

**SCHWAN'S USA CUP U09-U10 Jamboree 2011 Tournament Rules**  
**July 15- 17, 2011**  
**July 22-23, 2011**

The Schwan's USA CUP will be played under FIFA Laws and Regulations in effect January 1, 2011 as modified by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association with the following modifications:

**I. TOURNAMENT FEES**

- \$235 Team Fee plus \$45 per player fee due for each rostered player

**II. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS**

Schwan Center (The NSC Campus)  
 1700 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast  
 Blaine, MN 55449  
 Tournament Director: Steve Olson 763-785-3639

**III. FINAL TEAM CHECK-IN**

- Final Team Check-in schedule: Thursday, July 14, one day only – See Team Central on USA CUP web site for hours.
- Updated game schedules, USA CUP Ceremonies line-up and other final tournament information will be provided at Final Team Check-in (and may also be found on the USA CUP web site at [www.usacup.org](http://www.usacup.org))
- A team representative may check in the team. Players do not attend Final Team Check-in.
- Laminated US Club Soccer, NSC, US Youth Soccer, or AYSO players passes, Canadian booklet player cards or passports/international player passes (International Teams Only) are required.
- Arrange player passes/books/passports in alphabetical order to match roster.
- Bring any changes for previously submitted forms per team packet.
- Do not bring player passes of players that are not participating in the tournament to Final Team Check-in.
- Your Official Tournament Roster will be frozen and no changes will be made to your roster for the remainder of the tournament and Final Team Check-in.
- Non-US Youth Soccer teams must provide proof of insurance.
- Non-MYSA US Youth Soccer teams must provide proof of permission to travel from home association.
- All teams must present medical authorization forms.

**IV. ELIGIBILITY**

- The Schwan's USA CUP is open to all boys' and girls' teams who are registered and in good standings with their FIFA affiliated association.
- Teams will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. Once an age group fills, teams will be placed on a waiting list and duly notified of their acceptance.
- If an age group does not have enough teams, teams registered will be given the opportunity to play up a category.
- National Teams are not eligible.
- Age group offered are as follows
  - Boys and Girls U9            Born on or after 8/01/01
  - Boys and Girls U10        Born on or after 8/01/00

**V. GAME FORMAT**

- Maximum number of 6 players on the field: 5 field players and a goalie.
- Will play four games in a jamboree-style format; no scores or standings will be kept.
- Minimum field size is 35 yards by 45 yards; maximum is 45 yards by 55 yards.
- Goal size is 6 ½ feet high by 12 feet wide.
- One referee per game. No club linesman.
- Offside is not in effect.
- Minimum number of teams at any age/flight is 4.

**VI. PLAYERS AND RESERVES**

- Teams may roster and dress up to 12 players.
- Teams must have a minimum of 4 to begin a game.
- All players must meet the age requirements and be listed on the team roster with unique jersey numbers.
- Girls may roster on boys' teams; boys may not roster on girls' teams.
- Shin Guards must be worn by all players.

- Hard casts are not prohibited, but they must receive “explicit” approval from the referee before a player wearing such a cast is allowed to play in the game. All casts must have the approval of the Referee. It is not a given that soft casts will be approved.
- No jewelry will be allowed.

#### **VII. PLAYER PASSES**

- Approved player passes, signed and laminated or Canadian booklet player cards are checked at Final Team Check-in and by the officials prior to the start of each game.
- Players must have player passes in order to play. No pass - no play policy.

#### **VIII. GUEST PLAYERS**

- Teams may roster up to 6 guest players. Double rostered players are limited to two per team.
- Players may only guest play or double roster on one team in addition to their primary team, providing they are not playing on a team in the same age bracket and flight.
- Guest players may come from any FIFA or USSF affiliated association/team.
- A jersey must be provided to the guest player by the host team.
- If age eligible, players may play up or down.
- Players may not play on two teams in the same age and flight. Example: A player may play on a U10 silver Flight and a U10 gold flight team but may not play on two U10 gold flight teams.
- Players that are age eligible but registered with an adult league with an adult player pass are not eligible to play.

#### **IX. SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURE**

- All teams are allowed unlimited substitutions with their entire roster.
- Unlimited substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:
  - Prior to a goal kick by either team.
  - After a goal by either team.
  - After an injury by either team when the referee stops play.
  - At half-time.
  - Prior to a throw-in. The team in possession of the ball for a throw-in may substitute. If the team in possession of the ball chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute at that time, provided they are ready and waiting at the midfield line.

#### **X. HOME TEAM JERSEY**

- The first team listed in the schedule is the home team.
- The home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change, if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict.
- Team jerseys must match with unique numbers for each player as submitted on the Official Tournament Roster.
- No sharing of jerseys permitted.

#### **XI. LENGTH OF GAME**

Age Group Classifications	Minutes Per Half
Boys or Girls 9	25
Boys or Girls 10	25

#### **XII. SCHEDULES, RESULTS AND STANDINGS**

- Scores are not kept for Schwan’s USA CUP U09/U10 Jamboree games.
- Schedules are posted online and at various locations on the NSC campus.
  - North of field U2 under the flagpoles.
  - In the lobby of the NSC Schwan Center.
  - On the East campus
  - On the North campus across 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north and south of the pond

#### **XIII. OFFICIAL GAME BALL**

- The tournament provides each team an official Puma game ball to be used in all matches. It is the responsibility of both teams to have their tournament game ball at all tournament games and make every effort to ensure that this ball remains in play. The home team shall provide the ball to start the game.
- If additional balls are needed, they may be provided by either team.
- All teams use a size 4 ball.

#### **XIV. PLACEMENT OF TEAMS AND SPECTATORS**

- Teams and rostered coaches only will position themselves on the same side of the field.

- Coaching may only occur on the team's half of the sideline from the centerline to within 30 yards of the end line.
- Spectators for both teams will be positioned on the opposite side of the field from the teams.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for supervision of their children at all times.
  - In the event that a child is lost, immediately notify any volunteer with a radio who will notify the police.
  - Found children will be brought to Tournament Headquarters to be reunited with parents/guardians.

#### **XV. REFEREE SYSTEM**

- Referees must be currently registered with USSF; international referees must be certified by their national association.
- Referees are assigned for all matches; matches will have one referee.
- Referees are evaluated by assessors during the week. These evaluations are used to help determine referee assignments for the play-offs.

#### **XVI. FACILITY**

- Minnesota State law prohibits the use of drugs and alcohol on NSC fields. Players in violation will be ejected from the tournament.
- Schwan's USA CUP is committed to promoting an environment that is free from harassment and violence in any form: verbal or physical intimidation; vandalism; drug, alcohol or tobacco use; gambling and inappropriate language. These policies apply to all players, coaches, referees and spectators. The NSC is a state-owned facility and adheres to the NO SMOKING POLICY mandated for all state facilities.
- Pets are not permitted on the NSC campus.

#### **XVII. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR**

- Unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated on or off the field.
- Know and understand the laws of the game. Educate players on the technical/tactical/physical demands of the game.
- Zero tolerance for fighting or heckling. Persons exhibiting these behaviors will be asked to leave the premises.
- Be a positive role model. Set the standard for sportsmanship with the opponents, referees and spectators.
- Encourage moral and social responsibility.
- Encourage players to have fun and to keep a positive attitude about winning and losing.
- Show pride and support for your club, state and country, but be respectful of other nation's customs and traditions.
- Any player, coach, spectator or participant who is ejected from a game or participates in any misconduct will be contacted by Tournament Headquarters; the local authorities may be called if necessary. Misconduct by any of the above listed may result in a warning, game forfeit, tournament disqualification or other action if necessary.

#### **XVIII. FIELD MANAGERS**

- A field manager system is utilized to keep the games on time and as a first line of communication in the event of a problem.
- There will be one field manager for every two to four fields.
- Each field manager will have a communications radio and ice for injuries.
- Only tournament officials may use the field manager's tents. This is not a meeting or gathering place for teams or players.
- There will be no pre-game warm-up on the field. Plan your pre-game warm-up in an adjoining area or on the sideline.

#### **XIX. RED CARDS**

- Red cards will be administered as per FIFA laws of the game.
  - A player sent off will not be allowed to play for the remainder of that game and the next game at a minimum.
  - Violent Conduct may result in more than a one game suspension by tournament committee decision.
  - If a player receives a red card, the player pass will be collected by the referee and forwarded to Tournament Headquarters.
  - After the suspension is served, the coach may pick up the pass in Tournament Headquarters.
  - A coach who is removed from a game must leave that area of the field. The area of the field includes but is not limited to the bench and spectator areas.
- Player passes for un-served red cards from Minnesota players will be recorded by the tournament and forwarded to MYSA within 48 hours of the end of the tournament.
- Player passes for un-served red cards from non-Minnesota teams will be returned to the coach at the coach's request. Unclaimed, un-served red cards from non-Minnesota teams will be forwarded to MYSA at the end of the tournament.
  - A red card report will sent to MYSA within 48 hours of the end of the tournament. MYSA will contact the appropriate state associations.
  - Unclaimed player passes (suspension has been served) will be kept at NSC for pick up by the owner or coach.

#### **XX. PROTESTS**

- No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee. All decisions by the referee are final.

- Protests on player eligibility and other technical matters may be made in writing and submitted to headquarters within one hour of the conclusion of the match.
- Express concerns regarding violations prior to the start of the game or at the time the incident occurs.
- If you have a problem regarding the rules or procedures at your game, take the following steps:
  - Notify the referee immediately so that a correction can be made.
  - If the situation is not resolved, notify the field manager and a tournament official will respond.

## XXI. SCHEDULING

- All teams play 4 games in a jamboree-style format.
- U9 and U10 teams may not participate in higher age divisions unless otherwise approved by the tournament ranking committee and tournament director.
- Teams will be divided into groups of 3, 4 or 5 for round robin play without play-offs.

## XXII. WORLD CUP GROUP RANKING

## XXIII. AWARDS

- Participation awards are given to all players.
- All medals will be awarded at the conclusion of the team's final game.

## XXV. WEATHER PROVISIONS

- The Schwan's USA CUP will follow MYSA weather guidelines
- Severe weather is a possibility. All weather decisions are the sole decision of the tournament committee and are based on the Weather Sentry storm tracking system and weather spotters used by Anoka County Airport, TPC Golf Course and the NSC Victory Links Golf Course.
- If weather or the condition of fields makes it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, the tournament committee will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. **Every effort is made to play all games in their entirety.** Fees are non-refundable, if games or the tournament are cancelled for any reason.

### **The tournament committee has the right to:**

- Institute water breaks, if the heat index is high. This is not a coaching break; players must remain on the field.
- Shorten the length of games.
- Suspend games due to lightning or tornado warning.
  - A game may be suspended by the tournament committee without being cancelled or considered complete if in the second half of play. If the decision to terminate a game is made, and, if one half of the game has been played before termination for weather conditions, the game stands as a completed match.
  - If it is necessary to suspend games due to lightning, suspension and "all clear" announcements will be made over the PA system in the Sports Hall, Schwan Center, Schwan Super Rink, and NSC Stadium, as well as over the radios to the field managers. Information will also be posted on the website.
  - When games are suspended due to lightning, coaches and players are instructed to proceed to the nearest safe location: buses, cars, or the buildings on the NSC campus. Teams should not be on the playing fields, in tents or shelters during game suspension due to lightning.
  - When games are suspended due to tornado warning, coaches and players are instructed to proceed to either the Sports Hall or the Schwan Super Rink – as these buildings have portions that are underground and are the safest locations. The Schwan Center (HQ) building will be closed during tornado warning.
  - Coaches are requested to stay with their teams. A team representative may come to tournament headquarters to await updates. Tournament HQ will be abandoned during tornado warning so coaches are requested to stay with their team in either the Sports Hall or the Schwan Super Rink.
  - Coaches/players should stay in a safe location until they see field managers return to their posts with radios.
  - Coaches and referees should then proceed to their respective field manager to receive instructions on resuming games.

## XXV. WEATHER FLAGS

- The health and safety of participants is a primary concern. If the tournament officials and medical staff determine that the risk of heat exhaustion is becoming too high, various options using a flag indicator system will be utilized.
- Heat index flags will be flown north of Field U2 on the flagpole.
  - Green Flag - Normal play conditions. Follow regular conditions and allow free access to fluids.
  - Yellow Flag - Moderate heat conditions; 2-minute water break at the middle of each half is instituted. The clock is stopped during water breaks.
  - Red Flag - Extreme heat conditions. Game shortened by 5 minutes per half. In play-off rounds, the overtime periods may be eliminated. Instituted water breaks continued.

- Black Flag - Suspension of play. Inclement weather or other emergencies may cause suspension of games. Suspension does not mean cancellation of games. After a suspension is called, games may be restarted. In the event games are cancelled, games that have completed the first half of play are considered final.

## **XXVI. INJURIES**

- Coaches are considered guardians for underage participants when the parents are unavailable, and for all players regardless of age, when impairment of mental status renders the player incapable of making an informed decision. As such, they have a responsibility to make decisions in the best interest of the health and safety of the player.
- A coach's decision to allow a participant to play, contrary to the recommendation of the medical staff, may leave the coach open to legal liability.
- If the coach is under the legal age, the team is required to have an official representative of legal age at the field who will serve as the legal guardian.
- Coaches are responsible for having emergency medical information for all players in their possession at all games.
- Referees are responsible for summoning the coach and first aid personnel onto the field, in the event of an injury.
  - The injured player will first be evaluated on the field by first aid staff.
  - If further evaluation is warranted, the injured player will be moved to the sideline when medically safe, according to emergency medical protocol.