



**2014 TOURNAMENT HOST AGREEMENT  
FOR TOURNAMENTS IN ILLINOIS**

Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) has partnered with multiple state associations to bring our members a one-stop tournament website. The Tournament Host must be in good standing and have teams currently registered with an IYSA member league. You can submit your tournament application through The Tournament Center website link <http://www.thetournamentcenter.com>. Select 'Host a Tournament' and create your login and password. You can upload your logo to the tournament page. For your convenience, you can also submit travel notifications and guest player notifications through this website. You can pay online and you can email your completed IYSA Tournament Host Agreement to [cep@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:cep@illinoisyouthsoccer.org). Your tournament will be approved once all required paperwork and fees have been received by the IYSA. Once a tournament is approved by the IYSA, it will be advertised on The Tournament Center and US Youth Soccer websites. If tournament approval is requested within thirty (30) or less days from start date of the tournament, please contact IYSA for special procedures. This approval assures participants that your tournament meets quality tournament and risk management standards.

Tournament Name (Tournament) Wheaton Wings Spring Classic Date(s) May 16-18, 2014  
Tournament Location: City Wheaton Facility Graf Park & Seven Sides Park  
Tournament Website www.wheatonwings.com # of your teams currently registered with the IYSA 11  
Tournament Host/Club Wheaton Wings Soccer Club IYSA Affiliated League(s) IWSL  
Tournament Director Brad Keene Email Address bkeene@wheatonparks.org  
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- RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT:** A tournament that is open only to member of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.
- UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT:** A tournament that is open to all US Soccer affiliates and international participants.

We the undersigned Tournament Director and Tournament Host's President/Chief Executive Officer understand and agree to the following terms on behalf of the Tournament Host:

**Tournament Application Process**

Complete and submit to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association ("IYSA") no later than Sixty (60) days prior to the start date of this Tournament the following items:

- Fees:**
- \$300\* Non-refundable IYSA Tournament Application Fee** for Tournament Host that has at least 50% of its players currently registered with an Illinois Youth Soccer Association member league
  - \$1500\* Non-refundable IYSA Tournament Application Fee** for Tournament Host that has less than 50% of its players currently registered with an Illinois Youth Soccer Association member league
  - Tournament Bond** - If the IYSA does not have a Tournament Bond currently on file for this Tournament, we agree to submit a separate payment to the IYSA in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the Refundable Tournament Bond. This bond is subject to forfeiture for non-compliance of this Agreement, IYSA rules and policies.

\* Subject to change.

**Documents:**

1. IYSA Tournament Host Agreement
2. Online US Youth Soccer Application to Host Tournament or Games
3. Tournament Rules

**Co-Sponsors**

IYSA will not enter into a Tournament Agreement that involves a third party administrator, private manager, sponsoring organization and/or non-IYSA member with the exception of a renewing agreement with a member club in good standing with the IYSA and whose tournament approval has not been withdrawn by the IYSA. The approval is granted to the Tournament Host who must be a member of the IYSA.

**Small Sided Tournaments (tournament wherein game format is 3v3, 5v5, or other small-sided format for all age groups)**

Please contact IYSA office for procedures.

### **Fields Outside of Illinois**

IYSA will not approve a tournament that uses fields outside of Illinois and any and all benefits thereof will be considered void if the Tournament uses fields outside of Illinois.

### **Tournament Director**

The Tournament Director shall be a person affiliated with the Tournament Host/The IYSA Affiliate and not an independent tournament managing organization. The Tournament Director shall attend a Tournament Host Meeting. Check [www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org](http://www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org) for time and location.

### **Referee Assignor**

The Tournament Referee Assignor must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, be currently certified as a US Soccer (USSF) Referee Assignor with the Illinois Soccer Referee Committee (ISRC), be on file with the ISRC as having successfully completed the IYSA Background Search, and be in good standing with the IYSA, ISRC, USSF. The Tournament Referee Assignor(s) must attend the annual IYSA Tournament Referee Assignors Meeting. See [www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org](http://www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org) for time and location. It is highly recommended that the Tournament Director and the Tournament's Referee Assignor not be the same person. The Tournament Referee Assignor must collect and maintain the IYSA Medical Release & Liability Waiver for all referees in the Tournament. The Tournament Referee Assignor must abide by the Child Labor Laws and collect a work permit for each referee working in the Tournament who is under the age of 16.

### **Referees**

The Tournament Host and Referee Assignor agree to use only referees that at the time of this Tournament are currently registered and USSF certified and that are in good standing with the IYSA, ISRC, and USSF. No one shall officiate as a referee in any match under the jurisdiction (direct or indirect) of the United State Soccer Federation who is not registered with the Federation for the current year unless that person is a foreign referee who has been properly accredited by his or her national association. Referees, aged 18 and older, who work youth games must be on file with the ISRC as having successfully completed the IYSA Background Search. Tournament Host will submit the list of Tournament referees to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report

### **Referee Development Assessment Support**

Tournaments provide a great opportunity for referees to get mentored and assessed. If your tournament wants to be acknowledged for contributing to referee development, please work with your referee assignor to request referee assessments and submit a separate check made payable to the Illinois Soccer Referee Committee -Tournament Assessor in the amount listed below. Send it to the IYSA with your payment. The Illinois Soccer Referee Committee will assign the Tournament Assessor to perform the USSF developmental assessments.

Recommended Guidelines:  1-199 Teams-\$100 for 4 Assessments  200-299 Teams-\$150 for 6 Assessments  300+ Teams-\$200 for 8 Assessments

### **Tournament Cancellation**

If this Tournament is canceled prior to its start due to an "act of nature" as determined by the IYSA, this Tournament will refund the team's entry fee with the option of retaining up to 20% of the team entry fee and clearly state the cancellation policy on the Team Entry and acknowledgment form. If a tournament is cancelled for any other reason, it will refund the team's entire entry fee. The IYSA Tournament Application Fee will not be refunded if this Tournament is canceled. Written notice of cancellation and/or date change must be submitted to the IYSA prior to the tournament start date.

### **Player Insurance Coverage**

All teams that are currently registered and in good standing with the IYSA at the time of this Tournament are covered by the IYSA's insurance. IYSA does not provide insurance to non-IYSA players/teams. All non-IYSA teams/players must submit proof of insurance to the Tournament. A non-IYSA team or player can obtain insurance and a member pass from the IYSA by registering as a Tournament Team or Tournament Player with the IYSA.

### **Insurance Exclusions**

IYSA does not provide coverage to non-IYSA participants. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage to over-age and/or adult division participants. Non-IYSA/USYSA teams and over-age and/or adult division participants and must submit to the Tournament a certificate of insurance in the minimum amount of \$2 Million from their member organization naming the Tournament and Illinois Youth Soccer Association as additional insureds. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the use of Amusement-type equipment including but not limited to inflatables, bungee jumping, rock climbing equipment, etc. Each Amusement-type equipment vendor must submit to the IYSA prior to the start of this tournament an insurance certificate in the minimum amount of \$2 Million naming the Illinois Youth Soccer Association and Tournament Host as additional insureds. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the operations of an outside vendor including but not limited to food vendor, exhibitors, parking vendor, etc. Each vendor must submit to the IYSA prior to the start of this Tournament an insurance certificate in the minimum amount of \$2 Million naming the Tournament Host and IYSA as additional insureds. In the event the Tournament mandates hotel accommodations, IYSA does not provide insurance coverage to said accommodations and any claim arising therefrom.

### **Traffic Control**

Tournament Host should not engage volunteers to conduct traffic control on public roads. Tournament Host shall contract local authority and/or a third party vendor specializing in traffic control on public roads. Any individual assisting in parking areas must be 18 years of age or older.

### **Medical Procedures**

IYSA registered teams shall have an IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver for each participant and therefore do not need to produce a copy at registration but shall submit a copy to the Tournament Host if there is Medical and/or Incident Report filed. All non-IYSA teams shall present a completed IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver for each participant to the Tournament Host at tournament registration. In order to place the insurance company on notice if there is a serious injury/incident, the Tournament Host shall submit the following documents to the IYSA no later than with the Post Tournament Report: (1) Copy of the IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver, (2) Copy of the Injured Player's or Coach's Pass, (3) IYSA Medical Report and/or Incident Report, (4) Referee Report, (5) IYSA Concussion Notification Form if applicable. The Tournament shall have medical personnel at each site to attend to injuries for the duration of this tournament, provide them with cellular/radio communication, and a shelter/tent area for treating injuries. Medical personnel include currently certified athletic trainers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, registered nurses, and physicians.

### **Concussions**

Since signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or may take hours or days to fully appear, any person that sustains a bump, blow, jolt to the head, or a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head and/or is exhibiting signs and symptoms of concussion **MUST** be removed from play immediately and shall not return to play until the Injured Person has been evaluated and obtained and submitted to the Tournament Host a signed clearance from a licensed medical doctor who specializes in concussion treatment and management. The Tournament Host agrees to use and abide by the Illinois Youth Soccer Association's Concussion Notification Form (Concussion Form). Tournament Host's Event Official must obtain an original Concussion Form signed by the Parent/Guardian/Responsible Party and submit it to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report. Additionally, Event Official must present a copy of the Form to the Parent/Guardian/Responsible Party and/or Player that is 18 years of age or older and to the Team Coach/Manager.

### **Heat Precautions**

High heat and humidity increases the risk of dangerous heat illness and heat stroke. Please use the heat index chart developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to determine when heat and humidity have reached the point where athletes are at serious risk and take precautions to prevent heat illnesses, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

### **Weather Related Safety**

For the duration of the outdoor tournament the Tournament Host agrees to use an electronic lightning detector and abide by and enforce the lightning and thunderstorm safety guidelines issued by weather safety authorities including but not limited to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Safety Council, National Weather Service Office, American Red Cross or Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Tournament Host agrees to use at every site an Air Horn or central lightning detection siren to sound an alarm to the teams and to provide written instructions thereof to each team. Example: One Long (3 second) Blast means "Clear the Fields" and Three Short (1 second) Blasts means "All Clear - Return to Fields". The Tournament Host may disqualify any team from further participation in the Tournament that refuses to abide by the lightning and thunderstorm safety guidelines and move off the field to a safe location. A coach who refuses to abide by and/or ignores weather safety directions from the Tournament may be held in violation of the IYSA Code of Conduct for Coaches and the US Soccer affiliates rules of conduct.

### **Goal Safety**

Tournament Host shall abide by IYSA's Goal Safety Policy (Rule 021-A). The Tournament Host shall inspect and ensure prior to the start of the tournament that the fields and goals are safe, that the goal posts are anchored and **STORED** according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's and the goal manufacturer's guidelines, and that all of the goal posts have labels warning of climbing hazards. Additionally, all unused goals must be anchored and/or chained to a substantial or permanent structure or to another goal.

### **Golf Cart Safety**

All golf carts and other motorized vehicles shall be operated only by individuals 18 years of age or older who hold a valid state driver's license. The ignition key shall be removed when the vehicle is not being operated.

### **Tournament Procedures**

The Tournament Host agrees to the following tournament procedures:

1. Verify that each team in this Tournament is represented by a coach that has a valid US Youth Soccer or other US Soccer affiliate pass and who is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and spectators at each game.
2. Abide by the Tournament rules submitted to the IYSA as part of the tournament application.
3. Publish the Tournament rules, team entry fee, refund/cancellation policy and team parking fees if any.
4. Freeze the team's roster at the start of the team's first game in this Tournament.
5. Accept only the number of teams for whom the Tournament can provide an adequate number of currently licensed USSF referees, safe fields, and parking.
6. Tournament has the option to allow players to play up in an age group within the same club.
7. Barring exigent circumstances & subject to the permission of the Tournament Director, players should not participate on more than one team.
8. Permit IYSA to link the Tournament's website with the IYSA, The Tournament Center, and US Youth Soccer tournament websites.
9. Link Tournament site to IYSA website [www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org](http://www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org).

**Registration**

All tournament participants must have a valid pass issued by Illinois Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer State Association and/or a US Soccer affiliate. The passes shall be presented, verified, and checked against the IYSA Tournament Roster at team registration. The Tournament Host shall retain Form NT and the IYSA Medical Release and Waivers for any non-IYSA/USYS team. See paragraph regarding Document Retention Period for forms that have to be submitted to the IYSA with Post Tournament Report. The Tournament Host will retain the Tournament Rosters for each team and submit them to the IYSA **only** for those teams for whom a Medical or Incident Report has been filed and also make the rosters available to the IYSA upon request.

**Guest Player Notification**

The Tournament Host understands that a Guest Player must have permission from his/her registered team coach to participate at the Tournament. Possession of player's pass is evidence that the player has received permission from his/her registered team coach. Therefore, Guest Player Notification is not required for a "passed" player to play with a team at the Tournament. However, the player may only guest play for the same organizational member. Example: A player may not use his/her IYSA/US Youth Soccer member pass to play for a US Club or any other non-IYSA/US Youth Soccer member team. A US Club team may not use a player with an IYSA/US Youth Soccer member pass.

**Non-Member Tournament Passes & Insurance**

A non-member may obtain an IYSA Tournament Pass online to attend an IYSA or US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament.

**USSF Affiliate Participation**

A team that is not affiliated with IYSA or US Youth Soccer but is a member of another USSF affiliated member must complete and submit IYSA Form NT with the required documents. Tournament Host shall submit Form NT to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report.

**Foreign/International Teams (Teams outside the United States)**

Any tournament involving international teams must also obtain permission from USSF. The required forms are listed on the IYSA tournament page. Tournament Host shall submit USSF Permission Form to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report.

**Post Tournament Report**

The Tournament Host agrees to submit to the IYSA the Post Tournament Report and the required documents within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of this Tournament.

**Document Retention Period**

- Tournament Roster or Tournament Team Roster – retain for a minimum of two (2) years.
- IYSA Medical Release & Waiver – retain for any non-IYSA team until participant has reached 21 years of age and submit to IYSA with Post Tournament Report for anyone for whom a Medical and/or Incident Report has been filed.
- Form NT for Non-IYSA/USYS affiliates – Submit to IYSA with Post Tournament Report.
- Certificate of insurance for Non-IYSA/USYS affiliate - Submit to IYSA with Post Tournament Report.
- Medical Report – Submit to IYSA with copy of IYSA Medical Release and Waiver and Post Tournament Report.
- Incident Report - Submit to IYSA with copy of IYSA Medical Release and Waiver and Post Tournament Report.
- IYSA Concussion Notification Form – Submit to IYSA with Post Tournament Report.

**Agreement**

We the undersigned Tournament Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the hosting organization (Tournament Host) understand and agree to the terms of this Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) Tournament Host Agreement and all requirements of the IYSA. We certify that the information provided in this Agreement is true and correct, that we have the required number of players currently registered with the IYSA and that we are in compliance with the bylaws, policies, procedures and requirements of the IYSA. We certify that the Tournament Host is not a member of any organization that has requirements that conflict with IYSA's bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and requirements. We understand that to be listed as a tournament approved by the IYSA is a privilege and not a right. We understand that if the Tournament Host fails to comply with these requirements, we shall forfeit the Tournament bond, be subject to a penalty up to and including \$1000, be placed on probation with the IYSA and jeopardize the privilege of hosting an IYSA approved tournament in Illinois. This Agreement cannot be withdrawn by the Tournament Host and any attempt to do so will cause the tournament to forfeit its bond. We agree not to list, advertise or promote a soccer organization that solicits IYSA players, teams, coaches, or members for participation/membership. In granting this approval to host a tournament or games, neither the IYSA nor US Youth Soccer or their Affiliates agrees to be liable for transportation, lodging, or injury to persons or property sustained in the course of the approved event. We understand that in granting this approval to host a tournament or games, neither the IYSA nor US Youth Soccer or their Affiliates are liable for transportation, lodging, or injury to persons or property sustained in the course of the approved event. The Tournament Host hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the IYSA, its officers, directors, coaches, managers, employees, agents, associated personnel, affiliated organizations, and sponsors from and against any and all liabilities, losses, fines, penalties, costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees that arise out of any and all allegations asserted in any third party claim, demand, suit, or cause of action or proceeding arising out of any of the following, whether actual or alleged: (a) any bodily injury, including death, to persons or damage or loss of property which result in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Tournament Host relating to the Tournament Host carrying out its obligations under this Agreement; and (b) any breach of this Agreement. We agree that in all matters not provided for herein, the IYSA Tournament Committee and IYSA Risk Management Committee decision(s) shall be final.

*Related only to tournament play.*

**SIGNATURE OF THE TOURNAMENT HOST PRESIDENT/CEO AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ARE REQUIRED!**

Tournament Host Whetson Wings Soccer Club

Name Mike Benard-Executive Director Signature  Date 12/13/13

Name Bradley W. Keene Signature Bradley W. Keene Date 12/9/2013

*Except matters arising from negligence by the IYSA, its officers, agents, etc.*

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## **Rules for the Wheaton Wings Spring Classic 2014**

All games must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified by the Illinois Youth Soccer Association and as follows in the tournament rules:

### **REGISTRATION**

All teams must apply using the registration form located at [www.wheatonwings.com](http://www.wheatonwings.com). The tournament application deadline is April 12, 2014.

All foreign teams must submit their applications on or before April 5, 2014.

All tournament fees must be mailed and postmarked no later than April 12, 2014. Make your check or money order payable to "Wheaton Park District," and mail it to Wheaton Park District, Attn: Brad Keene, 1777 S. Blanchard, Wheaton, IL 60189.

All teams must present fully completed IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver for each player before being allowed to participate. No other form will be accepted. These forms will **not** be returned after the tournament.

US teams from outside Illinois must present an approved "Permission to Travel" form from their home state's USYSA affiliate.

A Guest Player must have permission from his/her registered team coach to participate at the tournament. Possession of the player's pass is evidence that the player has received permission from his/her registered team coach. Therefore, Guest Player Notification is not required for a "passed" player to play with a team at the Tournament. However, the player may only guest play for the same organizational member. Example: A player may not use his/her IYSA/US Youth soccer member pass to play for a US Club or any other non-IYSA/US Youth Soccer member team. A US Club team may not use a player with an IYSA/US Youth Soccer member pass.

All teams will be required to submit a completed IYSA Sanctioned Tournament Roster Form. Your tournament roster may be changed up to final check in. At that point, it is final and cannot be altered for the tournament.

Provide current Player passes for every player on the Tournament Roster, issued by a USYSA or USSF affiliated league (e.g., NISL, IWSL) or state organization (e.g., IYSA). The player pass cards must be presented at check-in (see below) and must be present and available for inspection at all times during the tournament.

Medical Release/Liability Authorizations Forms and Tournament Roster Forms can be found on our website at [www.wheatonwings.com](http://www.wheatonwings.com).

All non-U.S. Youth Soccer and foreign teams must provide a completed IYSA Tournament Team Agreement; which is also found on our website. All foreign teams must also provide a completed form from their Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament and permission to travel.

In order to complete the registration process, the following forms must be mailed and postmarked to Wheaton Park District, Attn: Brad Keene, 1777 S. Blanchard, Wheaton, IL 60189, or faxed 630-668-3813, no later than April 12, 2014.

- 1) Tournament Roster form, and
- 2) Copies of Medical Release/Liability Waiver.

Foreign teams must have the above forms mailed and postmarked no later than April 5, 2014.

All teams are required to check-in the day before the tournament at the designated time or at the Registration tent at least one hour prior to the start of your first game. At the time of check-in, the following documents must be presented:

- 1) Tournament Roster Form
- 2) Current/valid Player Pass for all players listed on the Tournament Roster.
- 3) A fully completed IYSA Medical Release & Liability Waiver for each player on the Tournament Roster. These will NOT be returned after the tournament.
- 4) Copy of certified state roster or foreign equivalent.
- 5) Guest Player, Player Passes (if applicable).
- 6) Approved "Application to Travel" form from home state's USYSA affiliate (if applicable).
- 7) Non-U.S. Youth Soccer/Foreign Team form with all required attachments (if applicable).
- 8) Foreign teams must also provide a completed form from their Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament and permission to travel.

At the time of check-in, all foreign teams must present the player picture identification cards and/or the passport of each player or, if from a nation for which the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

8/1/05 & Later - U8

8/1/04 & Later - U9  
8/1/03 & Later - U10  
8/1/02 & Later - U11  
8/1/01 & Later - U12  
8/1/00 & Later - U13  
8/1/99 & Later - U14

Each player must possess a valid USYSA player pass and a current IYSA medical release form.

Each team is allowed three (3) guest players and each team using a guest player must have an IYSA/USYSA tournament guest player roster form.

No roster changes will be approved during the course of the tournament.

No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another during the course of the tournament.

No player will be permitted to play on more than one team during the tournament.

Maximum roster size is 12 players for U8, 14 players for U9-U10, 16 players for U11-U12, 18 players for U13-U14.

The minimum number of players required to constitute a team is 3 for U8, 4 for U9-U10, 6 for U11-U12 and 7 for U13-U14.

### **LENGTH OF GAMES**

Game duration: U8 - 2 x 20 min, U9-U10 - 2 x 25 min and U11-U14 - 2 x 30 min.

Halftimes will be five-minutes in length.

All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents.

If ½ a game is played before weather forces the suspension of play, the game will stand as is and be scored accordingly.

The referee is the official timekeeper, and therefore all decisions of this nature made by the referee are final.

The Tournament Committee may: relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game. Changes to game locations and schedules will be posted at the scoring tent.

## **GAME PROCEDURES**

All parents and spectators are required to sit on opposite side of the field from the players Technical Area.

No spectators or coaches are allowed behind the goals.

Player passes are to be present and available at all games.

Teams must be present 15 minutes prior to the start of the game for Game check-in. At that time, the field marshal assigned to the game will check all player passes and player equipment as well as passes of every coach who will be in the Technical area (3 maximum). Following game check-in, the player identification cards and the passes of each coach will be held by the Field Marshal assigned to the field until the end of the game.

Home teams will be listed first on the schedule.

In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team changes jerseys.

Home team sits on north/west bench, defends north/west goal and has kick off in the first half, teams switch at half-time.

Teams must have an alternative set of jerseys to use in case of color conflicts.

The Offsides rule will be enforced at all ages except U8.

The Home team is responsible for providing a game ball if one is not provided by the Tournament staff.

The U8 boys division will use a #3 ball, U8 Girls and U9 - U12 divisions shall use a #4 ball. U13 - U14 divisions shall use a #5 ball.

U8 boys games will be played 5v5 on small fields; U8 girls games and all U9-U10 games will be played 7v7 on medium fields; U11-U12 games will be played 9v9 on intermediate fields, U13-U18 games will be played 11v11 on full size fields. U12 teams wishing to play 11 v 11 must register as U13 teams.

All games will be officiated by a referee certified by IYSA/USSF.

## **TOURNAMENT GAME SCHEDULING**

All teams will play a minimum of three games in a round robin format. The top two teams from each division will play in a championship game. The



winner of the championship game will receive a Champions award and the loser of the championship game will receive a Finalist award.

No team will play more than two games or 150 minutes per day.

If a round robin game is cancelled, a championship game will still be played. If a championship game is cancelled, first and second place winners will be determined based upon the results of the round robin competition. The Tournament Committee may award co-championship winners if there is no way to determine the champion based upon the Tournament Scoring/Tie Breaking rules set forth below. Game cancellations and rescheduling will be determined by the Tournament Committee.

### **TOURNAMENT SCORING/TIE BREAKING**

Games in the round robin rounds will be scored as follows:

Win - 3 points, Tie - 1 point, Loss - 0 points, Forfeit - 3 points to the winning team, 1 point for shutout

A forfeited game will be scored as a 2-0 win against the forfeiting team. A forfeited game will count as one of the minimum number of games guaranteed to each team.

In each division, the two teams with the most points will play in the championship game. The team with the most points will be the home team.

In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to head competition
2. Most Wins
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Goal Differential (max 4 per game)
5. Penalty kicks (see penalty kick rules below)

In the event 3 teams are tied, the tie-breakers will be applied until one team is eliminated. We will then go back to the first tie-breaker and apply the rules again with the two remaining teams in sequence until a winner can be determined.

At the conclusion of each game, the referee shall complete a score card, including the match results, cautions, and ejections. The Field Marshal shall be responsible for reporting the match results, cautions, and ejections to the tournament scoring tent immediately.

A team will forfeit a game if a team fails to arrive to a game 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start or if a team fails to have the minimum number of players as required above. A team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to participate in any championship match.

## **OVERTIME PERIODS**

During round robin competition, no overtime will be played.

In the event of a tie in a playoff or championship game, the following will occur:

Teams will play two 5 minute sudden death overtime periods (YES to golden goal).

If a goal was not scored in the overtime periods, teams will designate five players to take alternate penalty kicks: the best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are eligible to take penalty kicks.

If teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the remaining players will take alternate penalty kicks in sudden death fashion to determine a winner.

## **EQUIPMENT**

In accordance with the IYSA, Rule 007, which endorses FIFA Law 4, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player." Therefore, no prescription glasses are permitted, only sports goggles.

Hard casts are not permitted, even if padded. NO EXCEPTIONS. Soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.

No metal cleats.

No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.).

Shin guards must be worn by all players at all times.

All players must have an individual number on their jersey, no duplicate numbers.

In case of a jersey color conflict, the designated home team will change.

All players' equipment is subject to referee approval.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during a

game. Substitutions must be made only at times allowable under USYSA/FIFA rules with the following exceptions:

U8-U12 – On the fly. Players should meet in front of the technical area and high five or shake hands.

U13 – U14

1. After a goal by either team
2. At half-time, or before the start of any overtime period
3. Prior to a goal kick for either team
4. Prior to a throw-in by the team with the throw-in
5. In case of injury, with referee's permission. If a team representative enters the field of play to check an injured player, the injured player must leave the field of play.

### **GENERAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

Artificial noise making devices are strictly prohibited.

No animals are allowed.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking is permitted.

No verbal abuse of anyone is allowed including but not limited to, tournament officials, referees, and players.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

All yellow and red cards issued during the Tournament will be reported to the Tournament Committee.

Any player or coach receiving a red card will be banned from, at the least, the next scheduled game for that particular team. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player during that game.

Any player or coach receiving two yellow cards during the tournament, will be banned from, at a minimum, the next scheduled game for that particular team. The tournament committee is responsible for disciplinary action.

Coaches and players may sit on the spectator's side of the field during their suspension but they may not coach or communicate with the team in any manner.

Any team or club receiving a disproportionate number of yellow and or red cards may be banned from the Tournament for a minimum of three years.

Anyone fighting or verbally abusing anyone can be subjected to ejection from

further tournament participation. Passes will be retained by the tournament director and returned to the coach of the team after the player has sat out their suspension.

Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their team and supporters.

In accordance with the USYSA regulations, the issuance of all yellow cards and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information will be reported to the IYSA (or the USYSA state organization for teams from outside of Illinois) and the home club/league or the player, coach, team or supporters involved. All matters involving a referee assault shall, in accordance with the USSF Rule 3042 be referred immediately to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

With regard to foreign teams, the issuance of all yellow and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information will be reported to the US Soccer Federation of the disciplinary action taken, and that the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

The home state association and home club/league of the player, coach, team, or supporters (except in the case of referee assault) will have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions, within their respective jurisdictions, with regard to any matters arising from the tournament.

The tournament director reserves the right to eject anyone (including players, coaches, and supporters) from further tournament participation and/or from the tournament grounds if they fail to abide by the tournament's Code of Conduct.

## **PROTESTS**

Protests must be made in writing, on-site to tournament headquarters by the team's coach and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 1 hour after completion of game. Protests may only involve non-referee decisions regarding player eligibility and tournament rules.

A \$100 fee must accompany any protest. The fee will be returned only if the protest is allowed.

After a protest is made, the tournament committee will meet within two hours of the protest being made and the committee will review the written protest. The tournament committee must provide quick due process. The

tournament committee, at its discretion, may ask that evidence be presented by the parties involved in the protest. Based upon the written protest and the evidence presented by the parties involved, the tournament committee will then make its decision as to whether or not to uphold the protest. A minimum of three tournament committee members must review each written protest.

The tournament committee's interpretation of tournament rules and protests shall be final and may not be appealed.

All decisions by referees may not be appealed.

### **REFUND POLICY**

Once a team has been accepted into the tournament, there will be no refunds given to that team.

We agree to provide the guaranteed number of games or refund a percentage of the application fee equal to the percentage of guaranteed games not played. For example, if a team was guaranteed three (3) games and was only allowed to play two (2) out of the three (3) games then the Tournament will refund 1/3 of the fee.

Note that the tournament committee has the right to relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game. Shortened games, relocated and rescheduled games will constitute a played game, and the Tournament will not refund any money for forfeited games.

### **DISCLAIMER**

Neither the Tournament Committee, the Wheaton Wings Soccer Club or Wheaton Park District are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions. No refunds will be made unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case refunds will be disbursed on a pro-rata basis with a full refund if the event is cancelled before it starts. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament. The judgment of the Tournament Committee is final.

Please remember that the Wheaton Wings Soccer Club is dedicated to the development of all the young men and women participating in the tournament, good sportsmanship and for the 'good of soccer'. The tournament director may suspend, without recourse or appeal, any player, coach or spectator who demonstrates anything less.

