



## TOURNAMENT RULES

### Kohl's American Cup

### Fishers Soccer Club – June 5-6, 2010

**Laws of the Game:** The 2008/2009 edition of the FIFA Laws of the Game, Guide for Referees, USSF as amended by the USYSA for youth shall apply. The following are rules exceptions shall govern play in our U5 through U12 divisions.

| Age / Grade                                  | Game Length    | Players on Field | Goal Keeper | Offsides Called? | USFF Officials? | Max Roster | Max Guest Players | Ball Size |
|--|----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| U5<br>Pre-Kindergarten                       | 16 min<br>half | 3v3              | NO          | NO               | NO              | 6          | 3                 | 3         |
| U6<br>Kindergarten                           | 16 min<br>half | 3v3              | NO          | NO               | NO              | 8          | 3                 | 3         |
| U8<br>1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | 20 min<br>half | 4v4              | NO          | NO               | NO              | 8          | 3                 | 3         |
| U10<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>     | 25 min<br>half | 6v6              | YES         | NO               | YES             | 12         | 3                 | 4         |
| U12<br>5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 30 min<br>half | 8v8              | YES         | YES              | YES             | 16         | 3                 | 4         |
| U15 JH<br>7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 30 min<br>half | 11v11            | YES         | YES              | YES             | 18         | 3                 | 5         |
| U19 HS<br>9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> | 30 min<br>half | 11v11            | YES         | YES              | YES             | 18         | 3                 | 5         |

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**.

Every player is to play a minimum of one half of the game.

The U5, U6, and U8 divisions will also make use of the following exceptions:

- No Goalkeepers will be used. Unless marking an opponent, players are not allowed to stand in front of their goal.
- Offsides is not to be called.
- All free kicks are indirect.
- Kick-ins (no throw-ins), goal kicks, and corner kicks are used to restart play.
- One coach per team may move along the field to offer encouragement.

The U10 division will also make use of the following exceptions:

- Offsides is not to be called.
- The U9/U10 Restricted Punt Rule is in effect. Punting and/or Drop Kicks are allowed, however the ball may not land past midfield without touching the ground or another player first. Throwing, rolling, and/or putting the ball down on the ground and kicking it beyond the midfield line in the air is allowed. In the case of an infraction, an indirect free kick will be awarded. The indirect free kick will be placed at the midfield line.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The Kohl's American Cup is open to *recreational soccer teams* registered with Indiana Youth Soccer. This event is designed with club recreational or rec+ teams playing a regular season together in mind. This is not an event for all-star teams.

- All players must be registered as recreational players with Indiana Youth Soccer.
- Players may register and play with only **one** team during the tournament.
- Every team must submit the following paperwork:
  - a copy of their team's club roster signed by the club registrar or president,
  - a ***WAIVER OF LIABILITY / PARTICIPATION ROSTER / CODE OF CONDUCT*** form for the team, and
  - a Notarized ***MEDICAL RELEASE FORM*** for each player on the team.

A copy of each form must be sent to and received by Fishers Soccer Club no later than May 17, 2010. Send the completed forms to:

**Fishers Soccer Club**  
**Attn: Kohl's American Cup**  
**P.O. Box 129**  
**Fishers, Indiana 46038**

A second copy of each form **MUST** be brought to the fields and remain in the possession of the coach or team manager while on site.

- Each team may bring a limited number of guest players. A maximum of 3 guest players may be added to the roster. All other player eligibility requirements apply for guests.
- All teams MUST register on-line by May 3, 2010.
- Teams will be notified of acceptance no later than May 7, 2010..

**Tournament Format:** The Kohl's American Cup Committee reserves the right to group age divisions based on team availability. Each age group is divided into flights based upon the number of teams selected and the team seeding process.

Where possible, co-ed teams will be grouped together. In the event that this is not possible due to team numbers, co-ed teams will be seeded in a boys division. Understand that Fishers Soccer Club fields co-ed teams in U15 and U19, and boys and girls teams in all other divisions.

The U5, U6, and U8 age groups will participate in three (3) round robin games. No standings will be maintained. No U5, U6, or U8 teams will advance to a championship game and no teams will receive championship or finalist awards.

The U10, U12, U15, and U19 will participate in three (3) round robin games. The winner of each flight will advance to a championship game where teams will receive champion and finalist awards. The winner of a particular flight is the team that accumulates the most points after the round robin schedules (reference Scoring section below).

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, there will be no overtime or shoot-outs in round robin games. In a semi-final or championship games, two 5 minute overtime periods shall be played in their entirety. If the game remains tied after the two overtime periods, a penalty kick shoot-out shall take place according to FIFA guidelines.

**Scoring:** Only U10, U12, U15, and U19 teams will accumulate points in round robin play. Points will be determined using the following formula:

- WIN = 3 points
- TIE = 1 point
- LOSS = 0 points
- FORFEITS are scored as a 4-0 win.

In the event that two teams in a flight amass the same number of points during round robin play, the tie breakers are:

- 1st – head-to-head game
- 2nd – total goal differential (**max 4 per game\***)

- 3rd – fewest total goals allowed
- 4th –penalty kicks.

\*As there is no reward for winning by more than four goals, running up the score is strongly discouraged as unsportsmanlike and your team may not be asked back in the future.

**Team Check-in:** The team manager or coach for each team is required to visit the registration tent prior to playing the first tournament game. Accepted teams will be provided a check-in schedule.

**Game Check-in & Forfeitures:** The game schedule leaves little “slack time” between games. For this reason, every team must check-in with the field marshal 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. A sufficient number of players to begin the game must be checked-in at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start time. **Otherwise, the field marshal shall declare a forfeit.** Once again, the 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.

**Uniforms:** In the event that team uniforms are of the same color, the field marshal or referee may request that one team change jerseys. If secondary jerseys are unavailable, pinnies may be used. The team shall be chosen by coin flip.

**Inclement Weather:** Every effort will be made to play all scheduled games. The Tournament Committee 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 large delay occurs, the tournament committee may change the site of subsequent games.

**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. Any player ejected from a game will not be allowed to play in the subsequent game. If a coach or spectator is asked to leave, this shall be noted and the field marshal for the next scheduled game will be asked to insure that neither is a participant. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player.

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 Fishers Soccer Club receives complaints regarding the conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the tournament committee may ask any/all persons to stay away from the tournament, and/or ask the team to leave (games will be forfeited), and/or bar the team from future tournaments.

A team that fails to exhibit the highest level of sportsmanship will not be asked back in subsequent years.

**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.
- A maximum of 3 adult coaches per team will be allowed on the team sidelines. All players and coaches must be rostered with Indiana Youth 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.

**Player Safety:** Any player who is found to be bleeding or to have blood on his/her uniform shall be asked to leave the field. The player may return only after demonstrating to the assistant referee that the bleeding has stopped and that all blood has been removed from the uniform.

**General:** The Kohl's American Cup Committee tournament directors have the final authority in the interpretation of the tournament rules and the operation of the Kohl's American Cup.

**Protests:** The Kohl's American Cup is a recreational tournament. No protests will be entertained. The call of the center official is final.

**Cancellation Policy:** The Kohl's American Cup Committee reserves the right to suspend or cancel the game, or cancel the tournament due to weather conditions. In inclement weather conditions, the Kohl's American Cup Committee 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, the Kohl's American Cup Committee reserves the right to make whatever adjustments may be necessary in match length to proceed with the schedule. In the case of extreme heat, referees will stop play and the clock for two 2:00 minute water breaks. The first break will be in the midway through the first half and the second will be midway through the second half. Players shall remain on the field. The Kohl's American Cup Committee agrees to provide the guaranteed number of games or refund a percentage of the tournament application fee commensurate with the percentage of games not played. In the event of a complete cancellation of the tournament, the Kohl's American Cup Committee reserves the right to reschedule the games for a later weekend or retain a portion of the team registration fee that covers fixed expenses.