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**The 19th Annual
ESSEX FALL TUNE-UP
SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021

Essex Fall Tune-Up Tournament
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USYSA Sanctioned through the State of New Jersey
Youth Soccer Association

2021 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

**Note: 2020-2021 Changes to the Laws of the Game
Will Be Followed.**

All games will be played in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game and USYSA laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

1. **LARGE-SIDED:** U13 - U15 (11 v 11) will play three (3) 50-minute games (25-minute halves) with a 3-minute half-time.
2. **SMALL-SIDED:** U8 - U10 (7 v 7) and U11 - U12 (9 v 9) will play three (3) 50-minute games (25-minute halves) with a 3-minute half-time.
3. U13 – U15 Large-Sided teams will be in a standard playoff format.
4. U11 – U12 Small-Sided teams will be in a standard playoff format.
5. For Large-Sided games only, in the event of a tie game, FIFA penalty kicks will be taken with the following exception: Any player on the Tournament roster is eligible to take part in the shootout, not just those players on the field at the end of the game. A separate field (THE PENALTY PIT) will be used for shootouts.
6. For all Small-Sided games, in the event of a tie game, the score will remain a tie.
7. For Small-Sided U11 and U12 FINAL games only, in the event of a tie game FIFA penalty kicks will be taken with the following exception: Any player on the Tournament roster is eligible to take part in the shootout, not just those players on the field at the end of the game.
8. For Small-Sided U8 – U10 games, the NJ Youth Soccer “build-out line” rule shall apply with the addition of No Punting from the Goalkeeper.
9. For Small-Sided U8 – U11 heading the ball is prohibited.
10. U8 – U15: Each team is limited to three (3) registered coaches on the bench.

11. U8 – U10: Mercy Rule- If your team outscores another team by more than six (6) goals, the score reported online will not exceed a six (6) goal difference. In addition, the Referee, at his or her sole discretion, may instruct the affronted team to add a player to the field.
12. U11 – U15: Mercy Rule- If your team outscores another team by more than six (6) goals, the score reported online will not exceed a six (6) goal difference. This will not affect the tie breaker rules as the maximum goal difference for calculating a tie breaker is six (6) goals. In addition, the Referee, at his or her sole discretion, may instruct the offending team to remove players (other than the goalkeeper) from the field.
13. U8 – U15: Free substitutions will be allowed on any stoppage in play at the discretion of the Referee. There will be no substitutions for a player who has received a red card.
14. No protests are allowed. The decision of the Referee is final.
15. All penalties and misconducts are according to FIFA Law XII and NJYS (<http://www.njyouthsoccer.com/>) State Cup rules.
16. Guest players are allowed. A maximum of three (3) guest players per team will be allowed during the Tournament. All guest players are required to be from your Club and have the same information included on the roster as the “original” team members. No player may be rostered or play on more than one team for the duration of the Tournament.
17. Players wearing a hard cast must have it covered. It will be up to the individual referee’s discretion to make sure the cast is covered properly and will not pose a physical danger to any player. If a referee does not feel the cast is covered sufficiently, then that player will not be able to play.
18. No added injury time.
19. Teams from outside the state of New Jersey must have a copy of “Permission to Travel Form” approved and signed by a USSF Representative.
20. No Golf Carts are allowed.

Tournament Cancellation:

Our fields have excellent drainage. The Tournament will be played through almost all weather conditions. In the unlikely event that any games need to be cancelled, for whatever reason, there are no provisions for making up games. In the event the Tournament is cancelled in its entirety, meaning no games played each day, refunds will be issued after all relevant expenses are covered. In the event the Tournament is cancelled in part, a refund of up to 80% will be made.

Tournament Format – Large-Sided and U11 & U12 Small-Sided:

1. After Tournament play, the following format will be used for Playoffs:
 - A. Finals 1 vs. 2.
 - B. Flights with 5 teams; 1st and 2nd will be based on points, teams in these flights will play 4 games.
 - C. Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.
 - D. Large-Sided tied matches will be decided by penalty kicks. The winning team will receive 3 points for the win and the losing team will receive 1 point for the tied match.
 - E. Small-Sided winning team receives 3 points. In the event of a tie both teams will receive 1 point. There is no penalty shootout for Small-Sided games except in the Final.

2. Tie Breaker Format:

- A. Head-to-Head competition (in the event of a two-way tie see #3 below).
- B. Fewest goals against.
- C. Total goals scored (maximum six (6) goals per game).
- D. Total goal differential (maximum six (6) goals per game (G.F. minus G.A.)).
- E. Large-Sided games will follow penalty kick method as described by FIFA with the following exception: Any player on the Tournament roster is eligible to take part in the shootout, not just those players on the field at the end of the game.
- F. Small-Sided will be determined by a coin flip.

3. Tie Breaker format in the event of more than a two-way tie.

- A. Total goals against (least).
- B. Head-to-Head competition.
- C. Total goals scored (maximum of six (6) goals per games).
- D. Total goal differential (maximum six (6) goals per game (G.F. minus G.A.)).
- E. All Large-Sided games will follow penalty kick method as described by FIFA with the following exception: Any player on the Tournament roster is eligible to take part in the shootout, not just those players on the field at the end of the game.
- F. Small-Sided will be determined by a coin flip.

Tournament Conduct:

- 1. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law. Display of offensive language, temper, or dissent is cause for ejection from the game and field of play. Coaches shall be held responsible for the conduct of all persons on their team and those supporting the team.
- 2. Any player receiving a red card, or any coach or team official who is ejected from a game, will automatically be ineligible for the next scheduled Tournament game. In addition, the Tournament Director(s) may take further action against the individual(s) or team(s) receiving red cards.
- 3. The Referee only may suspend play or abandon the game. If the Referee abandons the game due to misconduct by players, coaches, or spectators on one team, a victory will be awarded to the opposing team with the score being 3-0.
- 4. Each team shall share the same side of the field while the spectators will occupy the opposite side.
- 5. A team's coaches and players are restricted to their half of the team sideline between midfield and the penalty box.
- 6. No Pets are allowed at ANY field per Livingston & West Orange town ordinances.
- 7. Smoking is not allowed at any field location.
- 8. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any field location.