East Moline Silvis Soccer Club (EMSSC) Soccer Tournament

Quad City Shootout Rules (apply to Fall and Spring)

Tournament Location:
Jacobs Northeast Park
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Rules and Regulations

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All games must be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified by the Illinois Youth Soccer Association and as follows in the tournament rules.

These rules may be modified before the beginning of tournament play.

Check-In Procedures

Check-in procedures will be completed online, at least one week prior to the tournament weekend.

A roster certified by your state association must be submitted before the tournament begins and to complete online check-in. **After online check-in, teams may not alter their rosters or make additions/subtractions at any time.**

This tournament is an Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) sanctioned tournament, all teams are required to register with the required paperwork online prior to the start of the tournament.

Player, Coach and Team Eligibility

Age Group	Format	Max Roster Size	Max Dress Per Game
8U	4v4	10	10
9U - 10U	7v7	14	14
11U - 12U	9v9	18	18
13U - 15U	11v11	20	18
16U - 18U	11v11	24	18

All age group rosters can include a maximum of 4 guest players; guest player forms will be required.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring the eligibility of their players. Any player or coach must have a valid card. **Players may be registered on only one tournament team. No double rostering is allowed.** Any ineligible player discovered will cause the team on which he or she played for to forfeit any game. The Tournament Director may declare a forfeit. Any team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to advance out of their group to the finals.

Current State approved roster, Illinois tournament roster, travel permit (if outside Illinois), IYSA medical release forms for all players and current player cards must be presented at online registration. Teams not registered through IYSA/USYSA must also submit Form NT. **Copies of all forms must be uploaded to GotSport at least one week prior to the tournament.** Player cards to match the tournament roster will need to be present at each game.

Division Structure

- **3 Teams** – Each team will play the other two teams in the group. On Sunday, #2 will play #3 in the Semi-Final. The winner of the Semi-Final will play #1 in the Final.
- **4 Teams** – Each team will play the other three teams in the group. #1 and #2 are determined by points. No final game.
- **5 Teams** – Each team will play the other four teams in the group. #1 and #2 are determined by points. No final game.
- **6 Teams** – Teams will be divided into two groups of three, with each team playing the other two teams in its group. The #3 teams from each group will play in a consolation game. In the Semi-Finals, Group A #1 will face Group B #2, and Group B #1 will face Group A #2. The winners advance to the Championship Final.
- **7 Teams** – Each team is guaranteed 3 games, with one team randomly selected to play a 4th game to complete the schedule. To ensure fairness, that team's points will be adjusted using the formula: (Total Points ÷ 4) × 3.
- **8 Teams** – Teams will be divided into two groups of four, with each team playing the other three teams in its group. Group A #1 will face Group B #1 in the Championship Final.

Game Procedures

All parents and spectators are required to sit on the side of the field opposite the players and no spectators or coaches are allowed behind the goals.

Player identification cards are to be present and available at check in of all games.

Teams are allowed up to 3 coaches on the sidelines with their team. All coaches on the bench must have a coach's card. Coaches are not allowed to coach from the spectator side of the field.

Age Group	Format	Halves
8U	4v4	20 minutes
9U - 10U	7v7	25 minutes
11U - 12U	9v9	30 minutes
13U - 15U	11v11	30 minutes
16U - 18U	11v11	35 minutes

In the event an age bracket is combined, the game time will be decided by the older bracket. All times may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Each half time should consist of a 5 minute break. It is the discretion of the referee to increase the half time. Water breaks are also the discretion of the referee. All games will be played with a running clock.

The referee is the official timekeeper, and therefore all decisions of this nature made by the referee are final.

The first team listed on the schedule is the home team, will wear a dark color jersey and defend the North or East goal. The visiting team will wear a light color jersey and will kick off. Both teams still need to have an alternate set of jerseys. All players must have a number on the back of their jersey.

Game balls: Each team shall furnish a game ball.

- 8U will use a size 3 ball.
- 9U – 12U will use a size 4 ball.
- 13U – 19U will use a size 5 ball.

Offside rule will be enforced 9U – 19U.

9U-10U: All free kicks are indirect free kicks, no penalty kicks. If a foul occurs in the penalty area, you will bring the ball to the top of the arch and restart with an indirect free kick. The field will include a build out line. Once the goalie has the ball, the opposing team must drop behind the line and the goalie must pass, throw or roll the ball to a teammate (no punting). Once the ball leaves the goalies hands, the opposing team may cross the build out line and resume play as normal. Offsides will be enforced at the build out line.

At the conclusion of each game, the referee shall complete a scorecard, including match results, cautions and ejections. Scoring issues should be reported immediately to the Tournament Director for re-verification. All scoring issues will be verified and signed off on by both coaches.

All games will be officiated by a referee certified by IYSA/USSF.

Heading Ban (U11 and younger)

Based on the advice of the US Soccer Medical Committee, effective 2/11/16 Illinois Youth Soccer has banned heading for players aged 10 and younger (U11 and younger age brackets) at all Illinois Youth Soccer activities including but not limited to Illinois Youth Soccer Member League play, practices and tournaments. 11 year olds playing U11 are prohibited from heading the ball. If a player is playing in an older age group, players 10 and younger should not be heading the ball regardless of the age group in which they play. A **purposeful** header by a player in a U11 or younger age bracket shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent from the point of contact.

Player Substitutions

Teams may substitute only with the referee's permission at any stoppage in play, unless otherwise specified. Unlimited substitutions allowed at the discretion of the referee.

Equipment / Uniforms

All players must wear shin guards and an official uniform with a number on the back. **Hard casts or protective covering are allowed if completely padded and secured**. Due to safety concerns, the referee will have the final decision on deciding if players with casts are allowed to play.

No prescription eyeglasses can be worn. Sports goggles with straps only.

No jewelry or hard-billed baseball caps may be worn during any match. Earrings, watches, bracelets, necklaces, etc. must be removed. Exception – medical alert jewelry may be worn if taped to skin.

The referee will ensure that the players' equipment meets the requirements of the FIFA Law 4.

Forfeits

Seven rostered players for 13U-19U, 5 players for 9U-12U, and 3 players for 8U must be present at the scheduled starting time or a forfeit will be declared. Teams must be at the field at least 20 minutes before the listed game time for check-in. EACH TEAM IS REQUIRED TO VERIFY THE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT MATCH AT THE MAIN TENT OR ONLINE AFTER EACH MATCH. A team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to participate in a championship match.

Overtime Periods

Games that are tied at the end of regulation time will end as a tie in the preliminary rounds. There will be no overtime in pool plays.

8U - In the event of a tie in the semi-final or championship games, teams will play up to two sudden victory (golden goal) five minute overtime periods. If still tied after overtime play, the following procedure will be followed:

- Goal differential
- Coin flip

9U-19U - In the event of a tie in the semi-final or championship games, teams will play up to two sudden victory (golden goal) five minute overtime periods. If still tied after overtime play, kicks from the penalty mark will be taken as follows:

- Each team will designate five (5) players to kick
- Teams will alternate kicks - the first team to kick will be determined by a coin flip
- If the score remains tied after five (5) kicks, teams will alternate kicks one at a time until a winner is decided
- All eligible players must kick before any eligible player can repeat
- Goalies may be changed after any shot.

Tournament Scoring

The Tournament Committee will determine the competition format subject to the number of teams entered per division. Points in the preliminary rounds are as follows:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 extra point will be given for a shutout win

(0-0 ties will earn 2 point each, a forfeit win is scored 3-0 and is worth 4 points)

Tie Breaking

Highest points earned will determine qualifying teams from each pool or division, when applicable, or the champion. In the event of a tie in deciding group positions or winners, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to Head competition
2. Goal differential (Goals scored minus goals allowed, max 5 per game)
3. Goals against (Fewest goals allowed, max 5 per game)
4. Fewest yellow/red cards combined
5. Coin flip (in the event of a 3 way tie, the teams will be drawn randomly for the order of the coin flip)
    a. Even though GotSport will say that a PK Shootout is needed, we will do a coin toss for a semi-final placement.

General Rules and Code of Conduct

Artificial noise making devices are strictly prohibited.

No animals are allowed. This is a city park, by City Ordinance, the owner will be asked to remove the animal immediately from the park.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking is permitted.

All pop up tents must be secured to the ground. EMSSC is not responsible for damage done to personal property by personal property.

No verbal abuse of anyone is allowed - including, but not limited to, tournament officials, referees and players.

The use of drones (unmanned aircraft systems) over the playing fields are prohibited.

Disciplinary Action

All yellow and red cards issued during the tournament will be reported to the tournament committee.

Any player or coach receiving a red card will be banned from the current game and at the least, the next scheduled game for that particular team. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player during that game.

A team found to be using an ineligible player will forfeit the game and may be removed from the tournament without a refund.

Anyone fighting or verbally abusing anyone can be subjected to ejection from further tournament participation. Passes will be retained by the tournament director and returned to the coach of the team after the player has sat out their suspension.

Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their players, parents and supporters. In accordance with USYSA regulations, the issuance of all yellow and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches and supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information will be reported to the IYSA (or USYSA state organization for teams from outside of Illinois) and the home club/league of the player, coach, team or supporters involved. All matters involving a referee assault, in accordance with USSF rule 3042 will be referred immediately to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association and law enforcement will be notified.

The home state association and home club/league of the player coach team or supporters (except in case of referee assault) will have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions, within their respective jurisdictions, with regards to any matter arising from the tournament.

The tournament director reserves the right to eject anyone (including players, coaches and supporters) from further tournament participation and/or from the tournament grounds if they fail to abide by the tournament's code of conduct.

Protests

No protests will be allowed.

Cameras

Cameras at minimum are secured by stakes and/or sandbags on each leg and taken down if the camera pole is swaying. Video cameras and other personal property are anchored according to manufacturer's guidelines for weather conditions. It is to be understood that claims resulting from the use of cameras are not covered by IYSA insurance.

Awards

1st and 2nd place awards will be given in U8-U19 age brackets.

Teams are to check in at the garage for their awards and banners for photo ops.

Tournament Committee Rights / Weather/ Refund Policy

Once a team has been accepted into the tournament, there will be no refunds made unless the entire tournament is canceled, in which case, refunds will be disbursed on a prorated basis. If the tournament is canceled due to an act of nature, the tournament will retain 20% of the team entry fee to cover non-refundable expenditures for the tournament.

Refunds for partial tournament completion will be prorated based on the number of games played.

- No games played = 80% refund (similar to cancellation)
- One game played = 75% refund
- Two games played = 25% refund

The tournament committee has the right and authority to group age divisions based on team availability, relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game.

In case of inclement weather, the tournament director and head referee will determine if weather conditions are suitable for play to continue. They are the only ones who can determine game suspensions, terminations, restarts or cancellations. Safety of all attendees is the primary consideration.

Shortened games, relocated games and rescheduled games are considered played games and will not constitute a refund. Forfeited games will also not receive a refund.

Pursuant to IYSA requirements, incident and medical attention reports will be filled out as necessary. Please cooperate with tournament staff in providing any needed information.