

WHITE RIVER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

All matches will be played under the FIFA Laws as amended by USYSA and as noted below.

TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All teams must be currently registered with their state, national or provincial association. Teams from outside of Indiana will need to provide travel permission forms. Teams may carry a roster of no more than the number of players listed below under "Maximum roster size". Each team is allowed 3 guest players. Players may not be double rostered on any teams within their age group. All players must have a valid USSF/USYSA id card. NO roster changes may be made after the team roster has been approved at tournament registration.

AGE DIVISIONS

Players must be born on or after August 1 of their respective year.

U9 – 2000 U10 – 1999 U11 – 1998 U12 – 1997 U13 – 1996 U14/15 -1994

The tournament committee reserves the right to combine divisions.

MATCH FORMAT AND DURATION OF MATCHES

Home team is required to provide appropriate match ball. The home team is listed first. The clock shall be a running clock for all matches. The clock will not stop except for serious injuries.

The matches will be played using FIFA Rules as modified by Indiana Youth Soccer Association including modifications listed below:

Age	Match Format (1)	Maximum roster size	Ball Size	Match length (2)	Offside called?	Goalkeeper Distribution
U9/U10	6 v 6	12	4	Two -- 25 minute halves	No	Restricted (3)
U11/12	8 v 8	14	4	Two -- 30 minute halves	Yes	FIFA Rules
U13/14-15	11 v 11	18	5	Two -- 35 minutes halves	Yes	FIFA Rules

(1) The number of players on the field includes the goalkeeper.

(2) All matches will include a 5 minute halftime.

(3) For U9 and U10, if the Goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, the ball must touch the ground or another player before crossing the midline. Restart is an Indirect Free kick from the Midline for the opponent.

UNIFORMS

Each player must wear appropriate shin guards and an official uniform with a number on the back. No team may have players with duplicate numbers. The home team should wear their light colored jersey and the away team their dark colored jersey. **When uniform colors are similar, the home team will change colors.** Home team is listed first. Goalkeepers must have a different color jersey from their team and the referees.

REFEREES

The White River Classic assignor will make every effort to provide a center referee and 2 Assistant Referees for all matches (U11 and above). The White River committee reserves the right to use a 1 man system for U9 and U10 games.

START OF MATCH

The referee will call captains and a coin will be flipped. The team winning the toss will choose which end of the field they wish to attack.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Unlimited
- Before a throw-in in your favor
- After a goal by either team
- Before a goal kick by either team
- At half-time or before the start of any overtime period
- In case of injury or stoppage of play – with the referee's permission

SEND OFFS & EXCLUSIONS

Any player sent off or coach expelled from a match will be ineligible for that team's next match. At the time of the send off no substitution will be allowed for the player sent off. Anyone fighting can be subjected to ineligibility from further tournament participation. Coaches and player passes will be retained by the tournament staff and returned to the team once the coach/player has served his/her suspension. The team coach is responsible for picking up the pass once the suspension is completed.

FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

A minimum of 7 players constitutes a U13 or U14/15 team, 6 players for an U11 or U12 team and 4 players for a U9 or U10 team. A five minute grace period will be extended beyond kick-off time before a forfeit will be declared. The Tournament Directors will make a final decision as to whether a forfeit will be declared depending on extenuating circumstances that may have prevented a team from making the match on time. If a forfeit is determined, the winning team will be awarded a score of 4-0 and will receive the appropriate points for that match. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a team forfeiting a match may be eliminated from qualifying for the trophy match.

PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament headquarters within one hour of the match completion. It must be accompanied by a \$100 bond that will be refunded should the protest be upheld. A referee's judgment is not basis for a protest.

U9 AND U10 GAMES

Each U9 and U10 team will play in a festival format. Each U9 and U10 teams will play in four (4) game round robin format with no championship match (weather and field conditions permitting). The White River Committee may use the one (1) man referee system for all U9 and U10 games.

TEAM SCORING FORMAT

The following procedure will be used to determine a group winner. Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. In the event of ties in the final point standings the following sequence will be used.

1. Head to head competition between teams that are tied (skip to #2 if 3 or more teams are tied);
2. Best goal differential for all matches – up to 4 per match;
3. Fewest goals allowed;
4. most goals scored – up to 4 per match;
5. Kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA procedures.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Should the championship match end in a tie at the end of regulation, **two sudden death (golden goal)** 5 minute overtimes will be played. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the two overtimes, then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will determine the winner. Per FIFA procedures kicks from the mark will start with 5 players from each team and if still tied will continue until sudden death penalty kick.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The tournament committee will make every effort to play all matches in full. However, the tournament committee has the right to either shorten and/or to cancel matches due to climactic conditions or other acts of nature which are beyond our control.

In event of a severe delay or unplayable fields and the match cannot be completed, for all matches that have reached halftime shall be considered complete. Otherwise, all incomplete matches that did not reach halftime or could not be played shall be considered a 0-0 tie.

NUSC has an Early Lightening Detection system and will alert the facility with a loud blast of an air horn. Two loud blasts will signal the all clear to return to the fields. The committee will maintain updated field conditions on its hotline 317-773-6286 in case of inclement weather.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The White River Classic Committee agrees to provide the guaranteed number of games or refund a percentage of the tournament application fee commensurate with the percentage of games not played. In the event of a complete cancellation of the tournament, the White River Classic Committee reserves the right to retain \$100 of the team registration fee.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AND SEVERE WEATHER

The tournament committee will make every effort to play all championship matches in full. However, the tournament committee has the right to either shorten and/or to cancel championship matches due to climactic conditions or other acts of nature which are beyond our control

If a championship match cannot be completed due to severe weather or unplayable fields, the match shall be considered complete at any time the match is terminated and the champion declared. The White River Committee reserves the right to use Kicks from the Mark as an emergency method to determine a champion if the fields are not playable, or use a tie-breaker system as determined by the White River committee. There will be no refunds for championship matches shortened or cancelled due to climatic conditions or other acts of nature which are beyond our control.

COACH/PLAYER/SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents and spectators at the fields, hotels and other locations for the duration of the tournament. If the White River Committee staff receives complaints regarding the conduct of any player or person associated with your team, the tournament committee may ask any/all persons to stay away from the tournament and/or ask the team to leave (matches will be forfeited). Please help us make sure everyone has an enjoyable time.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The tournament committee will enforce the rules as written, but the committee reserves the right to amend any rule as necessary to accommodate unanticipated problems before and during the tournament. The decision of the committee will be final.

ADDITIONAL CLUB SAFETY RULES

NUSC is a smoke free facility

No alcohol, pets or profanity is allowed at the NUSC facility

No climbing on nets or goals

No grills are allowed at the NUSC facility

Park only in designated areas

Do not setup sun tents in overflow parking areas

Parents are responsible for their children at all times

No pets allowed