

RED EARTH INVITATIONAL RULES

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TEAM REGISTRATION AND COACHES MEETING

All team applications and entry fee for the tournament must be completed accurately and received by the deadline. Additionally, all tournament participants must abide by the Oklahoma Soccer Association's and US Youth's policies, rules, and regulations and are subject to their disciplinary actions. Any teams wishing to participate in the tournament that are not US Youth members will be required to provide proof of medical & liability insurance. Any team that cannot provide such proof will be required to purchase the Oklahoma Soccer Association's event insurance.

GAME LENGTH AND BALL SIZE

DIVISION	BALL SIZE	LENGTH OF HALF	HALF TIME
U-10 – U-12 (9v9)	4	2 x 30 Min Halves	5 Minutes
U-13 – U-17 (11v11)	5	2 x 30 Min Halves	5 Minutes

There is no overtime in preliminary games. Semi Final and Championship matches that are tied at the end of regulation will go to overtime (2x5 Min). If there is not a winner after overtime then the game will be decided by FIFA Penalty Kicks.

TEAM UNIFORMS

The home team is listed first or on top in the schedule. The home team will wear White (or Light) Jersey. In case of color conflict, the home team is responsible for changing to the light color that they were supposed to wear. Visiting Team may not wear White to force the home team to change. If both teams are in White then the Visiting team changes. Not all teams have all their uniforms in and therefore there may be slight variations of Uniform and numbers.

SUBSTITUTIONS

U-10 – U-12 (9v9) and U-13 – U-17 (11v11) – You may Substitute on

- a) Any Goal Kick
- b) After a Goal from either team
- c) On your Throw in
- d) On the opposing teams throw in if they are Subbing
- e) After an Injury (Injured player only – opposing team may sub 1 for 1)
- f) After a yellow card (Yellow carded player only)

ROSTER SIZES

U-10 – U-12 (9v9) – Max Roster is 16

U-13 – U-15 (11v11) – Max Roster is 22

All players that are on the Roster can suit up and play in every game

No Player can play on more than 1 Roster

THERE WILL BE FULL CHECK-IN FOR ALL MATCHES

GUEST PLAYERS

U-10 – U-19 – Maximum of 3 Guest Players

FORFEITS – Failure to complete a match, or a team leaving the field, during play will result in a forfeiture. No team that has forfeited a match will be allowed to advance to the knockout stage of the tournament. Winning teams as a result of a forfeiture will be automatically awarded a 4-0 Win

POINT SYSTEM – Tournament will be based on a 3 point scoring system

3 Points for a Win

1 Point for a Tie

0 Points for a Loss

TIE BREAKERS – If at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds a tie breaker is needed, the following criteria will be utilized:-

- 1) Head to Head (Not Used if More than two teams are involved)
- 2) Goal Differential (goals scored minus goals allowed with +/- 4 Max)
- 3) Fewest Goals Allowed
- 4) Most Shut Outs
- 5) Most Goals Scored (No Limit)
- 6) Penalty Kicks

*If more than two teams are involved in a tie breaker scenario we will start with Goal Differential. If we have a winner using this tiebreaker we will stop there. If there are 2 teams tied with the same goal differential and 1 team with a lower goal differential we will eliminate the lowest team and start the tiebreaker process again with the remaining 2 teams starting with Head to Head. If 3 teams involved and one team has beaten the other 2 teams, then that team will advanced regardless of whether the other 2 two teams have played each other (group of 6 only).

HEADING

U10 & U-11 – No Deliberate Heading Allowed

'If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

U-12 – U-17 – Heading is allowed

SHORTENING OF GAMES – The Tournament Director has the authority to shorten games in order to ensure that the tournament get complete.

REFUND POLICY

If the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of God or other acts beyond the tournament committee's control and prior to the start of the event, the participating teams may be refunded 50% of their entry fee. Once the tournament begins there will be no refunds. Teams withdrawing from the tournament will forfeit their entire entry fee. The Tournament Director, Tournament Committee or hosting organization will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team or person if the event is cancelled in whole or in part, nor will they be responsible for any liability for personal injury or property loss in connection with traveling to or participating in the tournament. Every team, player and spectator shall participate at their own risk.

TEAM DISCIPLINE

An ejected player or coach is ineligible for the next scheduled game. Should a player receive a red card, that player must sit out the remainder of that game plus the next game. All red cards will be reported to you State Association. The coach is responsible for the verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated! Violations may result in forfeit of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

We will only schedule games on Friday night with local teams and only if we need to help avoid scheduling conflicts or to solve field space issue. Please note on your application if you cannot play on Friday evening.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matters not provided for shall be determined by the Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final.