

Rules & Procedures

Tournament rules shall be the laws of the game as set forth by FIFA.

Players and Rosters

Players must be registered with US Club Soccer or approved organizations, have 2018/19 player passes, and be registered on a team.

For U8 teams - 4v4: Max roster of 10

For U9-U10 teams - 7v7: A maximum of 14 players may be registered and listed on the Tournament Roster.

For U11-U12 teams - 9v9: A maximum of 16 players may be registered and listed on the Tournament Roster.

For U13-U16 teams - 11v11: A maximum of 18 players may be registered and listed on the Tournament Roster.

Game Schedule and Length

Weather permitting; each team is guaranteed three games with awards for the winners of each bracket.

Game length:

All games are shortened length to avoid late season injuries.

- U8 will play 12 minutes per half
- U9 - U10 will play 20 minutes per half
- U11 - U12 will play 25 minutes per half
- U13 - U16 will play 25 minutes per half

Game length and times may be shortened or altered until back on schedule; games may be rescheduled or canceled.

It is essential that games begin on time. Therefore, you may not have an opportunity for pre-game practice on the field of play. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in an adjoining area.

Tournament headquarters will manage all schedule revisions.

Teams are urged to check for any changes to their schedule.

Player Registration

Unlimited guest players

Player must be a registered youth player and possess a current youth player pass.

Players that are registered with an adult soccer league, but are age eligible, must also be registered with US Club Soccer. Players may play up. Girls may play on boys' teams; boys may not play on girls' teams.

Substitutions

Substitutions may be made, at the halfway line with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- Prior to a throw in, the team with possession of ball may substitute. The opposing team may also substitute if throwing team is substituting.
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team
- After a goal, by either team
- After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play, substitution is unlimited
- At half-time

Substitutes should be at halfway line, prepared to play, and will enter the field only when permitted to do so by the referee.

Substitutions are unlimited. If a player is substituted out they may reenter at any time.

For the safety of the players (due to the number of games played and for heat related reasons) the tournament director may alter this policy.

Referees

Only USSF registered referees will be used.

In matters concerning the conduct of games, the referee's decision is final. Protests will not be allowed.

Home Team kicks off, there will be no toss.

Tournament Scoring

Scoring Point system used is the World Cup system.

- Win: 3 points
- Tie: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points

Forfeits - a score of 3-0 will be entered for forfeits.

The scores will be reported to headquarters. A team official should verify score for accuracy before it is submitted to headquarters.

Advancement

To determine final standings within brackets, the following procedures will be used:

- Greatest number of points
- Head to head (This criterion not used if more than two teams are tied at this point).
- Goal differential – subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored. 5 goal max per game
- Least goals conceded.
- Total goals scored.
- If, after all tie breakers, teams are tied, then a coin flip will decide placement.

In determining the total number of points above, if tied teams have played an unequal number of games, a calculation will be made to compensate for the number of games played. Total number of points will be divided by number of games played. The resultant higher number will be declared the winner

Overtime shall be played only in play-off and championship games. The overtime period will consist of two full five-minute overtime periods. If the game is still tied after the two overtime periods, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine a winner.

Home Team

The first team listed in the schedule is the Home Team.

The home team is expected to provide a game ball.

Uniforms and Player Equipment

Home team should wear light colors.

The Home team should be prepared to change if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict.

With the exception of the goalkeeper, the field player jersey will be numbered with no duplication of numbers.

Casts may be wrapped with soft protective material. The judgment of the referee relative to safety still applies.

Glasses and sport goggles may be worn, however they must have a strap and meet the safety criteria.

Spectators and Field Usage

Where possible, both teams will be on the same side of the field and fans on the opposite side.

Teams are asked to assist in ground maintenance by picking up trash at the end of each game.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, drug or tobacco usage is allowed on tournament grounds (this includes no e-cigarettes).

Fouls and Misconduct

- Any player receiving a red card will be sent off and not allowed to play in his/her team's next tournament game at the minimum.

- Any player receiving a red card for violent conduct or serious foul play as a result of fighting will not be allowed to play in any remaining tournament games regardless of number remaining.
- Any player guilty of gross misconduct on tournament grounds will be barred from further competition in the tournament.
- All matters involving referee assault (or abuse) shall be referred immediately to the TCSL. Head coaches are responsible for team and spectator behavior. The referee will report problems of improper behavior by coaches, players, and fans to the Tournament Manager. This behavior may result in the forfeiture of the game or other appropriate action as deemed necessary by the Tournament Manager. Evidence or reports of fighting, vandalism, damage to property, or theft on tournament grounds, local businesses or lodging may result in team disqualification.

Medical Attention

- Every player participates at his or her own risk.
- Each team is responsible for their medical supplies and for the treating of injuries.
- Athletic Trainers will be available to assist coaches and parents with injury assessment. They are not the primary care givers of first aid.
- The field marshals will be in communication with the Athletic Trainers; however, each team should act immediately in cases of emergencies.

Tournament Headquarters

Chisago High School will serve as headquarters.

Official results will be posted online at www.lakesunited.org

Up to date information will be posted on the website at www.lakesunited.org and emergency information will be posted on the website and available through Twitter, Instagram Email and text message.

Game fields

All games will be played on fields within the Chisago Lakes Area.

Cancellations and Refunds

Once your registration is received and confirmed, no refunds will be made. Fees are non-refundable if games are cancelled for any reason.

SEVERE WEATHER & FIELD CONDITIONS POLICY

The GPS LUFC Futbol Frenzy follows the TCSL guidelines for suspension of play or cancellation of games in the event of severe weather or adverse field conditions.

If play in any game is temporarily suspended due to severe weather or adverse fields conditions, the game's re-start and completion is subject to the following guidelines: -

- Any game, which is re-started, may not run ten minutes past the scheduled start time of the next game assigned to that field.
- Games that cannot be re-started will be considered complete if one half has elapsed before play is stopped.
- Games, which cannot be completed before a first half of play has elapsed, shall have a recorded score of 0-0 for the tournament rankings.
- The Tournament Manager has the exclusive right to reschedule any canceled games.
- Following any widespread weather delay, the Tournament Manager reserves the right to shorten the time of remaining games in order to re-establish a workable tournament schedule.
- Cancellation of individual games or the tournament due to severe weather or adverse field conditions does not entitle teams to any refund of entry fees.

Awards

Awards are given to the winner of each bracket in an age group. In addition awards may be given to teams exhibiting exceptional levels of sportsmanship.