusion of the final game by the tournament staff.