



Age / Grade	Game Length	Players on Field	Goalie	Offside	Heading	Official	Ball Size
3 rd /4 th Grade	2 x 25 min	7v7	* YES	**YES	NO	YES	4
5 th /6 th Grade	2 x 30 min	9v9	YES	YES	NO	YES	4
7 th /8 th Grade	2 x 35 min	11V11	YES	YES	YES	YES	5
9 th -12 th Grade	2 x 35 min	11V11	YES	YES	YES	YES	5

Eligibility Requirements: The Fall Rec Plus Tournament is open to registered players for 2026 Rec Plus Fall Season. Anything outside of that must be approved by Club Directors represented in the tournament.

- All players must be registered as rec plus players during the regular season.
- Players may play with only **one** team during the tournament, unless approved by tournament and club directors. Players may not play down an age group.
- Guest players will only be allowed at the discretion of the Club Directors from NUSC and Indy Premier.
- Each team will need to provide a printed or digital proof of the players on their roster. If player eligibility is questioned, rosters may be reviewed and checked by match and/or tournament officials.
- In the event a non-rostered player plays in a match, that team must forfeit their match.
- Every player is required to wear appropriate soccer equipment including, but not limited to, matching jerseys, socks, and appropriate footwear. No jewelry may be worn. Shin guards are mandatory and to be worn underneath the uniform socks.
- Regular season league playing rules apply to the tournament games.
- **3rd-12th** age groups will play 2 round robin games to determine which teams will advance to the finals. Individual awards will be awarded to the Champions and Finalists in each flight.
- Tournament bracketing and schedules were established and completed after the weekend of 9/19-9/20. It is the coach's responsibility to be aware of the standings and communicate progression to later rounds (or winning of round robin brackets) to his/her team! Standings will be viewable online at:

https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/59715

Tournament Format for Championship Divisions: 3rd Grade through 12th Grade

Scoring: Points will be determined using the following formula:

- WIN = 3 points
- TIE = 1 point
- LOSS = 0 points

*Forfeits will be recorded as 4-0.

The point system will determine which teams advance to the finals. In the event teams are tied after the two round robin games, the following tie breakers will be used in order of priority:

- Tournament Head-to-Head, when applicable
- Tournament Goal Differential (max 4 goals per game)
- Tournament Goals Against
- Tournament Goals For (max 4 goals per game)
- Tournament - Most Shutouts
- Penalty Shootout between teams tied.

Flights: The top two teams of each flight will advance to the finals.

Championship matches must be played to a winner. In the event of a tie after regulation, teams will go straight into a Penalty Kick shoot out.

General: Club directors will have the final authority in the operation of the Tournament. The tournament is a recreational tournament. No protests will be entertained. The call of the center official is final. Coaches will need to sign score cards after the game to verify scores submitted are correct.

Game Check-in & Forfeitures: The game schedule leaves little “slack time” between games. For this reason, every team must be ready to play at game time. **Otherwise, the tournament officials may declare a forfeit.** Once again, the potential forfeit time is 5 minutes **prior** to the scheduled start time. Failure to complete a game or leaving the field during a game shall result in a forfeit.

Inclement Weather: Every effort will be made to play all scheduled games. The club directors at each site will determine when and if games are to be postponed. Because of the lack of “slack time” between games, any delays due to inclement weather will be subtracted from the game time. If a long delay occurs, the club directors may change the location of subsequent games, decrease the amount of play time and/or cancel games. In the event the entire tournament is canceled, it will be rescheduled for the following week/weekend. In the event of extreme hot temperatures, additional water breaks may be added during the course of the game. Game clock should pause for 2 minutes during the water break before resuming the match clock.

Weather Cancellation Policy: The club directors reserve the right to suspend, cancel games or cancel the tournament due to weather conditions or other unforeseen events. In inclement weather, club directors and staff will communicate to all fields for everyone to return to their vehicles. After the threat has passed an all clear will be given for players to return to their fields. When delays continue, club directors reserve the right to make whatever adjustments may be necessary in match length to proceed with the schedule. In the event of a complete cancellation of the tournament, the club directors reserve the right to reschedule the games for future dates if feasible. Indy Premier/NUSC leadership will notify families in the event of poor weather or schedule changes or adjustments if necessary!

Conduct of Players, Coaches, Spectators and Administrators: All tournament participants are expected to uphold the standards of the game and exhibit the highest levels of sportsmanship and uphold the [Code of Conduct](#). Any adult (spectator or coach) that is asked to leave the sidelines due to unsportsmanlike behavior will be removed for the remainder of the tournament. Red Carded players will receive a 1 game suspension in addition to being removed from the current game. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players and spectators for your team for the duration of the tournament.

Player / Coach / Spectator Location: All coaches, players, and spectators are to observe the following guidelines.

- Both teams will be on the same side of the field, including coaches.
- All players and coaches must be rostered with Indiana Soccer.
- All other persons must be on the opposite side of the field from the teams. No one will be allowed behind goal lines of active games.
- No dogs or pets unless they are service animals.
- No drugs including smoking, vaping and alcohol.
- No weapons are permitted at Tournament Games.