

# 2008 Tournament Rules and Information

## Welcome to Parkwood Youth Organization's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Emil Schillinger Thanksgiving Soccer Tournament!

The PYO Tournament Committee has adopted the following rules to govern tournament application, registration, and team play.

**This tournament will be played in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules unless modified by statements below.**

### LOCATION:

- Games will be played at the PYO facility and nearby club fields.

### DATES AND TIMES:

- Competition starts 9AM Friday November 28, 2008 and ends on Sunday November 30, 2008.
- All tournament-wide dates and times will be published on our web site <http://www.pyo.org>.
- Game schedules for each age group will be published on our web site by Wednesday November 19, 2008.
- As we can never control all variables, please check the site for possible game schedule changes right up until Friday November 28th game times.

### SANCTIONS:

- This tournament is approved by the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA), affiliated with U.S.S.F., U.S.Y.S.A. and F.I.F.A. and is open to all State-Rostered, U-8 through U-16, Boys and Girls teams.
- "Permission to Host" appears as the fifth page of this document.

### ENTRY FEES:

- U-8 through U-10... \$375.00.
- U-11 through U-16... \$425.00.
- All fees must be paid by November 1, 2008.
- Any team that drops out after November 3, 2008 will forfeit their entry fee.

### APPLICATION FORM & PROCESS:

- You can submit your application and pay fees via credit card online from our web site at <http://www.pyo.org>. Follow the Schillinger Tournament Links on our Home Page to the online application form and online payment process.
- If you prefer to mail your application and pay by check, a paper application is included as part of this document. The document is also downloadable from our Web Site. Directions for mailing appear on the form.
- Direct all questions to the Tournament Director. Contact information appears at the end of this document.

### APPLICATION & FEE DEADLINE:

- Applications and payment must be received either online or by mail on or before November 1, 2008.

### **REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:**

- Registration will be held on Wednesday, November 26 2008 in the PYO Gym from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. .
- All teams must bring...
  - A copy of their 2008-2009 state roster. Any rostered player not playing should be crossed out. Any guest players should be written in clearly.
  - **Notarized and signed** medical release form for each player.
  - Players and Coaches passes (must be presented at registration and must be kept with team at all times during tournament). Guest players without passes must submit a birth certificate.
  - Out of state teams must provide "permission to travel" forms.
- Any out-of-area team unable to make registration on Wednesday evening November 26, 2008 must register at the PYO Clubhouse one hour before their first game or face forfeit.

### **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

- The tournament is open to club travel teams only
- Applications will be taken for teams in the following age groups: U-8 through U-16 Boys and U-8 through U-16 Girls.
- The Tournament Committee may combine play level and/or age groups in any instance where team entries are too few.

### **FORMAT:**

- Each team will play a minimum of three (3) games with a maximum of (6) games.
- All players must be rostered with a state association.
- U-8 through U-10 will play 8 v 8 format with a maximum of fourteen (14) rostered players. No more than three (3) of the fourteen (14) players may be guest players.
- U-11 through U-16 will play 11 v 11 format with a maximum of (18) rostered players. No more than three (3) of the eighteen (18) players may be guest players.
- No player shall play on more than one (1) team in the same age group. Violations will result in forfeiture.
- U-8 through U-10 will play two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves.
- U-11 through U-16 will play two (2) thirty (30) minute halves.
- All preliminary round games played on Friday and Saturday will be played to a WIN-LOSE-TIE conclusion with the following scoring system:
  - Win = 3 points
  - Loss = 0 points
  - Tie = 1 point
  - Tie Breakers in the following order:
    1. Total Points
    2. Head to Head Play
    3. Least Goals Allowed
    4. Goal Differential (maximum 3 goals per game)
- Any Sunday playoff games that are tied after regulation will play two (2), five (5) minute overtime periods. If still tied after overtime, F.I.F.A penalty kicks will decide the outcome.

### **AWARDS:**

- Team and individual awards will be given to champions and runners-up.

### **OFFICIALS:**

- Referees will be official U.S.S.F. member referees.
- U-8 through U13 will have one referee.
- U-14 through U-16 will have a three-man system.

**PRIOR TO GAME PLAY:**

- All teams must appear at the scheduled field, at the scheduled time, regardless of weather conditions, unless notified otherwise by Tournament Officials. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture.
- In the case of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority to change, cancel, or reschedule any game, and/or alter its format.
- All teams must have numbered uniform jerseys with no duplicates.
- At the sole discretion of the referee, home teams will change Jerseys when uniform colors are similar.
- Players are instructed to remove all jewelry before play. The referee will instruct players to remove any item he/she deems unsafe.

**GAME PLAY:**

- Games will be governed and played in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules unless modified by statements within this document.
- All teams will have ten minutes from the scheduled game time to field a team of at least seven players. Within that ten-minute period, once a team can field seven players, the referee must start the game. If a team is unable to field seven players ten minutes after the scheduled game time, that team will forfeit at a score of 0-1.
- Both coaches must check and sign the referee scorecard after each game. Failure to do so will waive any protest of scores reported by the referees.
- Substitutions are unlimited with the consent of the referee at the following times:
  - On goal kick, regardless of possession.
  - On throw in, with possession.
  - After goal is scored.
  - At the start of the second half or overtime periods.
  - After injury to any player.
  - On a yellow card, but only for the player receiving the yellow card.
  - No substitution is allowed for a player red carded by the referee.
- Yellow and Red Cards:
  - Yellow Card - a player receiving a yellow card must be substituted immediately and remain out of the game until the team's next valid opportunity to substitute per the rules above.
  - Red Card - Two yellow cards to any one player constitute a red card. That player must leave the game. A referee may also issue an immediate red card for any single offense deemed serious or flagrant.
  - Any player or coach issued a red card must immediately leave the field and is further prohibited from attending his/her team's next scheduled game.

**CONDUCT:**

- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players AND THEIR PARENTS/SPECTATORS. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure everyone associated with the team conducts himself/herself in a responsible manner.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited!
- Offensive conduct will not be tolerated and may result in forfeit or suspension from the tournament.
- Any player, coach, or team official ejected from a game shall be suspended for at least one additional game.

**PROTESTS:**

- There will be no means for protest. The decisions of the referee(s) and Tournament Committee are final!

**INSURANCE AND LIABILITY:**

- All teams, being state-rostered, are required by their sanctioning association to carry valid sports accident insurance. With the submission of your application, you give PYO your guarantee that your team is so insured.
- PYO will accept no responsibility for accident or injury occurring to, from, or during the tournament.
- PYO is not responsible for expenses incurred by any team in the event of tournament/game cancellation (whole or in part) or team forfeiture.

### **IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

- The PYO Tournament Committee will make every effort to play all games.
- The Tournament Committee will not allow games to be played in weather where there is possibility of injury to players or severe damage to fields.
- The Tournament Committee may do any of the following:
  - Reschedule or relocate games
  - Change the duration of a game. Note that any game terminated after a completed half of play will be scored as a completed game.
  - Cancel any game that is not needed for playoff selection.
  - Cancel the entire tournament in the interest of player safety and/or field conservation..
- Any changes will be posted on the PYO web site ( <http://www.pyo.org> ) on or before the morning of play.
- Should the tournament be cancelled due to weather on Thanksgiving weekend **our designated rain date will be the following weekend of December 6th and 7th 2008**. In that event, any teams not able to play on the designated rain date will be refunded according to our refund policy and any teams in divisions left with too few teams to play, will also be refunded according to our refund policy. The whole point of the tournament is to have the kids play... and we will make every effort to do so.

### **REFUND POLICY:**

- If the tournament is cancelled entirely due to weather, PYO will refund entry fees minus our unrecoverable tournament costs and fees.

### **QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES:**

- Questions and inquiries should be directed to Gordon Dunlop, Tournament Director...
  - Email: [tournamentinfo@pyo.org](mailto:tournamentinfo@pyo.org) (email is preferred method of contact)
  - Clubhouse Phone: 215-637-9870

### **TEAM CHECKLIST:**

- Each Team should review Tournament Rules and Information (this document). Print a copy of this document for your reference.
- Complete and Submit/Return Tournament Application with tournament fees online or by mail... on or before November 1, 2008.
- Attend Team Registration at the PYO Clubhouse Gym on Wednesday November 26, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 PM.
- Download your team Game Schedule from our web site any time after November 19, 2008... and check back to the site for updates and/or changes right up until game day.
- Show up to play on the specified fields, at the specified times, November 28th thru the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

We wish you all a healthy, safe, and successful Tournament!

Sincerely,

PYO Tournament Committee