

5th Annual Dixie Invitational
Soccer Tournament

- Hosted By:** Southern Utah Soccer Association, and Utah Youth Soccer Association.
- Dates:** November 28th & 29th 2008
- Location:** St. George, Utah and the surrounding cities in Southern Utah.
- Eligibility:** USYSA Affiliated Teams
U10-U18 Teams
11v11 teams may have a maximum eighteen (18) Players. **The U10 & U11 teams may have a maximum of fourteen (14) players, with fewer players allowed on the field (8v8).** Each team may have a maximum of four (4) guest players for the tournament.
- Selection:** Tournament Board reserves the right to accept or reject applications to provide the best level of play and balance of teams to the tournament. A first received, first reserved space will be followed unless the board deems it necessary to accept another team based upon the above conditions.
- Format:** All teams are guaranteed three games with the two top teams in the age division playing a Championship game.
- Age Groups:** U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 boys and girls.
- Entry Fee:** \$500.00 per team U12-U18
\$350.00 per team U10 & U11
- Awards:** First and Second place awards in each division.
- Registration:** A **COMPLETED APPLICATION/WAIVER FORM, CERTIFIED ROSTER**, and a **CASHIER'S CHECK** to be postmarked by October 31, 2008 to the following address. High School girls' teams will have one (1) extra week to register for the tournament. *See end of section for more information about registration requirements.*

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Registration continued:

- Coaches need a copy of each **player's birth certificate**, get it from the parents, not the registrar. If a player is challenged about his/her age, on the field, he/she may not be able to play if there is no birth certificate as proof at the field.
- The only **official roster** accepted, is the roster printed from the Affinity program signed by the coach or team manager. Out of state teams will need to provide a certified roster from their registrar.
- A coach **MUST** have a player card for each player and coach.
- Each **guest player** must have: a signed registration/medical waiver form. A copy of his/her birth certificate, and a player card.
- Once a team is checked in at the tournament, the roster is frozen.
- Medical waivers are required for all players. The medical waivers must be presented at registration and must be present at every game with the coach.

Drop outs:

If a team drops out after the schedule is published, no money is refunded. Word may be sent to all other Tournament Directors in the State of Utah, about any team who drops out at the last minute

Out of State Teams:

- All travel papers must be forwarded to the Tournament Director no later than one week prior to the first game.
- No team shall play without proper travel authorization from your state, to include USYS Application to Travel with the appropriate Approval signature, rosters, laminated player passes and medical releases

Determining Winners:

Teams will be awarded points in pool play as follows:

- Six(6) point for each win
- One (1) point for each shut out
- A tie game will be scored as 4 points for each team
- One (1) point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three (3) per game
- Zero (0) points for each loss
- Minus one (-1) for each red card

Tie Breaker:

In the event of a tie at the end of pool play, the winner will be determined in the order as follows:

1. The winner in head-to-head competition (where applicable)
2. Fewest goals against
3. Most goals for
4. Most total wins
5. Most shut-outs
6. If a tie still exists after steps 1 through 5, FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will be taken. In the event of a three-way at the end of bracket play, the winner for advancement to the final game will be determined in the order of steps 2 through 6. The advancement of the remaining two teams is determined by steps 1 through 6.

Home Team:

The home team will be the team listed first on the game schedule. The home team will be responsible for providing 2 game balls. The home team will be required to switch to alternate jerseys to accommodate the color conflict as declared by the referees. All teams must have alternate jerseys. The home team will have a selection of the side of the field for its team and spectators.

Forfeits and Byes:

A team that fails to report ready to play within 5 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time will forfeit the game, 1-0 the other team will be awarded 8 points.

Protests:

No protest will be allowed or considered

Disputes:

All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Director or her designates and the final decision shall be final.

Divisional Play:

All divisions will have pool play. Each team is scheduled for a minimum of 3 games. Final games are as follows:

Four Team Division: The finalists will be the two teams with the highest point totals after pool play.

Five Team Division: This will consist of a "Round Robin" format. The finalists will be the two teams with the highest point totals after pool play.

Rules of Play:

FIFA Laws/Rules for the game shall apply as modified by USYSA and UYSA as described herein:

Duration of games, Overtime and Ball Size are as follows:

- U10- Game time for pool play is 20 minute halves, size 4 ball. Final game is 25 minute halves. 10 minutes of overtime.
- U11/U12- Game time for pool play is 25 minute halves, size 4 ball. Final game is 30 minute halves. 10 minutes of overtime.
- U13/U14- Game time for pool play is 25 minute halves, size 5 ball. Final game is 30 minutes halves. 10 minutes of overtime.
- U15/U16- Game time for pool play is 30 minute halves, size 5 ball. Final game is 35 minute halves. 10 minutes of overtime.
- U17/U18- Game time for pool play is 30 minute halves, size 5 ball. Final game is 40 minute halves. 10 minutes of overtime.

Half Time:

Half time for all games will be no more than 5 minutes.

Field Check-In:

The fields monitor or referee will check in each team with player cards 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the game. Failure of a team to report within 5 minutes of a scheduled game will be considered a forfeit by that team.

Players Equipment:

It will be up to the referee's discretion to allow a player wearing an orthopedic cast or hard brace to take the field. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.

Coaching:

All coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their player, substitutes, friends and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines is permitted provided:

1. No mechanical devices are used
2. The tone of voice is instructive and not derogatory
3. No coach, player or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner disruptive or abusive behavior.

Cautions and Ejections:

A player who has been ejected shall not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. Any player or coach who assaults a referee or tournament official will be expelled from the tournament, and the proper legal authorities will be contacted. The Tournament Director/committee will eject players, coaches or spectators from the tournament for any behavior they deem inappropriate.

Suspended Games:

The referee can suspend or terminate a game for misconduct or safety concerns regarding weather conditions.

Injury and/or Delay:

Any conditions resulting in delays of the game may cause shortening of the game in order to maintain the tournament schedule.

Retrieval of Player's cards due to Red Cards:

It is every coach's responsibility to retrieve his/her player's card which had been pulled due to a red card given. The player cards may be retrieved from the Tournament Director before the end of the last game played of the Tournament. All left over player cards will be taken up to the UYSA office and the coach must retrieve the card from there.