



2025 - U12 Atascadero EOS Soccer Tournament Rules



General: The rules for this tournament are those that are presented in: IFAB Laws of the Game.

Specific: Rules presented, herein, are in addition to those presented in the above documents.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

The coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators, all of whom shall display the most positive aspects of **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. All of our young people deserve the best examples of **SPORTSMANSHIP** and **GOODWILL** toward all players and participants (including opponents) and respect at all times for all referees and officials.

TEAM CHECK IN - 30 MIN PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST GAME

Game Cards: Each team will be required to present Game Cards at check for the number of matches they have that day. Players are to be listed on the game card in jersey number order.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

A. Shin Guards: Commercially manufactured shin guards of the appropriate size are MANDATORY and must, in the judgment of the referee, afford a player a reasonable amount of protection. Socks must fully cover the shin guards.

B. Braces: Elastic knee support will be allowed without regard to color. These supports may not contain any hard parts, whether or not these parts are exposed.

C. Jewelry: No jewelry of any kind will be allowed on the players during a match. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

D. All coaches, substitutes, parents and spectators for each team shall occupy the opposite side of the field from the other team. The home teams shall occupy the hill on Paloma Creek between the fields.

DISCIPLINE

A. Coaching: **REMEMBER GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.** Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and friends. All are expected to display good sportsmanship throughout the playoffs.

1. **NO SPECTATOR COACHING** from the sidelines will be permitted.
2. All spectators must stay between the two Penalty Areas, and at least 2 yards from the touchline.
3. No one will be permitted behind the goal line.
4. Prior to entering the field of play, the coach must request such permission from the Referee.
5. All parents, players and coaches shall occupy the same side of the field.
6. No noise makers or horns will be permitted.
7. Coaching shall be limited to positive instruction and encouragement only. Negative comments about referees or opponents will not be tolerated and may subject the coach to disciplinary action or expulsion at the discretion of the Recreational Chairperson or designee.
8. Sideline participation shall be limited to two trained coaches from each team who at all times shall remain in the designated coaches' area which extends ten yards on either side of the half-line and one yard behind the touch-line on their team's side of the field.

SUBSTITUTION

Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage at the discretion of the referee.

PLAYTIME

Playtime should be distributed as equally as possible. Each player should participate for a minimum of 50% of the time. No Player shall participate as goalkeeper for more than ½ of the game and should play the other ½ on the field.

SCHEDULE

- A. **Format: Boys / Girls** - Round Robin play scoring will be based on a 10 pt. scoring format.
- B. **Date:** Matches will be played Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th, 2025 at the times shown on the schedule. Rained out games may be rescheduled depending on availability.
- C. **Length of Matches:** Matches will be two (2) 25-minute halves with a 10 minute half-time break. The referee on the field will keep official time. The length of the match may be shortened by the referee to maintain the time schedule. Teams must be ready to play at their appointed game time. Teams not ready may forfeit the match.
- D. **Start of the match:** Home Team chooses direction to attack, Visitors Kick Off. No Coin Flip.

DETERMINATION OF STANDINGS

Team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

- Win** 6 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
- Tie** 3 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
- Loss** 0 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
- Bonus** 1 point is awarded for a shutout
- Cards** -1pt for a yellow card, -2pts for a red card (Player or Coach)
- +5 Goals** -1 point for every goal over a 5 goal differential, intentional own goals will not count against the differential total.

SCORING EXAMPLES

6-0 win counts for 9 pts

10-0 win counts for 5 pts

3-0 win counts for 10 pts.

8 to 2 win counts for 8 pts for the winning team and 2 pts for the losing team

8 to 2 win (w/ an intentional own goal) (*score as a 7-2 win*) 9 pts. for the winning team 2pts. for the losing team.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of all pool play the following tiebreakers will be used to determine placement.

1. Head-to-head - Who won the head to head matchup.
2. Goal Differential - The difference between - goals scored and goals allowed.
3. Goals For - How many goals did a team score in the tournament.
4. Goals Against - How many goals did a team concede during the tournament.
5. Penalty Kicks (shootouts) if available.
6. If teams are not available for (penalty kicks) a coin toss shall determine the winner.