

2026 SPRING PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT

Tournament Rules

1. **FIFA:** F.I.F.A rules apply, except where specifically noted in these rules.

2. # of Players:

- U9-U10 divisions shall play 7 v 7 (6 field players plus a goalkeeper).
- U11/U12 division shall play 9 v 9 (8 field players plus a goalkeeper).
- U13-U15/JV/VARSITY divisions shall play 11v11 (10 field players plus a goalkeeper).

3. Ball Size:

U9-U12 divisions shall use a size #4 standard soccer ball.

U13-U15/U16 divisions shall use a size #5 standard soccer ball.

4. Game Time:

U9-U12 all games will be **27 minutes**

U13-U15/U-JV all games will be **27 minutes**

All games would begin at the sound of the starters' horn.

The clock will not stop for injuries or other stoppages. A deliberate delay or foul which prevents a direct kick from being taken before the horn sounds at the end of a match will be treated as "misconduct". Penalty kicks will be taken, even if the horn has sounded.

5. **Rosters:** The maximum roster size for U9 and U10 is 16 players and for U11 and older is 18 players.

- 3 guests outside the soccer club are allowed.
- A player may play for only one team in the tournament.
- Teams must check-in ONLINE.
- All players must have a player pass from their soccer club/league.
- USYSA or US Club Soccer passes are accepted.

6. Equipment: All players must have matching uniforms. Players must wear shin guards and grass/turf cleats. No metal studs allowed. Only goal keepers are permitted to wear apparel/padding covering their legs. All jewelry (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, hair beads) must be removed prior to play. All teams must have alternate jerseys or pennies. In case of conflict, the home team will change jerseys.

7. Home Team: The team listed 1st on the schedule is the "home" team. The home team will kick off and provide the game ball.

8. Visitor Team: The team listed 2nd on the schedule is the "visiting" team and will defend the goal of their choice.

9. Substitutions:

Substitutions may be made by either team with the consent of the referee on all kick-offs, throw-ins, goal-kicks, goals scored, injury stoppages, and to replace a cautioned player.

10. Standings: All groups will play a round robin format. 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. Teams failing to be on the field at the designated time of their game may be awarded a forfeit with a 2-0 win given to the opposing team.

11. Tiebreakers: If two or more teams have equal points after the round robin games. The ties will be decided by the following criteria:

- a) Head-to-head (3 Team Tie please skip A and go to B).
- b) Goal differential (Maximum of 5 Goals per game)
- c) Least goals allowed
- d) Goals For (maximum of 5 per game)
- e) Most Wins
- f) COIN TOSS

11. Awards:

U9 to U14 competing age groups will receive 1st place and 2nd place trophies for players.

U15/JV/Varsity competing age groups will receive 1st place trophies for players.

12. **Cards:** Players receiving 2 yellow cards or a red card during a game will be ejected from the game without replacement and may not play in their team's next game. Players receiving 2 red cards or 3 yellow cards during the tournament will be suspended from further tournament play. Any Coach receiving a red card will be barred from further participation at the tournament.

13. **Misconduct:** Players guilty of blatant unsportsmanlike conduct, a serious foul or violent behavior will be ejected from the game without replacement and suspended from further tournament play. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and other spectators, and may be penalized for any issues. The tournament committee may choose to deduct points from a team's standing for any of these situations.

14. **Facilities:** The following rules apply to usage of all fields & facilities:

- Restrooms are available at designated locations.
- Spectators and associated belongings must be situated in designated areas.
- Warmup may only be held in designated areas.
- Players and coaches shall avoid any behavior, which interferes with games in progress.
- All facilities are non-smoking and no alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- Pets are not permitted anywhere on the premises.

15. **Weather:** The following weather related rules apply:

- All games will be played rain or shine.
- Should lightning occur, all teams and spectators are to exit the field area and take shelter as directed.
- A game will be considered complete after 15 minutes of play.
- In the event of severe weather conditions, resulting in unplayable conditions, there will be a \$ 300.00 refunded fee back to your team.

16. **Protests:** No protests will be entertained. The decision of the referees and tournament officials are final.

17. **Liability:** Each team (defined as players, coaches, staff, parents, guardians and related spectators) participating in the tournament do so at their own risk and agree to accept responsibility for all injuries. White Plains Youth Soccer Association, the WPYSA Committee, White Plains School District, City of White Plains and all sanctioned vendors, and the Coaches, Directors, Officers and other representatives of each of them, cannot be held responsible for any form of injury.

18. Rule Changes: Copies of the final rules will be provided when checking in your team.

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