

**Gates Youth Soccer League, Inc. (GYSL) 24TH Annual Tournament & Festival
July 20-22, 2012**

Tournament Headquarters: Total Sports Experience (TSE), 880 Elmgrove Road, Rochester NY
NYS West Youth Soccer Association & USYSA Sanctioned
Tournament Phone: 585/520-2439 Sheila Branciforte, Director

Tournament Registration:

- All local teams are requested to register on Friday, July 20th @ TSE 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Out-of-town teams may register Friday night at TSE headquarters or at least 1 hour before their first game on Saturday. No registration at the Wegman Road Campus
- Each team must provide a certified roster / player passes/picture books, and must have medical releases in their possession for the duration of the tournament. A certified roster must be stamped by your governing body ensuring accuracy of all data. Jersey #'s & pass/book #'s must be on the roster.
- Teams from outside of USYS Region 1 must also provide "Permission to Travel" if required
- Teams from outside the United States must have permission from its Provincial or National Association approving participation in the Gates Youth Soccer League Tournament & Festival
- This tournament is intended for *Travel and Rec+* teams only. Other teams may apply (i.e. Premiere/Elite), but if accepted, may be required to play up an age level. Any team found to misrepresent their level will be ineligible for awards and/or championship/finalist play.

Games & Game Length -

All games will be played at either Total Sports Experience (14 fields) or Gates Chili School Wegman Road Complex (10 fields)

Local teams may play on Friday evening. All teams will play Sat & Sun.

U9 thru U12 ~ 25 min. halves / U13 thru U19 ~ 30 min. Halves

**Note: Injuries, semi-final overtimes, weather may impact schedule. Please arrive at the field at the scheduled time unless notified otherwise.*

Should the tournament be cancelled in it's entirety by Gates Youth Soccer League, a full refund shall be made to all teams.

Teams that drop out after June 15, 2012, will receive either (1) a pro-rated refund based on our ability to register another team or (2) no refund due to our inability to find a replacement team.

All teams U9 - U10 participating in the Festival will receive participation trophies and will receive them after their last game. No standings or scores will be posted under the new NYSWYSA guidelines. All teams will play 7 V 7 Format (Including goalie). Trophies may be picked up at registration or will be delivered to your field on Sunday.

All U11 & U12 teams play per the NYSWYSA guidelines – 9 v 9 (including goalie) on a modified field

All U13 - U19 games will be played 11 v 11 per the NYSWYSA guidelines

Roster Size U9/10 - Max 14 players U11-U19 – A maximum of 18 players per Roster are allowed to be registered. Players may only compete/roster with one (1) team for the duration of the tournament.

Guest Players: A maximum of 3 guest players per team are allowed (included in the maximum 18 player roster). Any **premiere/Elite guest players** play up an age level and cannot guest on a travel team at the same age level. Any team found to have fielded an ineligible player will forfeit any/all games for which the player was dressed. A guest player form must be submitted for each guest player.

Player Equipment: All players are required to wear shin guards and may be checked at the start of each game by the referee. No metal tipped cleats are allowed at any age bracket. Hard casts must be wrapped in soft protective material and approved by the ref prior to the start of the match. Soft casts are only allowed with the permission of the referee. There is no jewelry allowed for girls or boys (this also means no taping of earrings is allowed). The referee has final discretion regarding all equipment issues.

Rules of the Game:

- FIFA Laws of the Game will be followed except as noted in these rules.
- RDYSL rules and regulations will govern play throughout the tournament.
- All referee's decisions are final and **can not** be protested.
- Any protest must be submitted to the tournament committee in writing, signed by a coach with a \$50.00 fee. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- The rules committee has final authority for all protests. All decisions are final and may not be protested or appealed.

Substitutions - Substitutions shall be **unlimited**. Substitutions may be made only upon proper notification to the referee/asst referee at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in by your own team
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team
3. After a goal by either team
4. After an injury by either team when the referee stops play (1/1)
5. At the beginning of the second half or overtime periods

Schedules & Matches:

- Once "Final" schedules are posted & published, schedules are FINAL and will only be changed due to unavoidable circumstances (i.e. team drops out) or due to an error on the part of GYSL.
- Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games
- Home team is as designated on the schedule
- Home team is required to furnish the game ball
 - #4 ball size will be used for U9-U12 divisions
 - #5 for U13-U19 divisions.
- Home team is required to change jersey if there is a color conflict. This is the decision of the referee.
- A team **AND** its spectators shall occupy the **same side** of the field when possible. Home team has choice of side. When not possible, a team **AND** its spectators shall occupy ½ the field. Coaches are to remain on their own team half.
- Players & Coach(es) passes **MUST** be present & available to the referees at each match.
- Each player must have a unique uniform # that matches the certified roster submitted at registration (exceptions will be made if the referee and opposing team are notified before the match is started)
- No overtime will be played during the Round Robin part of the tournament
- Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 matches. Brackets of 5 teams will have 4 matches and winner will be based on points. Brackets / Age Levels of anything other than 5 teams will have a championship game. Each team shall play at least one, but not more than 2 games on Sat and Sun.
- U9 – U13 games will have one certified referee. EACH team will be required to provide an ADULT linesman (not coach) to asst the referee in calling the ball out of bounds.
- U14 – U19 games will have 3 certified referees (one center referee and 2 sideline judges) when possible.
- Each team coach must sign the scorecard. **Signed scorecards cannot be challenged**. It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure they are signing a correct card. Field Marshals shall be responsible for getting the signed scorecard to the official scoring tent.
- Official scoreboard is located at TSE Tournament Headquarters

Forfeit: Any team unable field 7 players at game's kickoff will forfeit the match with a score of 3-0 and 3 points being awarded to the opposing team. (Any team that does forfeit a game is still eligible for any awards or playoffs).

Team Standings will be determined by points:

3 points for a win

1 point for a tie

0 points for a loss

Tie Breaking methods are as follows:

1. Results of head to head games
2. Most wins
3. Goals scored vs. goals against (3 goal maximum/game)
4. Least goals against
5. Shut Outs
6. Penalty kicks taken alternately
7. Sudden death penalty kicks

When more than two teams are tied, the tie-breaker system will be used starting with #2 until the tie is broken.

Tie breaking methods for Semi-finals & Finals:

1. Two 5-minute overtime periods played to completion, switching sides of the field after 1 period.
2. 5 penalty kicks taken alternately
3. Sudden death penalty kicks

Inclement Weather: Coaches and players must appear on the field, ready to play, regardless of weather conditions, unless advised by the Tournament Committee. Only the rules committee may cancel or postpone a game, delay it, or reduce its length. If the game should be terminated in process due to weather conditions after completion of one half of play, the game will be considered official and the score final. Every attempt will be made to continue the remainder of the game if $\frac{1}{2}$ of the game was not played prior to stoppage. If the weather conditions make it impossible to continue the match, the Tournament Director has the right to call the game complete where the game originally ended. Furthermore, the Director may reduce the length of subsequent games on the schedule by up to 50% and/or change field locations if deemed necessary to complete the entire schedule by the end of the day due to the impact of extended inclement weather.

Team and Spectator Conduct:

- All Coaches are responsible for their “***players and spectators***” behavior. If a Referee asks a Coach for assistance in controlling his/her spectators, he/she must assist by doing so or risk forfeiture of the game. Referees have authority to suspend play and/or ask any coach, spectator, or player to leave the playing field and its sidelines due to unsportsmanlike behavior in the opinion of the referee.
- Our ***Zero Tolerance Policy*** is in effect. Please see Appendix A. Coaches will be required to sign the Zero Tolerance Policy. Coaches are responsible for ensuring their players & spectators are aware of the Zero Tolerance Policy.
- Any player receiving a **red** card will be held out of the remainder of the game along with the following game, including any Championship Game. If any such penalty cannot be fully served during the Tournament or Festival, it must be completed during the next regularly scheduled league or tournament game (not to include any Snickers State Cup or Presidents Cup Games).
- Any Player or Coach receiving a Red card/ejection for fighting, violent, or threatening behavior will be suspended for the remainder of the Tournament. It is the ***final*** decision of the Referee if a player or Coach was ejected for Fighting. Once the decision is made, there is no appeal – This is for the safety of everyone at our Tournament.
- Any player receiving 2 yellow cards in a match will receive the same penalty as a red card and must sit the remainder of the current match along with the following game.
- Any player receiving 3 yellow cards during the tournament will receive the same penalty as a red card
- ***Player passes must be surrendered to the referee for all red-card eligible infractions.***

- Any coach ejected from a game must serve a 1-game suspension and surrender his/her pass to the referee and will not be permitted to attend the teams next match
- Spectators may be banned from game sidelines should behavior, in the opinion of the referee or GYSL tournament committee; be deemed necessary for the overall safety of participants
- Report of Disciplinary Action:
 - For United States teams: The team governing body will be notified of all sanctions against players/coaches during the course of the tournament.
 - For CONCACAF teams: the tournament committee will notify the US Soccer Federation of disciplinary action taken, and that the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.
- **Additional player, coaches and spectator** responsibilities – There is no smoking, consumption of alcoholic beverages allowed on School property (State Law) Please, there are **NO PETS** allowed at TSE or on School property. This is at the request of TSE and the Gates/Chili School District. Coaches will be responsible for having the pets removed from the complexes.
- **GYSL** reserves the right to take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses.

Please read Appendix A. Your signature is required on the last page indicating that you have received, read, and will abide by all rules of the tournament, including Appendix A.

Appendix A

Zero Tolerance Policy

Rochester District Youth Soccer League

Last Updated: 2008-12-11

Because of recent and potential physical and verbal abuse in the Rochester District Youth Soccer League, the League has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents and other supporters and referees effective immediately. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting and other behavior (including but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above mentioned groups will not be tolerated. Ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players, and spectators resides with the member clubs.

It is the **responsibility** of the **coaches** to provide referee support and spectator control. This policy will apply to all times prior to, during and after the game at the soccer pitch and its immediate surrounding areas. It is the responsibility of the coaches to provide instructions to their assistants/players/parents/spectators on how they are expected behave.

Parents and Spectators

No parent or other spectator shall persistently address the referee or assistant referees at any time. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players of either team.
2. Spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game.
3. Spectators shall not advise the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play.
4. Spectators shall not yell at the referee, EVER, including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, discriminatory comments or feedback of any kind before, during, or after the game.

The only allowable exceptions to the above are:

1. Spectators may respond to a referee who has initiated a conversation with a parent or spectator.
2. Spectators may point out an emergency or safety issues, such as a player down on the field or observed lightning.

Penalties

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take either of the following actions:

1. The referee will issue a verbal warning to the coach of the offending party's team.
2. The referee will stop the game and instruct the coaches to direct the parent/spectator to leave the field. If the spectator does not leave the field, the referee should abandon the game.

Players

Communications between players and referees are governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Penalties for violating the Laws of the Game will be governed by the Laws themselves as set forth in these rules, including Appendix A.

Coaches and Bench Personnel

It is the responsibility of all coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and supporters in all matches. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and the integrity of the game, resulting in a hostile environment for players, the referee, coaches, bench personnel and spectators. As role models for all of the participants and spectators, coaches participating in a Gates Travel Soccer Tournament & Festival are expected to be supportive of, and to applaud the effort, good play, and sportsmanship on the part of ALL players from either team in a contest. By example, coaches and bench personnel are expected to show that although they are competing in a game, participants at all times have respect for the opponent, referees and spectators.

The Gates Youth Soccer League will not tolerate negative behavior exhibited either by demonstrative actions and gestures or by ill-intentioned remarks, including those addressed toward the referees, players or coaches of an opposing team. Coaches exhibiting hostile, negative, sarcastic, or otherwise ill-intentioned behavior toward referees, opposing players or coaches will be subject to sanction by the referee and subsequent sanctions as may be imposed by the club's governing body.

Coaches shall not interact directly or indirectly with the coaches or players of the opposing team during the game in any manner that may be construed as negative, hostile or sarcastic either by way of demonstrative actions and gestures or by ill-intentioned remarks.

Coaches shall not offer dissent to any call made by the officials at any time.

Coaches shall not address the referee during the game except to:

1. Respond to a referee who has initiated a conversation
2. Point out emergency or safety issues
3. Make substitutions
4. Ask the referee to repeat a call (this should be infrequent)
5. Ask for the time remaining in the half (this should be infrequent).

Coaches are allowed to ask a referee after a game, in a polite and constructive way, to explain a Law or foul but not judgment calls made in a game.

1. Polite and friendly concern can be exchanged with the referee. If the polite tone of the conversation changes, the referee may abandon the exchange at any time.
2. Absolutely no sarcasm, harassment or intimidation is allowed.

Penalties

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take either of the following actions:

1. The referee may issue a verbal warning to the offending coach or bench personnel.
2. The referee may eject the offending coach or bench personnel. The coach or bench personnel, once ejected, will be required to leave the field immediately. If the coach or bench personnel do not leave the field and any immediate adjoining area, the referee should abandon the game

Coaches Signature REQUIRED on the following page acknowledging receipt and agreement to the rules and Zero Tolerance Policy.

As the coach of a team participating in the Gates Travel Soccer Tournament and Festival, I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations put forth. I will also ensure my team players, parents and spectators are aware of the rules and Zero Tolerance Policy.

Team Name & Age Division (please print)

Coach Name (please print)

Signature

Date