

# Las Vegas Invitational Rules

## Team & Player Eligibility

The tournament is open to all teams properly registered and in good standing with their association and which comply with the Rules and By-Laws of the United States Youth Soccer Association, Nevada Youth Soccer Association, and US Club Soccer.

As a condition of acceptance, all teams, other than those in the local area, are required to stay in tournament-designated hotels. A list of the hotels is on the tournament web page.

Falsifying any information in the application or registration process, including but not limited to the use of illegal players, may result in the withdrawal of the invitation. In the event of a withdrawal of the invitation, the tournament will not provide a refund.

Teams must register and have paid the tournament application fee by the deadline established on the tournament application form.

Foreign team applications must be received 90-days prior to the tournament start date. Foreign teams must have written permission and verification from US Soccer/US Youth Soccer and their federation, providing authorization to participate in the 2018 Las Vegas Invitational.

Any player that is in bad standing with any state association or other United States Soccer Federation affiliated organization may not play in the Las Vegas Invitational, even if that player's team has approval to play in the tournament from a different USSF affiliated organization. For example, a player in bad standing with their state association cannot play for their team even though that team has entered the tournament as a US Club Soccer team. Any team that uses a player in bad standing with any state association or other USSF affiliated organization will forfeit all games.

## Withdrawal Policy

**Entry Withdrawal:** A team withdrawing an entry on or before February 1, 2018, will receive a refund equivalent to the entry fee less a \$50 processing fee. A request to withdraw must be made by email to [info@heatfenevada.com](mailto:info@heatfenevada.com).

**Late Withdrawal:** Any withdrawal after February 1, 2018, will be considered to be a late withdrawal. The entry fee for a late withdrawal will be handled as follows: If a fully paid entry is found to replace the withdrawing team, the withdrawing team will receive a refund equivalent to their entry fee less a \$100 processing fee. If a fully paid entry is not found to replace the withdrawing team, no amount of the entry fee will be refunded or credited. The tournament assumes no duty or responsibility to find a replacement entry for a late withdrawal.

## Check-in

Teams must have their complete rosters filled in at [gotsoccer.com](http://gotsoccer.com) by no later than February 26, 2018. Check-in for local teams will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the offices of the Southern Nevada Soccer Association, 149 North Gibson Road, Suite I, Henderson, Nevada between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Out-of-state teams will check-in on Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Bettye Wilson Soccer Complex between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Out-of-state teams scheduled to play on Friday, March 2 will check in at their game location one hour prior to the start time. A representative from each team **must** attend the check-in. Each team must provide the following items at the team check-in:

- **Player cards:** Current laminated US Club Soccer player card, or approved USSF affiliated organization equivalent (*i.e.*, USYSA, AYSO, etc.), or the appropriate

national organization pass to participate. All foreign players will need to present a passport at registration;

- **Medical release:** Medical release forms from an approved USSF affiliated organization for every player;
- **Loan forms:** Loan player forms if your state association still uses them. There may be a maximum of five borrowed players per team.
- **Travel Papers:** Official form from State Association or National Association providing permission to participate and certification of the team roster (if traveling from outside Nevada). Players within Region IV are no longer required to provide travel papers.
- **Proof of Insurance:** Proof of Insurance from USSF Affiliated organization or National Organization (teams entering tournament as a non-USYSA team).

Tournament headquarters will be located at the Bettye Wilson Soccer Complex.

All foreign teams are required to present passports and a recent photo at registration.

Failure to provide any of the above items may prevent players or teams from participating in the tournament.

## Rules of Play

FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply as modified by USYSA and Heat FC's tournament committee as described below.

### Format

All teams are guaranteed at least three matches (weather permitting) and the ten-point system will be used for advancement. Each age group will play under a format which is dependent upon the number of teams in the age group: pool and bracket play. Teams in the U-15 through U-19 divisions will play a showcase format.

### Roster

Age groups and player eligibility are based on birthdays January 1 through December 31.

2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19

Teams registered in the U-15 through U-19 divisions may have a maximum roster of 22 players. But only 18 players may play in any one game. Teams registered in the U-13 through U-14 divisions may have a maximum roster of 18 players. Teams registered in the U-11 and U-12 divisions may have a maximum roster of 16 players. Teams registered in the U-9 through U-10 divisions may have a maximum roster of 12 players. Players may play on only one team during the tournament. Teams U-11 and above are allowed a maximum of five guest players, with proper and complete USSF Guest Player Release forms. Teams U-10 and younger are allowed a maximum of three (3) guest players, with proper and complete USSF Guest Player Release forms.

