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TOURNAMENT HOSTING APPLICATION

Please download this application template, input the required information, and email to tournament@usclubsoccer.org. Your tournament will be considered "Open" to all USSF affiliated members unless you specifically request otherwise. You may also print and fax the application, but email is strongly preferred. Please refer to "Tournament Rules and Sanctioning" (Policy Section 7), which can be found on the website. Upon signing this application you are agreeing to conditions of the Tournament Hosting agreement on page 2 of this document.

General Information:

1. Name of Tournament:	Wheaton Wings Spring Classic		
2. Host Club Member:	Wheaton Wings Soccer Club (Wheaton Park District)		
3. Tournament Dates: If this tournament must be cancelled, you MUST notify our office.	May 15-17, 2015	4. Facility Name:	Seven Gables Park Graft Park, 1855 Manchester Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189
5. Facility Owner Name and Address:	Wheaton Park District, 1850 Naperville Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189		
6. Tournament Director:	Brad Keene	Telephone-W:	630-510-5119
Address: City, State Zip:	1777 S. Blanchard Wheaton, IL 60189	Telephone-H:	630-281-0870
		E-mail:	bkeene@wheatonparks.org
		FAX:	630-668-3813
7. Disciplinary Committee Chairman:	Brad Keene	Telephone-W:	630-510-5119
Address: City, State Zip:	1777 S. Blanchard Wheaton, IL 60189	Telephone-H:	630-281-0870
		E-mail:	bkeene@wheatonparks.org
		FAX:	630-668-3813

Competition Information:

8. Type of Tournament:	Unrestricted	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unrestricted:: Open to affiliated teams from US Club Soccer, other USSF affiliated members; and foreign countries (upon USSF Approval). Restricted: Restricted to teams registered through US Club Soccer.						
9. Estimated Number of Teams:	Boys	100	Girls	70	Co-ed	
10. Team Entry Deadline:	April 12, 2015					
11. *** # Foreign Teams:	None					
12. Teams Anticipated From What States:	IL					
13. Team Age Groups:	U4 Girls, U4 Boys, U4, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14					
14. Team Size for each age group (3v3, 4v4, etc):	5v5, 7v7, 2v2, 2v5, 9v9, 11v11, 11v11					
15. Number of guest players/team from outside clubs:	3					
16. Source of Referees:	Butchie Impelido					
17. USSF Certified Referee Assignor:	bimpelido@gmail.com					
18. Referee assignor phone number (indicate if work or home number).	630-748-9598					

**Note that in all US Club Soccer sanctioned competitions, players will be permitted to play up in age group within the same club. No US Club Soccer teams will be required to obtain travel permission to participate.

***Any tournament involving international teams must also obtain permission from USSF. The two required USSF forms can be obtained from US Club Soccer on the Club Resources page in the Members Only Area of the US Club Soccer web site. The two additional USSF forms, a copy of the tournament rules and a \$75 check made out to USSF should be sent to US Club Soccer along with this form. Once US Club Soccer has approved this form and noted this on the USSF forms, US Club Soccer will forward the two USSF forms, a copy of the tournament rules and the \$75 check to USSF.

Signature of President or Chief Officer of Host Club

Date: 3/31/15

APPROVAL

By _____
Title _____

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Date: / /

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TOURNAMENT HOSTING AGREEMENT TERMS

PLEASE NOTE: If you are applying for tournament sanctioning within 60 days of your event, special permission is needed before your application is submitted. Please contact your regional representative regarding this matter. Tournaments must be sanctioned before they can be advertised as being sanctioned by US Club Soccer.

- 1) **Tournament Rules:** The Host Member and participating teams shall abide by those tournament rules submitted as part of the tournament application, a copy of which are attached herein, as well as all statements made in the tournament invitation, and any and all US Club Soccer Policies applicable to tournaments and competitions generally. The Host Member agrees to modify its tournament rules, if necessary, in the following respect and submit a revised copy of such rules to US Club Soccer:
 - (a) All US Club Soccer teams shall utilize their US Club Soccer Player Cards.
 - (b) All teams shall allow players registered to the same soccer club to play up in age without restriction.
 - 2) **Participants:** The Host Member shall provide a copy of the approved tournament application to each tournament applicant, and agrees that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into the tournament shall be fairly and impartially made, and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin. A copy of this agreement shall be available to participants on an as requested basis.
 - 3) **Tournament Cancellation:** If the tournament should be cancelled, the Host Member shall comply with the tournament cancellation policy, provided as part of the application process.
 - 4) **Insurance:** The Host Member understands that liability insurance is provided by US Club Soccer only to the extent as set forth in the insurance policy issued by Markel Insurance. Policy information can be found on at www.usclubsoccer.org, and the policy may otherwise be reviewed upon request. All teams carded by US Club Soccer are covered by the US Club Soccer liability and secondary medical policy. All non-US Club Soccer teams shall utilize their own USSF affiliate's insurance, register as a tournament team with US Club Soccer, or obtain tournament insurance from US Club Soccer, pursuant to US Club Soccer Policies.
 - 5) **Referees:** The Host Member agrees to use only USSF registered referees who are in good standing, unless a waiver has been granted by USSF or US Club Soccer to allow the use of other referees, including referees from another country. The Host Member shall provide to US Club Soccer the name, address and phone number of its referee assignor if it has not previously done so in the application, and indicate in its post tournament report whether a one or three referee system was used, and in which age groups.
 - 6) **Medical Authorizations:** All participating teams shall have available medical treatment authorizations for each player in a form adequate for use at the site of the tournament. These authorizations shall be presented to the Host Member at registration, and kept at the field and available for use by the team and Host Member..
 - 7) **Player Pass Checks:** All participating players shall utilize a player pass issued by a USSF-affiliated member. The passes shall be verified and checked against the team roster both at team registration and at the field prior to each game.
 - 8) **Tournament Procedures:** The Host Member agrees that written procedures will be produced and distributed and sufficient staff will be available at all times to supervise and administer the tournament. Procedures shall include:
 - a) Notifying local police, ambulance, or other emergency response organizations of the tournament, and confirming of the procedures by which they can be summoned to the tournament.
 - b) Utilizing Field Marshals at all times at each venue.
 - c) Providing a system of communication between all field marshals and the tournament director, and establishing an internal emergency communications protocol for summoning medical personnel or addressing other emergencies.
 - d) Promptly posting results and resolving any questions or disputes regarding game results or competition incidents.
 - e) Complying with the FIFA Laws of the Game, unless permission to do otherwise has been received in writing from US Club Soccer.
 - 9) **Disciplinary Committee:** The Host Member shall comply with the US Club Soccer Disciplinary Rules, which can be downloaded from the website [LINK](#). Among other rules, the Host Member shall establish a Disciplinary Committee to expeditiously hear and act upon discipline matters and rule interpretations. Under no circumstances may a referee's decision, issuance of a red or yellow card, or a coach or team staff ejection be reviewed or overturned.
 - 10) **Post Tournament Report:** The Host Member agrees to submit a post tournament report to US Club Soccer within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament, on the form specified by US Club Soccer.
- AS US CLUB SOCCER SANCTIONS THIS TOURNAMENT AT NO COST TO THE HOST MEMBER:**
- 11) **Program Advertisement:** Host Member shall provide at no cost a US Club Soccer full or half page ad in its tournament program (if applicable). Graphics provided by US Club Soccer.
 - 12) **Website Banner Placement:** Host Member shall provide at no cost a website banner ad, placed in a prominent location on the tournament website (if applicable). Graphics provided by US Club Soccer.
 - 13) **Mailing List:** Host Member to provide an electronic file of team solicitation list for this tournament (desired, not obligatory).
 - 14) **Attendees List:** Host Member shall provide to US Club Soccer the team/coach attendees contact information (preferably in an electronic format) within 10 days of tournament's conclusion. This listing should be emailed to usclubsoccer@cccmq.com.
 - 15) **Registration Materials:** Host Member shall place US Club Soccer selected materials within the tournament's registration packet, upon request. Materials provided by US Club Soccer.

Sample ATTENDEE LIST
to be submitted no later than 30 days after tournament

Club Name	Age group	Gender	Position w/Club	Last	First	Phone	Email	Address	City	State	Zip
Abcde FC	U14	Boys	Coach	Smith	John	100-555-1212	abcd@strikers.com	123 Main Street	Anywhere	AZ	12345
Sample Soccer	U15	Girls	Manager	Thomas	Lynn	555-555-1212	test@email.com	999 Boxwood	ThisTown	MD	65432
Test FC	U15	Boy	Coach	Jones	Ken	555-555-5555	email@email.com	555 Broadway	Here	CT	45678
The Best SC	U14	Girls	Coach	Stewart	Hal	555-555-5555	hal@test.com	555 Oak St	There	VA	78945
The Worst SC	U14	Boys	Manager	Williams	John	555-555-5555	john@test.com	555 Center St	Centerville	UT	98765



TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT FACT SHEET

1. TOURNAMENT APPROVAL-- If this Fact Sheet is accompanied by an "approved" tournament form, the tournament has been sanctioned by US Club Soccer, which is a National Affiliate Member of the USSF, and is authorized by the USSF Bylaws to sanction such tournaments.

2. US CLUB SOCCER MEMBER TEAMS-- If you are a US Club Soccer member, it is not necessary to request travel permission to attend the tournament if you use your US Club Soccer player and staff cards. Your players and staff are covered by the current US Club Soccer liability and secondary accident insurance policy. Your club is also covered by the US Club Soccer liability policy.

3. USSF AFFILIATE TEAMS-- If you are a member of another USSF member organization, and this tournament is "open" as nearly all are, you are welcome to attend the tournament. If it is being held in your state, you may be able to attend without travel permission, but please check your state's rules. If you are attending from another state, you may need to seek travel permission from your state by complying with the regular travel permission procedures. It is suggested you apply at the earliest possible time. If you have complied with your state's travel permission procedures, they are required to approve your travel. However, if you are having trouble getting insurance coverage from your state association, see #5 below.

4. USSF RULES-- Note that you may not be denied permission to attend based on the fact the tournament is not a US Youth Soccer sanctioned event, if you comply with your state association's travel rules, if any. Such denial is in violation of the anti-discrimination provisions of the USSF Bylaws, and USSF Policy 601-7. A copy of this Policy is attached.

5. OPTIONAL TOURNAMENT INSURANCE--NON-MEMBER-- If you're having a problem getting insurance coverage from your state association, insurance may be obtained from US Club Soccer to attend the tournament at a charge of \$50 per team. Under this program, the team still gets travel permission from its state, and uses its USYS player cards, but is covered by the US Club Soccer insurance policy. A certificate of insurance will be sent to you or the tournament if necessary. To do this, you may obtain the necessary application form from our website: Go to www.usclubsoccer.org and [registration/tournament team Insurance](#). LINK

6. TOURNAMENT TEAM OPTION-- In lieu of #5 above, but only if necessary, you may be able to attend the tournament as a US Club Soccer Tournament team, and travel with US Club Soccer player cards. Under this scenario, you will be issued US Club Soccer player and staff cards for this tournament only, and will be covered by our insurance policy. The fee is \$8 per player and staff card, to cover insurance and the USSF registration fee. In most cases, though, the insurance option in #5 above will suffice. Tournament team information is also found on the website at [registration/tournament team Insurance](#). LINK

7. FURTHER INFORMATION-- If you have any questions, you may contact our office at 843-429-0006, or email us at tournament@usclubsoccer.org. We will assist in clarifying these matters with your state association if necessary.

III. REVISED USSF POLICY

Policy 601-7 -Competition Participation

Section 1.

(A) Any properly registered team has the right to enter any competition involving Organization Members or their members provided that it is eligible under the rules of that competition, pays all required fees, and is in good standing.

(B) No Organization Member or member of an Organization Member shall interfere with the opportunity of a player, coach or team to travel to compete in a competition, including a game, scrimmage, tournament or League governed by

Section 1 (A) above and shall not deny permission to travel unless that player, coach or team has been prohibited from doing so for disciplinary reasons pursuant to the due process requirements set forth in Bylaw 701. The foregoing shall not prevent Organization Members and their members from having bylaws, rules, or policies that penalize teams or players for failing to meet their previously scheduled game commitments or prevent Organization Members from enforcing reasonable notification requirements prior to travel.

(C) Any Organization Member or member of an Organization Member, player, coach or individual denied the right to participate in any competition involving Organization Members or their members has the right of appeal and/or grievance through the applicable procedures set forth in Federation Bylaws and Policies.

Section 2.

(A) Tournaments hosted by Organization members or their members shall fall within one of the following two classes:

(1) Unrestricted Tournament: A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

(2) Restricted Tournament: A tournament that is open only to members of a single Organization Member or a subset thereof.

(B) Organization Members and their members shall be entitled to sponsor and/or approve tournaments in and according to reasonable requirements they establish as long as done so in a fair and timely manner. No Organization Member or member of an Organization member shall have a bylaw, rule or policy that prohibits their members from participating in Unrestricted Tournaments. Organization Members may not deny approval to host a tournament on the basis that the tournament is Unrestricted.

Section 3.

This policy does not apply to Professional Leagues or Indoor Professional Leagues.

III. RATIONALE

To ensure that players have as many opportunities as possible to participate in tournaments and competitions, and to make the policy consistent with U.S. Soccer's organizational structure.

- (c) In all league competitions, players shall utilize their Club player pass, and may play up to an older age group without restriction.

Policy 6.03 Application Review. The Organization shall review the application, and may ask for additional information before deciding on sanctioning.

- (a) Approval is contingent upon the league administrator providing a sufficient level of administrative support including: serving as the point of contact with the Organization, overseeing competition and collecting game reports, assuring that competent referees are assigned, maintaining the schedule and league standings, assuring compliance with all league and Organization rules and procedures, and administering disciplinary matters.

Policy 6.04 Application Approval. League approval is conditioned upon the league and its member teams complying with all US Club Soccer Bylaws, Policies, Disciplinary Procedures, and other Rules.

- (a) In most cases, League sanctioning shall be for no longer than one playing season, not to exceed twelve (12) months in time. Leagues must re-apply for sanctioning annually.
- (b) At the end of the league season, the league administrator shall submit to US Club Soccer a league report in the designated format.

SECTION 7 TOURNAMENT RULES AND SANCTIONING

Policy 7.01 Tournament Sanctioning. Club, Leagues, and League Team Members in good standing may apply to US Club Soccer to sanction tournaments of five (5) or more teams.

- (a) The tournament application and agreement must be received from the host Club at least forty-five (45) days prior to the tournament, indicating number of projected teams, tournament fees to be charged, competition format, roster and playing rules, and other information requested on the application form.
- (b) If approved, a report shall be submitted by the host Club within 30 days after the tournament, indicating teams attending and other information requested on the tournament report form.
 - (1) Any incident of alleged referee assault or abuse or other incidents of a violent or serious nature shall be reported to the Organization within 48 hours of the incident. The US Club Soccer Disciplinary Rules and Procedures shall be followed as applicable.

Policy 7.02 Non-Member Teams. A team, which is not affiliated with a Club Member, may participate in the tournament if it is a member of another organization, which is a USSF--affiliated member.

- (a) Such team shall provide proof of travel permission, if such is required by the team's sanctioning organization, and proof of medical insurance coverage.

- (b) If a non-member team cannot comply with subsection (a) above, it may attend the tournament if it registers as a US Club Soccer tournament team, and obtains medical insurance coverage through the Organization.

Policy 7.03 Tournament Teams. To apply as a tournament team, a non-member team shall contact US Club Soccer to determine the specific procedures. The Member Club tournament host is encouraged to help facilitate this process. The team shall register their players with US Club Soccer, and pay the required registration fees and insurance premium, and will then be qualified to participate in the tournament. The tournament team membership is only valid for the specific tournament at issue.

Policy 7.04 General

- (a) Teams participating in a US Club Soccer-sanctioned tournament will not be limited by state boundaries, and pursuant to Policy 5.01, no travel permissions will be required.
- (b) The US Club Soccer player pass shall be utilized for all Member Club teams, and Club players may play up to an older age group without restriction. The pass shall not be modified or marked upon in any way. Non-member teams may use their USSF Affiliate's player pass.
- (c) Hosting foreign teams as part of a tournament is governed by Policy 5.03.
- (d) It is anticipated that USSF-registered referees will be utilized for all tournaments. Tournament hosts shall provide information on the source and assignment of referees in the application.
- (e) Tournament hosts Clubs should review and follow to as great an extent as practical the US Club Soccer Tournament Protocols, available as part of the tournament application.
- (f) The tournament-sanctioning fee shall be determined by the US Club Soccer Board.

Policy 7.05 Club Host Sanctioning. A Member Club in good standing may host up to three (3) other clubs (four (4) clubs in total) for the purposes of playing informal, competitive games at any time without submitting a tournament-sanctioning request or seeking other approval. Hosting more than three (3) other clubs requires US Club Soccer approval, or completion of a tournament application. A notice on the designated form shall be submitted to the Organization at least 14 days prior to such hosting.

- (a) No fee shall be charged for such game hosting, and Organization insurance shall apply for Member Clubs if the notice provisions have been met.
- (b) No travel or other permissions shall be required. However, if a team that is not affiliated with a Member Club is planning to attend, proof that the team's medical insurance will be in effect for the event is required at the time of notice.

Rules for the Wheaton Wings Spring Classic 2015

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

REGISTRATION

All teams must apply using the registration form located at www.wheatonwings.com. The tournament application deadline is April 11, 2015.

All tournament fees must be mailed and postmarked no later than April 11, 2015. 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 Wheaton Park District waivers before being allowed to participate.

All teams must present fully completed US Club or 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.

All teams must present fully completed IYSA Concussion & Background Check Certification form before being allowed to participate. No other form will be accepted. This form 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.

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 11, 2015.

- 1) Tournament Roster form, and
- 2) League Roster form, and
- 3) Copies of US Club/ IYSA Medical Release/Liability Waiver, and
- 4) Concussion & Background Check Certification form.

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) League Roster
- 3) Current/valid Player Pass for all players listed on the Tournament Roster.
- 4) A fully completed Wheaton Park District Liability Waiver for each player on the Tournament Roster. These will NOT be returned after the tournament.
- 5) A fully completed US Club/IYSA Medical Release & Liability Waiver for each player on the Tournament Roster. These will NOT be returned after the tournament.
- 6) Copy of certified league roster.
- 7) Guest Player, Player Passes (if applicable).

ELIGIBILITY

8/1/06 & Later – U8
8/1/05 & Later – U9
8/1/04 & Later – U10
8/1/03 & Later – U11
8/1/02 & Later – U12
8/1/01 & Later – U13
8/1/00 & 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 position of the guest players pass.

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-U12 – 2 x 25 min, and U13-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 will have two divisions, one that will play 5v5 on a small field and the other division will play 7v7 on a medium size field. 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 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 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. Sport goggles must be approved by referee.

The referee of each game will determine if a player with a cast (that is padded) will be allowed to play or not.

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 US Club Soccer (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 US Club Soccer.

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.