

**CYSA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION AND RULES**

1. Tournament Information:

Name of Tournament: Sonoma Honey Invitational

Name of Hosting League: Sonoma Valley Youth Soccer Association

Date of Tournament: September 26 & 27, 2009

Number of Teams: 48

Age Group(s), Classification(s) and Gender(s): U10, (9 players including Goalie) U12, U14, Division IV Boys and Girls

Approved to host teams from: CYSA US Youth Soccer State Associations no Foreign Countries no

Tournament Website Address: www.sonomasoccer.org

2. Tournament Director Information:

Name: Sam Honey

Mailing Address: 19970 Seventh Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476

Phone Number: 415-850-1952

E-Mail Address: SHldirector@sonomasoccer.org

3. Fees:

\$ 350.00 per team

Check should be made payable to: SVYSA-Sonoma Honey Invitational

The entry fee check must be submitted to the team's District Tournament Coordinator at the time the team application form (CYSA form 2603) is submitted for approval. Out of state and international teams must submit the entry fees at the time the team application form (CYSA form 2603 OS) is submitted to the tournament director.

4. Guest Player Policy:

No Guest players will be accepted in this tournament.

5. Application Information and Deadline:

Tournament application deadline: August 30, 2009

Teams applying after the deadline may be considered only if there are any existing vacancies and if no timely applicants are rejected in order to accommodate a late application. The tournament director will not consider applications if they do not contain the appropriate DTC stamp, if incomplete or if not accompanied by entry fees.

In the instance that the tournament fills all brackets prior to the application deadline, the tournament reserves the right to declare that it is full and closed to applications.

Notification of team acceptance or rejection will be sent to every timely applicant by August 16, 2008

A refund of the team's entry fee will be included in notices sent to rejected teams

6. Selection Process (check all that apply)

First come first served

Random selection of timely applicants

Selection based on team's win-loss record

Selection based on geographic considerations that will provide opportunities for a variety of districts and/or states

Other criteria (specify) _____

7. Refund Policy (check all that apply):

No refunds after approved application has been received by tournament

No refunds after team has been formally accepted (AR list must be on file with CYSA office)

No refunds will be issued after August 31, 2009

A refund of will be given to teams withdrawing after accepted but at least two weeks prior to tournament

8. CYSA Withdrawal Policy:

Any team withdrawing from the tournament must do so by a written notice sent certified mail, return receipt requested and postmarked no later than 14 days prior to the tournament start date. Failure to do so may result in a minimum \$300 team penalty assessed by CYSA as well as forfeiture of tournament entry fees)

9. Locations:

Headquarters location: Sonoma Valley High School 20000 Broadway Sonoma Ca. Adjacent to west end of fields.

List all playing sites: Sonoma Valley High School, Prestwood School, Adele Harrison Middle School, Field of Dreams

10. Credentials Requirements:

The following credentials must be presented at the mandatory team credentials check-in:

Please note: The roster for U10 can be 18. Only 9 (including goalie) on the field of play.

- A. An official team roster, including any applicable player add forms, player release forms, player transfer forms, adult add forms, stamped and signed by the appropriate league, district and/or state registrar or officials.
- B. US Youth Soccer member passes from the same seasonal year for each player properly signed and stamped and approved by all required league, district and/or state registrar or officials.
- C. A US Youth Soccer membership form with the medical release and hold harmless declarations signed in original ink by the parent or guardian (or by the player in the instance where the player is 18 years of age) for each player and guest player.
- D. Each team must have at least one properly credentialed adult present on the sidelines of each match.
- E. In addition to being checked at the pre-tournament credentials check-in, all members passes will be checked prior to the beginning of each match.

11. Mandatory Credentials Check-In

Each team is required to have their team credentials checked in at a mandatory pre-tournament check in.

Check in will be held at:

Location: Sonoma Community Center, Room 109 276 E. Napa Street, Sonoma 95476

Date: Friday September 25, 2009 Time: 6.00 to 8:30 PM

Teams failing to attend the mandatory check-in without prior approval of the tournament director will forfeit their games.

12. Length of Games (list each age group):

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Preliminary Games</u>	<u>Consolation and Championship Games</u>
U-10 (9 players including goalkeeper)	20 minutes (per half)	25 minutes (per half)
U-12	25 minutes (per half)	30 minutes (per half)
U-14	30 minutes (per half)	35 minutes (per half)

In preliminary games, ties will stand. If a championship or consolation game is tied at the end of regulation play, two 5 minute overtime periods will be played. The **Golden Goal** rule will apply – the first team to score, wins the game. If still tied at the completion of the overtime periods, the game will be decided by penalty kicks as per FIFA laws of the game. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, overtime periods may be shortened or eliminated if the game has been significantly delayed at the start. The length of any game may be shortened to shorter but equal halves if the Tournament Committee deems it necessary due to field conditions, weather or darkness.

13. Mandatory Rest Periods

Teams must be given a minimum rest period of two hours between games. The rest period will commence when a team's match ends and will end when the team's subsequent match begins.

14. Substitutions:

Unlimited substitutions are allowed with referee approval in the following situations:

- Prior to a throw in for one's own team
- Prior to a goal kick by either team
- Prior to the restart of the game following a goal being scored by either team
- Prior to the restart of the game for the second half
- Prior to the beginning of an overtime period
- Prior to the restart of the game following an injured player being removed from the field (either team may sub)
- Prior to the restart of the game following a player being cautioned, the referee will give the coach the choice of substituting the cautioned player. (The player could re-enter at his/her team's next substitution opportunity.)

15. Ejections:

Any player, coach, assistant coach or registered team official who is sent off will automatically be suspended from their next game. The send off report will be forwarded to the Tournament Director and Tournament Disciplinary Committee. Section 4:08 of the CYSA Bylaws will be used to assess the minimum mandatory penalties. Additional penalties may be imposed. Send-off reports and member passes, which must be retained if the penalty has not been served in its entirety, will be forwarded to the team's District Commissioner. Any additional disciplinary action over and above that assessed by the Tournament Committee will be at the discretion of the member's District or CYSA disciplinary committees.

16. Scoring System:

Maximum number of points allowable per game: 10

- 6 Points for a win
- 3 Points for a tie
- 1 Bonus points for shutout win
- 0 Bonus points for 0-0 ties
- 1 Points per goal up to a maximum of 3 goals
- 2 Points deducted for red cards
- 0 Points deducted for excessive goal differential
(deducted when winning team scores more goals than their opponent in any one match)

Forfeited games will be scored as 1 to 0 (8 points) in favor of the team that did not forfeit. In the case of a team withdrawing at the last minute or not showing, all preliminary games for that team will be scored as a forfeit.

17. Tie Breaking Procedure:

In case of a tie in tournament points following the completion of preliminary games, the advancing team will be determined based on the following criteria in the order specified:

- A. Head to Head competition – team that won the head to head competition between the teams that are tied will advance (should there be a tie in tournament points between three or more teams, the tie-breaking procedure begins with #B below).
- B. When and if only two teams remain tied at any point while using this procedure, the order of tie breaking will recommence at #A above.
- C. Team with fewest red cards advances.
- D. Team with fewest goals allowed advances.
- E. Team with most goals scored advances (not to exceed 4 goals counted for any one match).
- F. Kicks from the penalty spot as per FIFA rules. The team with the most successful kicks advances.

ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND NO PROTEST OF THEIR OUTCOME IS ALLOWED

18. Format:

- 3 Minimum games for each team in tournament (forfeited games will count in game minimum).
 4 Teams per flight, if feasible

19. Preliminary play (check all that apply):

- X Each team in the flight will play all the other teams in their flight
 Each team will play all teams in the opposing flight
 X Each team will play teams from within their own flight as well as cross-over games into an opposing flight, if necessary.

20. Awards:

- Type of Awards: trophies T medals M other (specify type of award) _____
Awards will be given in these categories 1st T 2nd T 3rd M 4th M 5th 6th
Participation pins will be given to: (check all applicable): each player X coaches (2 per team) X
Programs will be given to (check all applicable): each player X coaches (2 per team) X

21. Start Times and Forfeitures:

Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game in order to be checked in by referees or appointed tournament officials. Games will be started within 10 minutes of the designated start time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of seven (7) players within the 10 minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team that has taken the field with at least seven (7) players. If neither team takes the field within the 10 minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team and the game will be declared a double forfeit.

The referee and/or Tournament Director may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a team leaves the field during the game without the approval of the referee; if the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and/or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans; or if a team is deemed to be in gross violation of US Youth Soccer, CYSA, or rules of this tournament.

22. Home Team:

The team listed first on the game schedule is the home team and shall have their choice of the side of the field. Parents and team supporters shall sit on the same side of the field as each team. Conflicts in jersey color will be resolved by the home team being required to change jerseys. The referee will determine if there is a conflict in jersey colors or keeper jersey colors. The home team will be responsible for providing the game balls.

23. Sportsmanship and Conduct:

Good sportsmanship is expected of all teams, officials and fans. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff, parents and affiliated spectators.

24. Injuries and Medical Assistance:

Any injuries must be reported to a tournament official so that an accident report form can be completed. A tournament official will call 911 for an injury at the coach's or parent's request.

25. Weather Conditions:

If deemed necessary by the Tournament Director, games may be shortened or cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

26. Tournament Cancellation

If the tournament must be cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities or other circumstances deemed by the CYSA State Tournament Committee to be beyond the control of the hosting league, the tournament may retain up to 30% of the entry fee once the tournament's expenses are verified and approved by the CYSA Tournament Committee Chairman. Refunds of no less than 70% of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams within 45 days of the approved tournament date.

27. Housing and Hotel Information:

Housing will not be provided. The individual teams must arrange hotel accommodations. A list of local hotels may be provided to accepted teams upon request.

28. Prohibitions:

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the sport fields or complexes. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the tournament and will not be invited to any future tournaments hosted by this league.

Use of tobacco products is prohibited at this tournament. Use of tobacco products on the grounds of any public school facility is a violation of California State Law.

Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to cease the use of tobacco products in the area of the soccer field.

All Portable Shelters (EZ ups, tents, etc.) must be secured with either stakes or sandbags.

29. Tournament Committee:

The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and any other pre-designated tournament officials.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH POLICY AS DEEMED NECESSARY IN REGARD TO PROBLEMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.