



**30th ANNUAL
TAMPA BAY SUN BOWL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

**AN APPROVED TOURNAMENT OF THE FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSN.
AFFILIATED WITH F.I.F.A., U.S.S.F., AND U.S.Y.S.A.**

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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY - Applications are invited from **boys** and **girls** teams in the Under-15 through Under-19 age divisions that are duly registered with United States Soccer Federation national affiliates. All teams and players accepted must have their rosters and players verified by their respective organization. Only approved players with current (2007-2008) player passes will be allowed to play. **Neither ODP nor Tournament teams will be allowed to compete.** The maximum number of players on any one team shall be 18. Players may play on only one team during the Tournament; no switching of teams will be allowed.

Falsification of player registration forms, team rosters, player passes or other records used in the tournament shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including disbarment for the individual(s) involved and forfeiture of all games played. Such infraction will also be referred to the proper association for further action.

Falsification of any information provided in the application process will result in the withdrawal of the invitation to compete. In such a situation there will be no refund of any application fee that may have been paid. Additionally, the proper controlling organization will be advised of such conduct.

As a condition of acceptance, all teams, other than those from the local area, are required to make their hotel reservations through the Tournament's designated travel agent. The designated travel agent can be reached through our website – www.TampaBaySunBowl.com.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - A player must be legally registered to his/her team in accordance with his/her respective organization rules and must have a current and valid player pass that verifies his/her team and date of birth, including current player photo ID. Player passes will be presented to the referee before each game. All player passes will be checked by the credentials committee prior to the tournament.

Realizing that the tournament takes place over the Christmas Holidays, and not all members of a team may be able to participate, the Tampa Bay Sun Bowl committee has authorized a maximum of **five (5) guest players** for this tournament. The guest players must have current (2007-2008) USYSA, Super Y-League, AYSO, or US Club Soccer player passes.

All Guest Players must meet the following criteria: (1) must be registered to the same USSF national affiliate as the team for which they play and (2) must be approved for participation by their respective governing body (state or national association).

For this tournament, the age classifications conform to USYSA age divisions and are as follows:

Under 19	Born on or after August 1, 1988
Under 18	Born on or after August 1, 1989
Under 17	Born on or after August 1, 1990
Under 16	Born on or after August 1, 1991
Under 15	Born on or after August 1, 1992

There will be no exceptions to these age classifications.

Depending on the number and quality of teams applying, the Under 18 and Under 19 age divisions may be combined.

All teams are required to present player passes, with picture, that have been issued by their governing body at registration and at all matches. Player passes will be checked by the referee prior to each match. The player's jersey number must be the same as the jersey number on the tournament roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is instructed not to allow the player to take part in the match until tournament officials resolve the matter.

3. PREGAME PROCEDURE - Before the game may begin:

- A.
 1. The coach of each team will present the team's roster, approved by the tournament, and player and coaches passes to the referee.
 2. The referee, or assistant referee, will verify the identity of the players with the team roster.
 3. Player's equipment will be checked by the referee or assistant referee.
 4. The home team will change their jersey in the case of color conflict. The home team is listed first (on the left) in the schedules.
- B. In no event will a referee allow a player to participate if said player is not on the tournament-approved roster.
- C. Souvenir patches, flags, pins, etc. may be exchanged and group team pictures may be taken at the pre-game procedure.
- D. A player who arrives at the playing field after the pre-game procedure may not enter the game until after being checked by the referee, or assistant referee, for player pass and equipment.

4. LAWS OF THE GAME - All games shall be in accordance with the FIFA "Laws of the Game", except as modified below.

LAW II - BALL SIZE - All participants will use size 5 balls, 27-28 inches in circumference, 14-16 ounces.

LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS - Substitutions shall be unlimited in all age groups. Substitutions may be made only upon proper notification of the referee through the assistant referee and with the referee's permission at the following times:

- A. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
- B. Prior to a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. At the beginning of the second half or overtime periods
- E. At the referee's discretion in the event of injury

LAW IV - PLAYER EQUIPMENT - All equipment must conform to F.Y.S.A. rules due to insurance regulations.

- A. Casts and Braces: A player wearing an orthopedic cast shall not be eligible to participate in any game. An orthopedic brace may be allowed if the player has a written statement from a physician stating that, in his/her opinion, the brace is necessary and that no further injury is likely to occur to the joint which is supported by the brace. The referee for each match will be the sole judge as to whether a brace is considered safe for that match.
- B. Protective Equipment - All players in every age group will be required to wear FIFA approved protective shin guards at all times while actively participating in a game.

LAW V - REFEREES - The referee shall complete and submit the completed game report to the Site Director immediately following the game.

In the event that the assigned referee fails to appear, the senior assistant referee assigned shall become the referee. In the event that the referee and assistant referees fail to appear, the Site Director, together with the managers and/or coaches of the two teams, must find acceptable alternates. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official. When any of the assigned officials fail to appear, the Site Director shall notify the Tournament Director as soon as possible.

LAW VI – ASSISTANT REFEREES - Two assistant referees will be used. In the event an assigned assistant referee fails to appear, the referee, together with the Site Director, must find a suitable alternate. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official.

LAW VII - DURATION OF THE GAME - The duration of all round robin games, will be:

Games	Age Divisions	Game Duration	Overtime
Round Robin	Under – 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	2 x 35' = 70'	None
Semi- & Quarterfinals	Under – 17, 18, 19	2 x 45' = 90'	None
	Under – 15, 16	2 x 40' = 80'	None
Championship	Under – 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	2 x 45' = 90'	2 x 15' = 30'
	Under – 15, 16	2 x 40' = 80'	2 x 15' = 30'

LAW VIII through LAW XVII - NO CHANGE

5. CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT - Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of "THE LAWS OF THE GAME". The Site Directors have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. In addition to good manners, the following rules will apply in this tournament:

- A) While the game is in progress, the Manager/Coach(es) and the reserve players must remain on their respective benches and not roam the sidelines.
- B) A maximum of three (3) managers/coaches will be allowed on/at the team bench and must be listed on the game roster.
- C) Managers/Coaches will be responsible for the behavior of their fans.
- D) Any serious complaints involving the misconduct of a team, its players, coaches or fans will be recorded by the Tournament Committee. This information will be reported to the controlling organization and the home club/league of the team,

player, coach or fan involved, except that all matters regarding referee assault will, in accordance with USSF Rule 1108, be referred to the controlling organization and to the FYSA.

- E) The controlling organization and the home club/league of the team, player, coach or fan involved will, except in the case of referee assault, have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions, within their respective jurisdictions, with regard to any matters arising from this tournament.

6. POST GAME PROCEDURE - We ask that, as a mutual courtesy, both teams meet at center circle and congratulate each other for a game well played.

- A) Referees will insure the return of player passes (except for any player or coach ejected) to the respective manager/coach.
B) Managers/coaches of both teams will insure that their sideline area is clean and that all trash is in containers.
C) Referees will complete the game report and deliver it to the Site Director.
D) Referees will deliver an ejected player's or coach's pass with an infraction report to the Site Director.

7. DISCIPLINE - A player or coach ejected will have an automatic one game suspension and punitive measures as described in F.Y.S.A. Regulations Section 502 will be imposed. Depending upon the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Tournament Director may suspend the offending manager/coach/player for the duration of the tournament and/or recommend further disciplinary action by the appropriate controlling organization. If an individual is coaching more than one team in the Tournament, any suspension shall be applicable to the age group in which the infraction occurred.

8. DETERMINATION OF GROUP WINNERS - In group play, quarter-finals, and semi-finals, there will be no overtime games. Standings in a group, or the determination of wild card teams, if necessary, will be determined by the following method:

- FIRST - Game points - 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie and 0 points for a loss. In addition, 1 point will be awarded for a shutout and 1 point will be awarded for each goal scored (up to a maximum of three goals). A maximum of 10 points will be awarded for a single game. (Crossover games shall not be counted for this scoring).
SECOND - Head to head competition (including crossover games), if applicable.
THIRD - Net goal differential with a maximum of three goals for a game.
FOURTH - Least goals allowed.
FIFTH - Mini games (2 X 15 = 30 minutes)
LAST - Penalty kicks

To determine wild card teams selected from groups of different sizes, comparisons will be made using averages. That is, dividing game points, least goals allowed, and net goal differential by the number of games played within each group.

The Tournament Director will make all determinations of teams advancing; site directors will not make this decision. The Tournament Director, to insure that two teams from the same group will not play each other in the quarterfinal round, will adjust schedules.

9. DETERMINATION OF QUARTER-FINAL AND SEMI-FINAL GAME WINNERS - In head-to-head competition, if the game is not decided after full time, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks From the Penalty Mark" (Knock-out competitions -

obtaining a result). No overtimes will be played.

10. DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WINNERS - In head-to-head competition, if the game is not decided after full time, overtime will be played. If the game is still not decided after overtime, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks From the Penalty Mark" (Knock-out competitions - obtaining a result).

11. FORFEITS - A team shall be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled kick-off time before awarding the game to their opponents. For all purposes of this tournament, including Section 8 of these rules, a forfeit shall be counted as a game played, with a final score of 3-0. The Tournament Director, however, may reschedule a game under Section 13 of these rules, if appropriate. In accordance with the Laws Of The Game, a team must have a minimum of seven (7) players for a match to be played or continued.

12. PROTESTS / APPEALS - All protests will be ruled on by the Protest Committee which will be chaired by the Tournament Director. For a protest to be considered, the following procedures will be followed:

- A) No protest on referee judgment or discretion calls will be accepted. The referee's decisions on points of fact are final.
- B) Verbal notification of intent to protest must be given to the Site Director and the referee of the match immediately following the game (within one hour).
- C) All protests must be submitted in writing (five copies) to the Site Director within two (2) hours following completion of the game.
- D) All protests will be acted on as soon as possible.
- E) The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.

13. EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, ETC. - In the event adverse conditions, not limited to weather, necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the Tournament Director, or designee, shall have absolute authority to make these changes to best serve the interests of the tournament as a whole, keeping in mind the need to successfully identify winners within a certain time period.

14. REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES – Refunds of entry fees, in whole or part, will be made in accordance with the following timetable:

- A full refund, if withdrawal is before acceptances are posted on our website (on or about September 25th).
- A refund (less an administrative fee of \$400) for withdrawals **postmarked** after acceptances are posted on our website, and before October 1st.
- A refund (less and administrative fee of \$600) for withdrawals **postmarked** after October 1st and before November 1st.
- No refunds for withdrawals after November 1st.

In order to fairly administer this refund policy, withdrawals must be in writing , not emailed, and must be POSTMARKED by the respective dates above. Postage meter dates will not be acceptable.

15. GENERAL

- A) The Tournament Committee will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in whole or part of this tournament.
- B) The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and

regulations shall be final.

C) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all tournament matters.

15. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

The tournament will be headquartered at the Best Western All Suites Hotel, 3001 University Center Drive, Tampa, FL 33612 (or such other location that may be published on our website).

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