



Strikers Cup Tournament Rules 2011

- 1. Authority:** The Tournament Director has the final decision relating to the interpretation of the Tournament Rules and is not open for appeal.
- 2. Team Eligibility:** The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered players as defined by the rules of USYSA and UYSA.
- The team must be in good standing with UYSA or their respective state USYSA soccer affiliate.
- Out of state teams must provide the appropriate travel papers to the Tournament Director ONE WEEK prior to the first game.
- No out of state team shall play without proper travel authorization to include rosters, laminated player passes and signed medical releases.
- 3. Team Rostering:** U9 teams may have a maximum of 10 players.
U10-U11 teams may have a maximum of 14 players.
U12-U16 teams may have a maximum of 18 players.
U17-U18 teams may have a maximum of 22 players, but only 18 players are eligible to show up and play at any one game.
Rosters are set at team check-in and NO amendments to the roster will be allowed after a team has checked-in.
- 4. Guest Players:** U9 and U10 teams may have a maximum of TWO guest players on their roster and throughout the entire tournament.
U11 teams may have a maximum of THREE guest players on their roster and throughout the entire tournament.
U12 through U18 may have a maximum of FOUR guest players on their roster and throughout the entire tournament.
All guest players must be assigned to the Team Roster (see 5 below), have a signed medical release form and signed guest player form (Player Action Form).
- 5. Player Eligibility:** A player's eligibility will be determined prior to each game by the team's certified player roster for the current seasonal year. Any team playing with an illegal or non-rostered player will forfeit the game(s). **Certified tournament rosters must be presented to the referees at the start of each game.**
- 6. Equipment:** All players must wear protective shin guards. No jewelry may be worn. Casts, splints and knee braces are allowed provided they are (in the opinion of the referee) adequately covered and padded so as to eliminate the possibility of causing injury to other players.
- 7. Number of Games:** Each team will play a minimum of 3 games

8. Playing Rules:

8.1 Start Times:

All games will begin on time. A forfeit will be declared if a team cannot field a minimum of SEVEN players at the start time listed on the schedule. Teams are expected to be at the field sideline 15 minutes early to facilitate check-in.

Should any team forfeit a game, they will forfeit all their games in Pool or Bracket play.

8.2 Duration of Games*:

U9 & U10	20 min. halves	Size 4 ball	Semi and Final games 25 min. halves.
U11 & U12	25 min. halves	Size 4 ball	Semi and Final games 30 min. halves.
U13 & U14	30 min. halves	Size 5 ball	Semi and Final games 35 min. halves.
U15 & U16	35 min. halves	Size 5 ball	Semi and Final games 40 min. halves.
U17 & U18	40 min. halves	Size 5 ball	Semi and Final games 45 min. halves.

Preliminary round games may end in a time. In Semi and Final games, if the game is still tied at the end of regulation play, two equal 5-minute periods shall be played. If the game is still tied at the end of overtime play, FIFA kicks shall be taken from the penalty mark to break the tie (Also see Dangerous Conditions rule 8.9).

8.3 Home Team:

The home team is listed first on the schedule and shall change jerseys if the referee decides there is a color conflict, and shall supply the game balls.

8.4 Substitutions:

Free substitution is allowed in all age groups. However, teams may substitute only with the referee's permission and only at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw in by the team with possession.
2. Prior to a goal kick by the team in possession.
3. After a goal by either team.
4. After an injury to either team, when the referee stops play (one for one).
5. During half-time.
6. Prior to the start of either overtime period.
7. For a player receiving a yellow card at the time of caution.

8.5 Spectator Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each team to maintain proper team and spectator conduct. The coach is responsible for all spectators from their respective teams. Cards can be issued to coaches for unruly spectators and can be ejected from the game. Unruly spectators will be asked to leave the premises. Failure to comply may result in a forfeiture of the game. Unruly conduct, including but not limited to, negative comments toward game officials, players, coaches and/or other spectators will not be tolerated. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted. Anyone ejected from a game will automatically be suspended from the next game and upon review of the Tournament Director may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Spectators will be seated in accordance to the current UYSA Sideline Policy.

8.6 Coaching:

Only coaches/team administrators rostered for the same team of registration for the current seasonal year may be on the team bench. Coaching will only occur within the specified technical area. Coaching from outside the technical area and/or from the sidelines is not permitted.

8.7 Scoring:

Preliminary round games will be scored as follows:

Win	3 points
Tie	1 point
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	3 points (Score 1-0)

8.8 Tiebreakers:

Preliminary round scoring ties will be broken as follows:

1. The winner of head-to-head competition.
2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 per game).
3. Least goals allowed.
4. Most goals scored (to a maximum of 4 per game).
5. Shut-out wins (not counting forfeits).
6. Least amount of red cards.
7. Least amount of yellow cards.
8. If teams are still tied to this point the winner will be determined by a coin toss.

8.9 Dangerous Conditions:

In case of dangerous weather or field conditions the following game durations may occur:

1. Be shortened.
2. Be cancelled.
3. Be rescheduled
4. Go to FIFA kicks from the penalty mark.

If FIFA kicks are taken in lieu of a preliminary round game, a maximum of 5 kicks will be taken per team. At the end of the 5 kicks the game will be scored as 1-0 for the team having scored the most penalty kicks, or a 0-0 tie if both teams are tied after 5 kicks each.

In the event of excessive heat and at the discretion of the referee, water breaks may be granted at any time during a game.

9 Registration and Check-in:

A team representative is required to present the following information at check-in:

1. **SIX (6)** Official UYSA rosters.
2. Signed medical release/waiver for each player (UYSA registration form).
3. Signed Player Action Form for each guest player.
4. Travel papers for out of state teams.

Please check-in one hour prior to your first game at Tournament Headquarters.

Once check-in is complete, rosters are considered permanent.

10. Awards

Individual awards will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams in all divisions. Awards will be handed out immediately following the championship games at Ellison Park.

11. Protests

No Protests will be tolerated. The referee's decision is final!

12. Refunds

There will be no refunds or reimbursements of tournament fees for cancellation or forfeiture of games.

For more information on the Strikers Cup Tournament, visit our web page at www.LaytonStrikers.com