



SOCCER-RI CUP

Tournament Rules of Play

Playing Rules – Except as otherwise provided herein, Soccer Rhode Island (SRI), US Youth Soccer and FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall govern this competition.

Game Info – All U12 games will be played with eight (8) players per side and a size four (4) ball. All U14 and older games will be played with eleven (11) players per side and a size five (5) ball. A minimum of seven (7) players per team must be on the field at the posted game time or the team without the seven (7) players will forfeit the game. In the U16 age groups and older where they are allowed a twenty two (22)-player roster, no more than 18 players may be in uniform and on the team bench. For preliminary games only, there will be a ten (10) minute grace period allowed. NO grace period will be allowed in the semi-finals and the finals, games will start as scheduled. The home team is the first team listed in the bracket and will supply the game ball. In the case of same or like colored jerseys, the home team shall change their game jersey or wear pinnies.

Game Times - The length of the game shall be as follows:

Under-16 and Older - Two 35-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

Under 14 - Two 30-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

Under 12 – Two 25-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

Overtime Rules – Where overtime is applicable, full time will be played (NO golden goal). In the event that no winner is decided at the end of the overtime periods, the FIFA penalty kick system will be followed to determine a winner.

FIFA penalty kick system: Only players on the field when regular (or overtime) play has ended may participate in the penalty kicks.

Substitutions – Substitutions shall be unlimited and made with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in, by the team in possession.
2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
3. After a goal, by either team.
4. After injury, by either team, when referee stops play.
5. At half time.

Tournament Director – Reserves the right to alter, modify or change any rule, procedure or schedule for the “Good of the Game”.