



2024 St. Croix Cup  
Tournament Rules

Eligible Age Divisions: Description in Competitive order

Boys/Girls	U9-U10	Gold, Bronze
Boys/Girls	U11-U12	Gold, Silver, Bronze
Boys/Girls	U13-U14	Gold, Silver, Bronze
Boys/Girls	U15-U19	Silver & Bronze

**Guidelines:**

*General*

- The tournament is open to USYS and USCS competitive teams including tournament-only teams
- Teams will be placed in brackets at the discretion of the tournament director with the intention of placing them with teams at a similar skill level. Consideration will be given to the coach's suggestions for placement
- Registration fees are \$400 for U9-U10; \$550 for U11-U12; \$600 for U13-U14; \$600 for U15-U19

*Venues*

- Lucy Winton Bell soccer fields at 15601 Hudson Road S., Lakeland, MN
- Other Location TBD

**U9 and U10**

- Heading is not permitted and shall be penalized with an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
- Build out lines will be enforced at U9-U10
- Standings are not kept
- Scores will not be posted
- No play-off rounds
- No champions declared
- Participation awards will be presented to all U9-U10 players

**U11 Through U17**

- Heading is not permitted at U11 and shall be penalized with an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
- Teams may not play down an age level from their league play even if all players are age-eligible.
- Standings and results to be posted at the tournament headquarters tent, [www.stcroixcup.org](http://www.stcroixcup.org) ■
- Individual medals will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place win

## **Games:**

The St. Croix Cup is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

- Friday from 5pm-8pm
- Saturday from 7:30am-8pm
- Sunday from 7:30am-8pm

Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of 3 games total, but not more than 2 games in one day.

Each game will be played under FIFA rules as modified by MYSA & TCSL and as further modified in this document. Teams must immediately reschedule league games that potentially conflict with the tournament games.

### *Game Duration*

- U9-U10 games will have two 25 minute halves
- U11-U12 games will have two 30 minute halves
- U13-U14 games will have two 35 minute halves
- U15-U19 games will have two 40 minute halves

## **Brackets:**

- U9-U10 - all teams will play three games
- U11 and older:
  - Groups with 4 teams – one pool will be created; teams will play three games, First and Second place winners will be determined on points (no championship game).
  - All other groups - teams will play three games each, top two teams determined by points will advance to finals.
- Age groups or competition levels may be consolidated to optimize brackets at tournament director's discretion.

## **Competition Levels:**

- U9-U10
  - Gold = Red, White
  - Bronze = White, Blue
- U11 and older
  - Gold = TCSL National-Regional, MYSA First Division
  - Silver = TCSL State, MYSA Black Division
  - Bronze = TCSL Cities, MYSA Blue Division

## **Check-in Procedure:**

Online check-in at GotSport.com website.

Check-in must be completed one week prior to the event.

The following items are needed for check in:

ALL teams need to provide:

- 1) Copy of team photo roster or laminated passes for presentation to referee before each game.
- 2) Out of State US Youth Soccer teams to upload proof of permission to travel from their state association, to the GotSport website, in PDF format.
- 3) All teams to upload to the GotSport website, in PDF format, the following:
  - Official/Photo roster
  - Coach, Manager & Player passes

### **Rosters:**

- U9-U10 teams – 7v7 rosters up to a maximum of 14 players allowed
- U11-U12 teams – 9v9 rosters up to a maximum of 16 players allowed
- U13-U15 teams – rosters up to a maximum of 18 players allowed
- U16-U19 teams – rosters up to a maximum of 22 players allowed (only 18 can dress for one game)
- Each player will be allowed to play on only one team during the tournament (unless the tournament director grants prior approval).
- No pass, no play, no exception
- Guest players are allowed from within the same club. Eligible guest players are registered within the same age group or younger. A maximum of 6 guest players per team is allowed and they are to be designated on the roster.

### **Home Team:**

- The home team on schedule wears **dark**.
- The home team must change jersey color if the referee(s) determine there is a color conflict.

### **Points and Tiebreakers:**

- Games ending in ties will remain tied in preliminary rounds.
- To determine which teams will advance from pool play to a championship round, the following procedures will be used in sequence:
  - Highest number of points; 10 points maximum per game.
  - Win = 6 points
  - Tie = 3 points
  - 1 point for each goal, maximum of three per game.
  - 1 point for a shutout (example: 0-0 ties equals 4 points)
  - Winner of head to head competition; does not apply if more than two teams are tied.
  - Winner of most games
  - Goal differential; goals scored minus goals against, up to a maximum differential of 3 goals per game.
  - Fewest goals allowed
  - Kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures in USSF Laws of the Game. The time and location will be determined by the tournament director with consideration given to the schedules of the tied teams.
  - A forfeiture in play will result in a 3-0 score and 10 points for the winner.
- Elimination round and Championship games that cannot end in a tie:
  - Determined by sudden-death overtime play consisting of two 5-minute periods.
  - In between, teams will switch goals with no intermission.
  - If the game is still tied at the end of the two 5- minute overtime periods, it will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark beginning with a best-of-five series of alternating kicks, then sudden-death rounds of kicks.
  - If necessary, the referee or Tournament Director may move the shootout to an alternate location or time.

### **Referees and Conduct:**

- A three-person system will be used for U11-U19 play. A one-person system is allowed for U9-U10 play. Only USSF certified and registered referees will be used for center referees, substitute line judges may be used as necessary. All referee decisions are final and no protests are allowed.
- Red cards issued during the tournament will follow MYSA & TCSL policies and rules with the addition of a loss of a game point for that player's team. The player will be ejected and the team will play short-sided for the remainder of the game and potentially future games of the tournament.
- The conduct of pass carrying adults (coaches and managers) during the tournament will follow MYSA & TCSL policies and rules, with misconduct potentially resulting in a referee requesting that the individual(s) leave the vicinity of the field before the play continues, exclusion from the premises, retention of pass by tournament officials for reporting purposes, and further disciplinary action through the MYSA & TCSL.
- Misconduct by spectators may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the field of play, exclusion from the grounds, and may also be reported to the MYSA & TCSL for additional review or sanctions.

### **Weather/Other Emergencies:**

- All weather situations will follow MYSA & TCSL weather policy.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel games as necessary, if lightning or weather poses a danger to participants, spectators and officials.
- If games are stopped and cannot be restarted, the score at stoppage point will be the final score.
- Games unable to start because of weather will be scored as 0-0 ties.
- In case of a medical emergency, tournament officials will implement a medical response as necessary.
- It is each team's responsibility to provide water, ice and basic first aid to their players.

### **Concussion Policy:**

Tournament officials and all participating adult team affiliates will abide by the SCSC and MYSA & TCSL Concussion Policies in accordance with Minnesota State Law as follows:

- This tournament, held by the St. Croix Soccer Club and sanctioned by US Club Soccer, requires compliance with Minnesota Statute 121A.37 in accordance with the SCSC and US Club Soccer Concussion Policies.

All participating coaches and referees are required to take concussion training. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a free online course entitled *Concussion Training for Coaches (and referees)*, accessible by the following link: [CDC Guideline](#)

US Club Soccer policies are available at: [US Club Soccer Head Injuries](#)

Minnesota statute are available here - [Policy](#)

### **Cancellation Policy:**

- Fee refunds are solely at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- No refunds will be made to teams who withdraw from the tournament after being accepted.

**Prohibitions:**

- **NO PETS**
- **No Alcoholic Beverages**
- **No Tobacco Products**

**Tournament Headquarters, Game Fields and Director:**

The Tournament Headquarters will be at Lucy Winton Bell soccer fields at 15601 Hudson Road S., Lakeland, MN.

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