



**2025 U12 Kiel Kick Off  
Recreational Tournament  
Saturday, May 31, 2025**

The Kiel Kick Off Tournament will follow EWSL rules and guidelines for game play and sportsmanship. Rules can be found at [www.easternwisconsinsoccerleague.org](http://www.easternwisconsinsoccerleague.org)

**Game Format**

9 v 9 Format

Games will have Two, 25-minute halves and a 5-minute halftime.

No Heading or Slide Tackling (already part of EWSL rules)

All other standard rules of play can be found in the EWSL Rules & handbook

**Tournament Format**

Our tournament will consist of Pool Play, where teams will get two pool games, followed by one cross-pool game. The cross-pool game will matchup teams based on their pool play result (ex. - Pool A winner v Pool B winner / Pool A #2 v Pool B # 2 / etc.) Pool play games can end in a tie.

The Cross-Over game (third game played for every team) can end in a tie in the #2 matchups and lower. Cross-Over games between pool winners cannot end in a tie. Those games, with regulation ties will get: a 5-minute break followed by a 5-minute overtime; played the full 5 minutes. If still tied, these games will go to shootout (penalty kicks). 5 player rounds (+1 if still tied until tie is broken, can repeat player usage after 10th individual player penalty kick)

**Pool Play Scoring**

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

**Tiebreakers**

Tie-breakers to be used if teams have tied pool play points. Here is the tie-breaker criteria:

- Head-to-Head (not applicable in a three-way tie)
- Games won
- Goal Differential
- Fewest Goals Allowed

If still tied, the teams will face off in penalty kicks. On the chance of a three-way tie, it will be round-robin penalty kicks; treated like a new round of pool play. 5 player rounds (+1, can repeat player usage after 10th individual player penalty kick); Penalty Kicks cannot end in a tie

**Red Card Rule**

If a player is "red carded", he/she will be expelled from that game and that player's team will play short-handed for the rest of that game. The player must sit out the next scheduled tournament game, and depending upon the severity of the offense, the offending player may be disqualified from any further tournament play. The determination of tournament disqualification will be made by the tournament director. The use of a "red carded" player in the game following the expulsion will result in a forfeit by the offending team and, additionally, the head coach will not be permitted to coach during the next game. Any player receiving two (2) yellow cards in the same game will have the "red card" rule invoked.

**Game Protests**

Game protests are not allowed. Referee decisions are final. No protests concerning tournament rules are permissible once the game commenced. All decisions of the tournament directors are final. There is no higher authority.