

**GROVE UNITED/SOCCER MADNESS
MEMORIAL DAY SHOOTOUT
May 22 – 25, 2009**

Tournament Location:
Olympic Park
1675 E. Old Schaumburg Rd,
Schaumburg, Illinois 60194

Mailing Address:
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Rules and Regulations

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

REGISTRATION

All teams must apply using the on-line registration form located at www.groveunitedsoccer.com.
The tournament application deadline is April 30, 2009.

All foreign teams must submit their applications on or before April 10, 2009.

All tournament and parking fees must be received no later than April 30, 2009. Make your check or money order payable to “Grove United,” and mail it to Grove United, P.O. Box 5321, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

Mandatory Team Paperwork:

Team Roster:

All teams will be required to provide a legible copy of their approved State USYSA roster with state add/drop forms (as needed) or US Club Rosters (copy must be left at registration).

Player Passes:

All rostered players and coaches must have a current/valid USYSA or US Club Soccer Player Pass. Approved rosters and players passes must be from the same sanctioning organization. The player pass cards must be presented at check-in (see below) and must be present and available for inspection at all times during the tournament.

Tournament Roster:

All teams will be required to complete an IYSA Sanctioned Tournament Roster Form. Your tournament roster may be changed up to final check in. At this point it is final and cannot be altered for the tournament.

Medical Release Forms:

All teams will be required to complete an IYSA Medical Release and Liability Waiver Form for each player. (copies must be left at registration).

Guest Player Form:

USYSA teams with guest players must have an IYSA/USYSA tournament guest player permit form. US Club players must be on your official US Club Roster.

Permission to Travel Form:

USYSA teams from outside Illinois must present an approved "Permission to Travel" form from their home state's USYSA affiliate (copy must be left at registration).

US Club teams are not required to have a travel permit.

All non-U.S. Youth Soccer and foreign teams must provide a completed IYSA Tournament Team Agreement; which is also found on our website. All foreign teams must also provide a completed form from their Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament and permission to travel.

In order to complete the registration process, the following forms must be received no later than May 11, 2009.

- 1) IYSA Tournament Roster form
- 2) Copies of Medical Release/Liability Waiver for each player.
- 3) Team Roster – Certified State or US Club
- 4) Certified Add/Drop form for new players to your roster (as needed).
- 5) Guest Player form (as needed)
- 6) Permission to Travel form (as needed).

Mail to: Grove United
P.O. Box 5321
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Fax to: 847-686-4872

Foreign teams must have the above forms mailed and postmarked no later than April 10th, 2009.

All teams are required to check-in on Thursday, May 21st from 6-9 p.m. at Soccer Madness (located at 364 W Half Day Rd in Buffalo Grove). If you cannot attend that evening, you may check in at the **Tournament Headquarters (Olympic Park, 1675 E. Old Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, Illinois) at least one hour prior to the start of your first game.** At the time of check-in, the following documents must be presented:

- 1) All player passes. Each player and coach must have a current/valid USYSA or US Club Player Pass.
- 2) Emergency contact information for the team manager and/or coach while attending the tournament.

At the time of check-in, all foreign teams must present the player picture identification cards and/or the passport of each player or, if from a nation for which the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.

Grove United is a "Stay to Play" tournament and has negotiated discounted room rates at various hotels/motels in the area for our out of town guests. Please contact our travel coordinator to get information and book your rooms.

ELIGIBILITY

8/1/00 & Later – U8	8/1/94 & Later – U14
8/1/99 & Later – U9	8/1/93 & Later – U15
8/1/98 & Later – U10	8/1/92 & Later – U16
8/1/97 & Later – U11	8/1/91 & Later – U17
8/1/96 & Later – U12	8/1/90 & Later – U18
8/1/95 & Later – U13	8/1/89 & Later – U19

No roster changes will be approved during the course of the tournament. No player will be permitted to play on more than one team during the tournament.

Maximum roster size is 12 players for U8, 14 players for U9-U10, 16 players for U11-U12, 18 players for U13-U16, 22 players for U17-U19 (18 players may dress for each game).

The minimum number of players required to constitute a team is 4 for U8-U9, 7 for U10-U11, and 7 for U12-U19.

No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another during the course of the tournament.

LENGTH OF GAMES

Game duration: U8-U12 - 2 x 25 min, U13-U19 – 2 x 30 min

There will be a five-minute halftime.

All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents.

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

The Tournament Committee may relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game. Changes to game locations and schedules will be posted at the scoring tent.

GAME PROCEDURES

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

Player picture identification cards are to be present and available at all games.

For each game, teams must be present 15 minutes prior to the start of the game for check-in. At that time, the field marshal assigned to the game will check the player identification cards and equipment

of every player, and the passes of every coach. Following game check-in, the player identification cards and the passes of each coach will be held by the Field Marshal assigned to the field until the end of the game.

Teams are allowed up to 3 coaches on the sidelines with their team. All coaches on the bench area must be licensed and passed. Coaches are not allowed to coach from the spectator's side of the field.

Home teams will be listed first on the schedule. In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team changes jerseys. Home team sits on north/west bench, defends north/west goal and has kick off in the first half, teams switch at half-time.

Teams must have an alternative set of jerseys.

The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the team's roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the game until the numbers are the same.

Teams should be prepared to provide a "linesman" if necessary.

The Offside rule will be enforced at all ages except U8.

The home team is responsible for providing a game ball.

The U8 - U12 divisions shall use a #4 ball. U13 - U19 divisions shall use a #5 ball.

U8 games will be played 6v6 on small fields; U9-U10 games will be played 7v7 on small fields; U11-U12 games will be played 9v9 on intermediate fields, and U13-U19 games will be played 11v11 on full size fields.

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

TOURNAMENT GAME SCHEDULING

All teams competing in the U8-U9 divisions will play four games and every U8-U9 player will receive a participation award.

All teams competing in the U10-U19 divisions will play a minimum of three games. Each flight will have a championship game. The winner of the championship game will receive a first place award and the loser of the championship game will receive a second place award. The tournament committee reserves the right to change a U10-U19 division to a round robin competition.

If a preliminary round game is cancelled, a championship game will still be played for U10-U19 divisions. If a championship game is cancelled, first and second place winners will be determined based upon the results of the round robin competition. The Tournament Committee may award co-championship winners if there is no way to determine the champion based upon the Tournament Scoring/Tie Breaking rules set forth below. Game cancellations and rescheduling will be determined by the Tournament Committee.

TOURNAMENT SCORING/TIE BREAKING

Games in the preliminary rounds will be scored as follows:

Win - 3 points, Tie - 1 point, Loss - 0 points, Forfeit - 3 points to the winning team

A forfeited game will be scored as a 2-0 win for the winning team. A forfeited game will count as one of the minimum number of games guaranteed to each team.

In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to head competition
2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Goal Differential (max 4 per game)
4. Most goals scored (max 4 per game)
5. Penalty kicks (see penalty kick rules below)

In the event 3 teams are tied, the tie-breakers will be applied until one team is eliminated. We will then go back to the first tie-breaker and apply the rules again with the two remaining teams in sequence until a winner can be determined.

At the conclusion of each game, the referee shall complete a score card, including the match results, cautions, and ejections. The Field Marshal shall be responsible for reporting the match results, cautions, and ejections to the tournament scoring tent immediately.

A team will forfeit a game if a team fails to arrive to a game 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start or if a team fails to have the minimum number of players as required above. A team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to participate in any championship match.

OVERTIME PERIODS

During preliminary round competition, no overtime will be played.

In the event of a tie in a semi-final game, teams will designate five players to take alternate penalty kicks: the best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the second half are eligible to take penalty kicks.

If teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the remaining players will take alternate penalty kicks in sudden death fashion to determine a winner.

In the event of a tie in a championship game, the following will occur:

Teams will play two 5 minute overtime periods (no golden goal).

If still tied after overtime periods, teams will designate five players to take alternate penalty kicks: the best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are eligible to take penalty kicks.

If teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the remaining players will take alternate penalty kicks in sudden death fashion to determine a winner.

EQUIPMENT

In accordance with the IYSA, Rule 007, which endorses FIFA Law 4, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player." Therefore, no prescription glasses are permitted, only sports goggles.

Hard casts are not permitted, even if padded. NO EXCEPTIONS. Soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.

No metal cleats.

No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.).

Shin guards must be worn by all players at all times.

All players must have an individual number on their jersey, no duplicate numbers.

In case of a jersey color conflict, the designated home team will change.

All players' equipment is subject to referee approval.

SUBSTITUTIONS

There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during a game. Substitutions must be made only at times allowable under USYSA/FIFA rules with the following exceptions:

1. After a goal by either team
2. At half-time, or before the start of any overtime period
3. Prior to a goal kick for either team
4. Prior to a throw-in by the team with the throw-in
5. In case of injury, with referee's permission. If a team representative enters the field of play to check an injured player, the injured player must leave the field of play.

GENERAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Artificial noise making devices are strictly prohibited.

No animals are allowed.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking is permitted.

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

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, at the least, the next scheduled game for that particular team. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player during that game.

Any player or coach receiving two yellow cards during the tournament, will be banned from, at a minimum, the next scheduled game for that particular team. The tournament committee is responsible for disciplinary action.

Coaches and players may sit on the spectator's side of the field during their suspension but they may not coach or communicate with the team in any manner.

Any team or club receiving a disproportionate number of yellow and or red cards may be banned from the Tournament for a minimum of three years.

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 supporters.

In accordance with the USYSA regulations, the issuance of all yellow cards 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 the USYSA state organization for teams from outside of Illinois) and the home club/league or the player, coach, team or supporters involved. All matters involving a referee assault shall, in accordance with the USSF Rule 3042 be referred immediately to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

With regard to foreign teams, 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 US Soccer Federation of the disciplinary action taken, and that the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

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

Protests must be made in writing by the team's coach and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 1 hour after completion of game. Protests may only involve non-referee decisions regarding player eligibility and tournament rules.

A \$100 fee must accompany any protest. The fee will be returned only if the protest is allowed.

After a protest is made, the tournament committee will meet within two hours of the protest being made and the committee will review the written protest. The tournament committee must provide quick due process. The tournament committee, at its discretion, may ask that evidence be presented

by the parties involved in the protest. Based upon the written protest and the evidence presented by the parties involved, the tournament committee will then make its decision as to whether or not to uphold the protest. A minimum of three tournament committee members must review each written protest.

The tournament committee's interpretation of tournament rules and protests shall be final and may not be appealed.

All decisions by referees may not be appealed.

REFUND POLICY

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

Note that the tournament committee has the right to relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game. Shortened games, relocated and rescheduled games will constitute a played game, and the Tournament will not refund any money for forfeited games.