



CYSA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES

This document has been reviewed and was approved by the DTC for District _____ on Date: _____
The tournament is approved by District _____ and is sanctioned by the CYSA Board of Directors, US Youth Soccer and, if granted international status, has been sanctioned by USSF.

1. **Tournament Information:**

Name of Tournament: Sonoma Honey Invitational

Name of Hosting League: Sonoma Valley Youth Soccer Association

Date of Tournament: September 25 & 26

Number of Teams: 48

Age Group(s), Division(s) and Gender(s): U10, U12, and U14; Girls and Boys; Division 4,

Approved to host teams from: **CYSA** Yes No **US Youth Soccer State Associations** Yes No

Foreign Countries Yes No

Other Affiliates (specify): none

Tournament Website Address: www.SonomaSoccer.org

2. **Tournament Director Information:**

Name: Scott Miller

Mailing Address: 477 El Dorado Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476-3713

Phone Number: 707 337 8563 Fax Number: _____

E-Mail Address: shidirector@sonmasoccer.org

3. **Fees:**

\$ 350 per team

Check should be made payable to: SVYSA Sonoma Honey Invitational

4. **Guest Player Policy:**

0 guest players will be accepted in this tournament

5. **Application Information and Deadline:**

Tournament application deadline: Saturday, July 31, 2010

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 Saturday, August 7, 2010

A refund of the team's entry fee (if submitted) 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 Saturday, August 7, 2010

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

Other (specify) _____

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 95476

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

10. Credentials Requirements: Credentials from the 2010 season(s) will be accepted in this tournament.
(specify season(s))

All teams will be grouped based on the age group matrix for the 2010 season.
(specify season(s))

For CYSA and US Youth Soccer Teams:

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

- A. A properly approved official team roster, including guest player approvals
- B. Properly approved US Youth Soccer member passes from the same seasonal year for each player (including guest players)
- C. A properly completed membership form as approved by the State Association 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.

For Foreign and Other USSF Affiliated Teams (not US Youth Soccer)

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

- A. An official team roster, including any applicable player add forms, player release forms, player transfer forms, adult add forms, and guest player forms approved by the applicable governing Organization.
- B. Member passes from the same seasonal year for each player (including guest players) properly approved by the applicable governing Organization.
- C. A membership form for the applicable governing Organization, 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: Prestwood Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room; 343 East MacArthur Street, Sonoma, CA 95476

Date: Friday, September 24, 2010 Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

12. Length of Games and Half Time period (list each age group):

Age Group	Preliminary Games	Consolation and Championship Games
U-10 and U-11	20 minutes halves	25 minutes halves
U-12	25 minutes halves	30 minutes halves
U-13 and U-14	30 minutes halves	35 minutes halves

In preliminary games ties will stand. If a championship or consolation game is tied at the end of regulation play, two five (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 and players must be given a minimum rest period of two hours between games. The rest period will commence when a team's or player's match ends and will end when the team's or player'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

1 Bonus points for 0-0 ties

1 Points per goal

2 Points deducted for red cards

1 Points deducted for excessive goal differential (deducted when winning team scores 6 (six) or more goals than their opponent in any one match)

Forfeited games will be scored as 8 to 0, 8 points in favor of the team that did not forfeit. In the case 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 the fewest losses advances
- D. Team with the highest goal differential advances (goals scored by a team minus goals allowed by a team, not to exceed a differential of 4 goals in any one match)
- E. Team with fewest goals allowed advances
- F. Team with most goals scored advances (not to exceed 4 goals counted for any one match)
- G. Team with fewest send-offs advances

H. 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):

Each team in the flight will play the all other teams in their flight

Each team will play all teams in the opposing flight

Each team will play teams from within their own flight as well as cross-over games into opposing flight, if necessary.

20. Awards:

Type of Awards: Trophies Medals Other (specify type of award) _____

Awards will be given in these categories: Trophies 1st 2nd , Medals 3rd 4th

Participation pins will be given to: (check all applicable): each player coaches (2 per team)

Programs will be given to (check all applicable): each player coaches (2 per team)

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 Committee may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a team leaves the field during the game without the approval of the referee, the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and / or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans, or 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 opposite side of the field as the teams. 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 ball.

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. **Sonoma Emergency Number 707 996 3601**; this is the dispatch number and is much faster than 911 for all emergencies Sheriff, Fire, and Ambulance

25. Weather Conditions:

If deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee, 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 will 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.

Dogs are prohibited at this tournament.

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 remove a dog from the area of the soccer field, or 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 AND THE TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.