



## AZFC SELECT 2026 CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT RULES



1. All games will be played under FIFA rules as modified by US Youth Soccer/AYSA unless otherwise stated in the rules. The Tournament Committee will settle all rules disputes and their decision is final. No protest or appeals will be accepted.
2. Verified players who are registered with US Youth Soccer or ANY US Soccer recognized organizations may participate in the Tournament. All teams may use a maximum of FIVE (5) loan players (Players from outside the respective club). Loan Papers are required for players being loaned from other clubs. U13 - U19 teams shall have no more than 22 players on their Tournament Roster (Max. 18 suited for each game.) For U9 - U10 teams, the roster may not exceed 12 players. For U11 - U12 teams, the roster may not exceed 16 players. U7-U8 teams roster maximum is 8 players. Teams that are 100% female may play in a boys bracket 1 year younger than the teams registered age ( IE 2004 girls team may play in 2005 boys bracket). Roster/Player disputes MUST be made to the HQ tent before the start of the second Half of the game.
3. **PLAYERS CAN ONLY BE ROSTERED AND PLAY ON A MAXIMUM OF 2 TEAMS DURING THE TOURNAMENT, BUT TEAMS MUST BE IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.**
4. Teams should arrive at the field location at least 1 hour prior to game time. Referees will have the game cards at the field. Teams must have a updated roster uploaded in their gotsport team account and player passes on hand at all times. A team must have 7 players available at the start of the game to avoid a forfeit. In the case of a forfeit, the winning team shall be awarded a 1 - 0 score and the points that go with that score.
5. Home teams (listed first for each game) and their respective fans will occupy the South or East side of the playing field. Visiting teams will occupy the North or West side of the field. **Shin guards are mandatory for all players in all games and will be checked by the referees prior to each game.**
6. Home team must change jerseys in case of a color conflict. **All teams must have an alternate jersey.**
7. Team standings will be determined using the following 3-point scoring criteria:
  - a. A win is Three (3) points
  - b. A tie is One (1) point
  - c. A loss is zero (0) points
8. In the event two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the bracket play, the following tie breaker will apply.
  - a. Head to head competition.
  - b. Goal differential (total goals for minus total goals allowed)
  - c. Least goals allowed
  - d. Goals scored
  - e. Most wins.
  - f. kicks from the penalty mark.
9. Substitutions will be allowed, with the permission of the Referee as follows:
  - a. prior to either teams goal kick,
  - b. prior to a throw-in; in your favor,
  - c. After a goal is scored,
  - d. half-time,
  - e. for a seriously injured player,
  - f. for a cautioned player only.
10. Cautions/Ejections
  - a. A player or coach receiving a red card or two yellow cards in the same game will be sent off from the game, may not be replaced, and, at a minimum, will be disqualified from the next game. In the event that a player is sent off for fighting, that player will not be permitted to play in the remainder of the tournament. Red Card suspensions will be in accordance with the ASA RED CARD SERVICE listing.
  - b. Any coach receiving a red card will be sent off and must leave the vicinity of the field. If the same coach receives a subsequent red card during the tournament, he/she will not be

- c. If a player/coach receives an ejection in the final match, the player/coach report will be sent to the AYSA office for resolution by the AYSA Discipline Committee or appropriate governing body.
- d. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their respective fans and spectators.

10. Game time will be as follows:

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>PRELIMINARIES (no overtime)</u>	<u>SEMI/CHAMP</u>	<u>OT</u>
U7-U8 ( 4 v 4 )	20 minute halves	20 minute halves	(Shots from center line)
U9/U10 (7 v 7)	25 minute halves	25 minute halves	PK
U11/12 (9 v 9)	30 minute halves	30 minute halves	PK
U13/U14	30 minute halves	30 minute halves	PK
U15/U16/17	35 minute halves	35 minute halves	PK
U18/U19	35 minute halves	35 minute halves	PK

Penalty kicks will be used to decide semi/championship games ONLY where a team will advance to the next game. Coaches are reminded to be prepared to start games on time.

11. AWARDS: For the All division, Team medals will be given to teams that finish 1<sup>st</sup>. Team medals will be given to the team that finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in each age group/division.
- a. In a 4-team bracket, teams will play round robin and team placement will be based on points to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
  - b. In a 5 team bracket, teams will play round robin and team placement will be based on points in round robin play to determine the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams.
  - c. In brackets of 6 teams will play cross Bracket. Bracket “A” will play Teams in Bracket “B” (All 6 teams will be grouped together) and the 2 top teams by point from all 6 teams will play in Final.
  - d. In brackets with 8 Teams, teams will be divided into Bracket “A” and Bracket “B”. Bracket “A” will play round robin within its group and Bracket “B” will play round robin within its group. The top team from Bracket “A” and the top team from Bracket “B” will play in a Championship game to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
12. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all Tournament Rules in order to safely and fairly complete the tournament. The Tournament Committee will make their decision on what is best considering the health and safety of the players, but will also take into consideration the need to prevent destruction of the fields and facilities No refunds will be made for any reason. THE TOURNAMENT DOES NOT CONTROL THE FIELDS AND IF THE COMPLEX/FIELDS ENTITY CLOSE DUE TO WEATHER IS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE TOURNAMENTS CONTROL
- Option A: Cut halves by 10 minutes, no warmup on fields or in goal areas.
  - Option B: Play 10 minute halves.
  - Option C: Penalty Kicks Only
  - Option D: Coin Toss
13. Coaches will be responsible for periodic checks at Tournament Headquarters for any late schedule changes and modifications to the tournament.
14. In the event any controversy or dispute arises during the tournament that is not specifically addressed in these rules and regulations, the Tournament Committee will address such situation and issue a decision consistent with the intent and spirit of these rules and regulations. The Committee’s decision is final.
15. ***Under no circumstances will alcoholic beverages be permitted at any of the fields or venues used by the tournament. In addition, glass containers will not be permitted. Since there will be so many young players and spectators, it would be appreciated if pets would be left at home. Pets are not permitted at any of the Sports fields.***
16. Teams/Coaches are advised that they are responsible for the conduct of players, coaches, parents & spectators associated with their teams. Failure to control the emotions outbursts could result in removal of the teams from competition. Individuals may also be asked to leave the facility.

## AZFC SELECT CHALLENGE 2026 CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth Sports play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of young people who can recognize choices, think about consequences and base their actions on that information. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. The Invitational Soccer Tournament is committed to establishing an environment that is safe and fosters optimal learning opportunities for all our players.

Along with the Arizona Soccer Association, the Invitational Tournament Committee has formulated this Code of Conduct and requires that all participants commit to be responsible in your words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in this tournament and that you conform your behavior to the following Code of Conduct.

1. I will encourage my team, parents and spectators to treat all with whom they come in contact with respect.
2. I will not engage, nor encourage any member of my team, parents and spectators to engage, in unsportsmanlike conduct towards any other coach, player, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage, nor encourage any member of my team, parents and spectators to engage, in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
4. I will not use, nor permit any member of my team, parents and spectators to use, drugs, alcohol or tobacco products while involved in any youth soccer activities, whether coaching, training, attending games, or officiating.
5. I will not use, nor permit any member of my team, parents and spectators to use, profanity, obscenity or any other offensive language at any time while involved in youth soccer activities.
6. I will not engage in nor allow any member of my team, parents and spectators to direct, any verbal or physical abuse towards any other coach, player, parent, participant, or official.

Anyone who fails to conform to the preceding Code of Conduct while attending, coaching, training, officiating or participating in this event could be asked to leave the facility and could be subject to disciplinary action by the Arizona Soccer Association or governing body.