



## **US YOUTH SOCCER West Region FARWEST Regional Championships 2021 SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES**

### **UNIFORMS**

Home team listed first in the schedule will wear white or light-colored jerseys, shorts and socks. Visiting team listed second will wear dark colored jerseys, shorts and socks. Goalkeeper jersey numbers are optional.

If a team is wearing the incorrect color uniform, they will be required to change. If a conflict still exists at the field, home team will change. Teams failing to conform to this policy may be sanctioned.

Altered uniform numbers must be permanently affixed to jerseys. Taped numbers will not be accepted. Referees are authorized to remove players from game with illegal numbering.

### **GRACE PERIOD**

Any team not ready to play at the scheduled start time shall be granted a 15-minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a legal team. Any team not ready to play at the expiration of the grace period shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

### **FORFEITURE RULE**

If a team forfeits one of its preliminary games, the opposing team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, and the forfeiting team zero (0) points for the loss. If goal differential becomes a factor in future tie-breaking procedures, the goals counted for the forfeited game shall be determined by using the average of the goals scored and allowed by the team in their remaining preliminary games.

### **FINES FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR PERFORM**

Teams may withdraw without penalty on or before the first Friday in May. Teams who withdraw after the deadline will pay a fine of \$3000 plus a \$1500 housing assessment. If a replacement team is secured, entry fees will be returned. Based on circumstances involved, the tournament committee may levy a fine of \$500.00 per game for all games forfeited during the regional tournament. This fine may be dispersed to any team(s) adversely affected by the forfeiture(s). All fines will be assessed to the team's state association and must be paid within 30 days of the completion of the regional tournament. The Regional Cup Committee shall have the authority to refuse entry to any team from a state with unpaid fines at the time of entry the following year.

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

Teams who win the FWR championships and who decline to advance to the NCS Championship finals will be fined \$5000.00. Teams have until the start of the FWR semifinal games to declare their intentions on advancing. If the subsequent FWR Champion has previously declared they will not advance, the runner-up team will be offered the chance to advance. Should both finalists decline to advance, the remaining semifinal teams will be offered the opportunity to advance, based on their tournament standings

### SCORING METHOD FOR PRELIMINARY GAMES

In the preliminary rounds, team standings shall be determined by the accumulation of points awarded as follows:

Win (including forfeit): 3 points      Tie: 1 point      Loss: 0 points

### TIE-BREAKING RULES FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The following tie-breaking rules will be used to determine the order of team advancement to the quarterfinals:

#### **12 Team Bracket**

1. Head to head results.
2. Winner of most games.
3. Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within the team's flight. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.
4. Least goals allowed in all games played within the team's flight.
5. Kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA Law.

This tie-breaking procedure shall be used if necessary to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place standings within a flight, as well as determining the two best 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams.

#### **16 and 18 Team Bracket**

1. Head to head results.
2. Winner of most games.
3. Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within the team's flight. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.
4. Least goals allowed in all games played within the team's flight.
5. Kicks from penalty spot per FIFA Law.

This tie-breaking procedure shall be used if necessary to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place standings within each flight.

#### **More than Two Teams Tied**

If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie-breaking criteria listed will be used in the order shown, beginning at #2, to either advance or eliminate one team. The remaining teams will then be compared, beginning with criteria #2 to determine the final placement.

### OVERTIME PERIODS (For Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Championship Final Games Only)

If a game is tied at the end of regulation play, two complete overtime periods will be played. For 13U - 14U the length of each overtime period will be 10 minutes. For 15U -19U the length of each overtime period will be 15 minutes. If a game is still tied at the end of the prescribed overtime play, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine the winner.