

New Holstein Tournament Rules

General Information

INTRODUCTION:

The New Holstein Soccer Association (NHSA) is pleased to host our annual Spring Soccer Tournament. As an officially sanctioned WYSA tournament event, all games will be played in accordance with USYSA/WYSA/FIFA laws (with exceptions below). All decisions made by the tournament director on behalf of NHSA are final.

FEE:

\$295 for U8-U10 teams, \$385 for U11-U19 teams.

LOCATION:

New Holstein soccer fields:
New Holstein Kiwanis Park, 1725 Silvermoon Ln, New Holstein WI 53061

You will receive a schedule, set of rules, and maps to the fields before the tournament. Please be sure to check the schedule boards on the day of the tournament for any last minute changes. There will be a board located at the registration center.

MEDICAL/LIABILITY:

As required by WYSA, prior to play, each team must have a medical authorization and waiver of liability for each player. These do not need to be turned in at registration; they must be available to the coach or designated team manager/contact in case of emergency medical care

FORMAT:

- A. Two game minimum.
- B. 3 to 16 team brackets (round robin format, if needed).
- C. Round robin or winner/consolation brackets established after first game.
- D. Each team will be placed in its appropriate age bracket. When playing brackets, first round games will be held with the winners going into the winner bracket on the right and the losers going into the consolation bracket on the left.

HOME TEAM:

For each game, the first team listed is considered the home team. The home team will be responsible for a uniform change in case of any uniform conflicts.

RULES:

1. LAWS OF THE GAME A. All games will be played in accordance with the USYSA/WYSA/FIFA laws. Any exceptions are as noted below.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- A. Players for the age group will follow the WYSA Birth Year registration rule.
- A(2). All players must have been born in the year of their age group classification, unless a player has received an age exemption from his/her team's club and League coordinating body. Players may play in an older age group within the rules of the WYSA.
- B. For U8 teams, the maximum roster size is 12, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- C. For U10 teams, the maximum roster size is 14, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- D. For U11 and U12 teams, the maximum roster size is 16, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- E. For U13 through U16 teams, the maximum roster size is 18, which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- F. For U17 through U19 teams, the maximum roster size is 22 (18 may suit up for a game), which may include 4 guest players for non-tournament teams.
- G. Guest players must have the necessary release form from their respective state association.
- H. All teams may use unlimited Club Pass players, as long as those players are age appropriate.

I. Roster changes may be made until tournament day. No roster changes will be permitted after registration unless approved by the Tournament Director.

J. All players on U11 through U19 competitive (Classic/Select) teams must be registered with WYSA and be listed on a valid, current WYSA approved roster.

K. Medical Release/ Waiver of Liability form is required for all players. (See Medical/Liability above)

L. A player may only play for one team in the tournament unless special permission is given ahead of time by the Tournament Director.

M. All out-of-state teams must provide official "Permission to Travel" forms.

3. GAME INFORMATION

A. Teams should be present at the field on which they are to play at least 30 minutes prior to game time. Teams will then check in with the referee at their designated field to check team rosters and equipment.

B. There will be NO on field warm-ups.

C. Games for U8 will be 2 - 20 minute halves (6 x 6) with a 5-minute half time.

D. Games for U10 will be 2 - 20 minute halves (7 x 7) with a 5-minute half time.

E. Games for U11 and U12 will be 2 - 20 minute halves (9 x 9) with a 5-minute half time.

F. Games for U13 - U14 will be 2 - 25 minute halves with a 5-minute half time.

G. Games for U15 - U19 will be 2 - 25 minute halves with a 5-minute half time.

H. Game play time may be shorter or longer, determined by the Referee Staff or the Tournament Director.

I. There will be a coin toss to determine who kicks off and who defends what side. The home team (the team listed first) will call the toss.

J. NHSA will provide game balls.

K. Both teams will have their bench on one side of the field. Parents and spectators must watch the games from the opposite side of the field as their team and must stay behind the spectator lines.

4. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

A. Shin guards are required. Socks must be pulled over the shin guards.

B. Casts (hard) are not allowed. Referee's decision on the field is final!

C. No jewelry or knotted headbands are allowed.

D. All players on a team must have the same type of jersey. ~~All jerseys must be tucked in.~~

E. Jerseys must have a unique number on them.

5. DISCIPLINE

PLAYERS

A. Red-carded players will be suspended for at least one game. (Two yellow cards in one game equal a red card.) Players that are red-carded for violent conduct, violent fouls, or abusive language may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament at the Tournament Director's discretion.

B. All red cards will be reported to the state soccer association of the player's team.

C. No substitution will be permitted for a red-carded player.

D. A player receiving 3 yellow cards during the tournament may be suspended for a game at the Tournament Director's discretion.

COACHES AND SPECTATORS

A. **Harassment of officials will not be tolerated.** Referees may temporarily stop games or suspend play in the presence of persistent sideline harassment or intimidation. In the case of a game suspension, the Tournament Director will decide the outcome of the game.

B. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents, and spectators at the fields, hotels and other locations for the duration of the tournament. If the Tournament Staff receives complaints regarding conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the Tournament Director may ask any/all people to stay away from the tournament, and/or ask the team to leave the tournament, and/or ban the team from future tournaments.

6. FORFEITS/FAILURE TO SHOW

- A. All teams are expected to complete all scheduled games. Any team that fails to show within 10 minutes of posted game time or leaves the field of play before the end of a game, may be disqualified from the tournament.
- B. That team may also be banned from future tournaments and its state association will be advised of its misconduct.
- C. A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team (U11 and above).

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitutions may be made prior to a throw-in in favor of your team, prior to a goal kick by either team, following a goal by either team, following an injury to a player from either team or at half time. Substitutions may also be made for your team on the opposing team's throw-in if the opposing team also has a player at the half-way line.
- B. A player with blood on the uniform or on the body must be substituted out. The bleeding must be stopped, the injury covered with a bandage, and the uniform must be blood-free before the player may return to play.

8. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND REFEREE AUTHORITY

- A. All referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed. The Tournament Director has the right to relocate, reschedule, cancel, or reduce the length of any game.
- B. NHSA is not responsible for the expenses incurred by any team or individual if the tournament is canceled in whole or part.

9. SCORING

- A. Tie Breakers -- Preliminary Round -- Brackets

In the event of a tie, penalty kicks must be used - USYSA/FIFA rules will be followed. Each team will select 5 players to kick from those that were on the field at the end of regulation. The goalie for the shoot-out must be on the field at the end of regulation. Teams will alternate kicks --the visiting team shoots first. If the score remains tied after 5 kicks, teams will alternate kicks one at a time until a winner is determined. All eligible players must be used before anyone can repeat. Both teams must use the same number of players before anyone can repeat.

- B. Tie Breakers --Championship Games

Games tied at the end of regulation play will use penalty kicks. Same rules apply as stated in 9.A above.

- C. A forfeit will result in the winning team being awarded 3 points.

- D. Round Robin

1. 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss, additionally 1 point awarded for each goal scored with a maximum of 3 goals per game.
2. If there is a tie in a category at the end of the day, the following will be used to determine winner:
 1. Head-to-head games.
 2. Least goals against
 3. Goal differential (GF-GA)
 4. Total goals scored

10. AWARDS

- A. U8 and U10 teams: There will be medals for First and Second. Medals for Consolation will be awarded in bracket play.

- B. U11 and Above: Individual team members receive an award for Champion and for Second place finisher

- C. In round-robin brackets, the team with the most points at the end of play will be the champion, next highest points will be awarded second place. Tie breakers will be used as stated in 9.D.

11. WEATHER /CANCELLATION POLICY

- A. The New Holstein Soccer Association (NHSA) will make every effort possible to conduct and complete the tournament. NHSA foresees no circumstances under which its tournament would be cancelled other than inclement weather so severe that play is impossible for extended periods throughout the day. One such circumstance is lightning, during which play will be suspended and will not begin again until the lightning has passed. If the tournament is cancelled, no refunds will be made.