

### **Yorktown Labor Day Tournament Rules**

The Yorktown Youth Soccer Club requests that you communicate the following information and regulations to all players, coaches, parents, and other guests. Please respect these conditions so as to avoid jeopardizing our ability to host future tournaments and your team's ability to participate. This year's Labor Day Tournament will be held on the grounds of the Yorktown High School, Mildred E Strang Middle School, Granite Knolls Facility, Legecy Field Facility, Yorktown Community and Cultural Center. Additional locations may be added at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

### **YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOWN FIELDS RULES**

- 1) No pets are permitted on school property except service animals.
- 2) No smoking permitted
- 3) No alcoholic beverages permitted
- 4) No barbeques, stoves or open flames allowed except by vendors

Anyone found in violation of these rules will be asked to leave the property.

- 5) No Gatorade on turf fields

### **PARKING RULES**

The YYSC will have parking attendants directing everyone to legal parking areas. Handicap parking is available to those with valid handicap parking permits

All curbs painted RED are restricted fire lanes. The Yorktown Police Department controls all school parking and will ticket and authorize the towing of vehicles illegally parked. There is no parking on grass unless instructed to by a parking attendant.

**The Yorktown Youth Soccer Club Inc. and the Town of Yorktown assume no responsibility for any injury resulting from participation in this tournament. By accepting these rules and procedures, all participating clubs and players indicated that they carry their own insurance and will hold harmless the Yorktown Soccer Club and the Town of Yorktown.**

### **PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

It is essential that the town's properties, facilities and neighboring private property be respected. Teams will be required to pay for any property damage caused by their team.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

In accordance with FIFA policy, there shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches, and the referee. Questioning a referee's call is considered dissent. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their fans, and are expected to demand their support in monitoring and enforcing

this policy. A player or coach who receives a red card is automatically ejected from the tournament. A player or coach who receives two yellow cards in a game is out of the game and the following game. A player or coach who receives three yellow cards during the tournament is ejected from the entire tournament. For gross misconduct, the Tournament Director will suspend a player or a coach for the entire tournament. Any coach that receives a suspension will not be permitted to participate as a coach or an assistant for any other age group or team.

#### **PROTESTS:**

**NO** protests shall be allowed.

The Tournament Director's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the Yorktown Labor Day Tournament.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

##### **PLAYER PASSES:**

Teams must be affiliated with the USYA and/or USSF. **Teams playing in East Hudson and WYSL will be placed accordingly. Teams playing in EDP division 1 or NPL will play up.** Team rosters, medical release forms and player passes will be required at the team registration site on the day of the tournament. Coaches are required to bring medical release forms to every game. A maximum of three guest players will be permitted. Players may compete for only one team in a division.

Any coach has the right to challenge any player on any opposing team. The referee must be notified of the challenge prior to the completion of the game and the player and his/her pass will be examined after the game. Any team using an illegal player or one without a valid pass shall receive no points for all previous games. Their opponent(s) shall receive three (3) points for a win. The offending team's league and state association will be notified.

#### **WEATHER:**

In the event of lightning and/or thunder, one long blast of an air horn will indicate that teams should leave the playing field and seek shelter. Play will be stopped for up to 30 minutes following the last visible signs of lightning or thunder. The current game or subsequent games may be shortened to accommodate weather conditions

#### **REFUND POLICY**

If your team is accepted to play in the tournament and later withdraws, the registration fee is non-refundable.

If the tournament is canceled after your scheduled bracket has started, no refunds will be given.

If the tournament is canceled prior to the start of your scheduled bracket, 70% of the registration fee will be refunded.

The tournament director reserves the right to modify the schedule and all matters relating to this tournament. The tournament director's judgment shall be final and binding.

YYSC will not be responsible for any losses, expenses or other liabilities of any type incurred by any team, club or individual if the tournament is canceled in the whole or part for any reason whatsoever.

**LAWS OF THE GAME/TOURNAMENT:**

Tournament games will be played under FIFA rules with the following exceptions:

- A. Unlimited substitutions at all stoppages with the consent of the referee. All substitutions to be made at the mid-line.
- B. Match duration as described below.
- C. No hard casts will allowed to be worn by players. All other casts will be up to the discretion of the referee and the Tournament Director.

**PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

FIFA rules apply. Shin guards are mandatory and must be completely covered by a sock worn over the shin guard. Jerseys will be tucked into the players' shorts at all times.

**STARTING TIMES:**

A team must be on the field with a minimum of seven dressed players at the scheduled start of play or forfeit the game.

Exception is U8 through U10, which may start with a five player minimum.

FIFA rules apply unless amended below

1. Game start times are firm--no grace periods. Teams not ready to start on time will forfeit games. Tournament Chairperson may amend kickoff times due to extenuating circumstances.

2. Division rankings will be computed as follows:

Scoring: Points will be awarded as follows:

Win: 3 points

Tie: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

Shutout: 1point

Goals: 1 point for each goal with a maximum of 4 goals

U8-U10 teams:

In brackets with 4 teams, each team will play the other 3 teams. At the conclusion of these games the top two teams play in a Championship game.

Brackets with 5 teams will play each team once (u8-u16) will play <sup>30</sup> minute games.

Winner will be decided by points as listed in #2

Brackets with 6 teams will be split into two groups of 3. Each team will play the other 2 in their group. Following those games, the top team from one group plays the 2nd place team from the other group and vice versa in a set of semi-Finals. The winner of the semi-final matches will compete in a Championship match. The two 3rd place teams, after group play, play each other in a Consolation match.

3. All teams will play a minimum of 3 games. Placement will be decided by points.

4. Tie breaking will be as follows:

- A. Head to head- if 3 teams are tied then go to "B"
- B. Goal Differential (max +/- 4 per game)
- C. Fewest goals against
- D. Most Shutouts
- E. 1 v 1 Shoot Out

5. Tie Breaking rules are null and void after brackets are completed

6. The rules governing various age divisions are detailed below:

| Age/Division | Game Length | Ball size | Max Roster | Build Out Line | Minimum Required to start | # Players On Field |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| U8/U9/u10    | 30 min      | 4         | 16         | Yes            | 5                         | 7 v 7              |
| U11/12       | 40 min      | 4         | 18         | No             | 7                         | 9 v 9              |
| U13/14/15/16 | 40 min      | 5         | 18         | No             | 7                         | 11 v 11            |

7. All games shall be played in accordance with the FIFA laws of the game, except as specifically modified by these rules.

8. The start and end of the games will be signaled by the referee. For U9 and older, the referee will signal a short stoppage at approximately the halfway point of each game at which time the teams will switch ends. THERE WILL BE NO STOPPAGE TIME ADDED FOR ANY REASON.

9. Build Out Line will be utilized in U8-U10 Divisions

10. No intentional heading is allowed for U11 and younger.

11. Hard casts of any kind are not allowed. Padded or wrapped hard casts are not allowed.
12. A player or coach that is red carded from a game or ejected from the tournament grounds may not participate further in the tournament and no refund will be offered. The State Association will be notified. A player or coach accumulating three yellow cards will also be banned from participating further in the tournament.
13. Forfeits will be scored as a 3-0 win. Any team intentionally walking off the field or intentionally not fulfilling its schedule commitments will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. No money will be refunded.
14. The home team for any match will change uniform color when referee determines uniforms are too similar. The home team is listed first on the schedule. In addition, the home team will kick off the match with the away team choosing which end to defend in the first half. At approximately the midpoint of each match the referee will stop play and ask the teams to switch ends of the field and play will resume with a kick-off for the team that did not kick off to begin the match. Teams WILL NOT go to their respective benches during this switchover. During a playoff match, the team with the higher standings is deemed the home team
15. Pets (excluding service animals), alcoholic beverages (including hidden drinks in cups and bags) and tobacco products are strictly prohibited from any of the tournament venues. No open flames of any kind will be allowed--violators will be ejected from the venue. No solicitations from unregistered vendors will be allowed.
16. Cancellations will be posted on our website, [www.yorktownsoccer.org](http://www.yorktownsoccer.org)
17. No jewelry is to be worn by any player. Coaches are asked to monitor that all their players are legally and properly equipped. Any player improperly or illegally equipped will be asked to leave the field to fix the problem.
18. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament, and their interpretation of the rules is final.

