

# 2019 Soccerfest Tournament Rules

May 25, 2019

**Denver Fields at Cheadle Lake**  
Corner of Weirich Dr and Hwy 20  
Lebanon, OR 97355

- **Teams:** Teams must submit a roster prior to play. Players may only be on one tournament roster. Only those players listed on the roster may play on a team. "Fill-ins" are not allowed. If a team is short at game time they must play short or forfeit. All players must be registered with AYSO Region 870 or 149 for the current season. If a player's Primary season team is participating in the tournament, he or she must play with the Primary team unless granted an exception by the Tournament Director.
- **Managers:** Each team shall have a Manager designated on the registration form. The Manager will be an adult volunteer who has properly submitted an AYSO Volunteer Application during the current season. Managers supervise teams and ensure match attendance. Players should self-coach, and active sideline coaching is discouraged.
- **Fields and Format:** The Soccerfest Tournament will have separate divisions for boys and girls whenever possible, with Coed divisions for 19U. 07U format is a 3-a-side with no goal keepers. 09U and above, the format is 5-a-side and goal keepers are allowed.
- **Match Length:** Total 15 minutes (two 7 minute halves, one minute half-time). All teams will play a minimum of three matches in the qualifier round. Additional matches will be played by those teams that qualify for the championship round (09U and above only).
- **Central timer:** We will use a central timer. **Teams must be ready to play on time or forfeit the match.** The team kicking off can start at the sound of the horn, even if the other team is not ready. If the kicking off team is not ready at the horn, the other team may take the kick off at the discretion of the referee.
- **Game Play:** The ball will be played at the center spot to start each half. The team designated "Home" on the schedule will kick off the 1st half, and "Visitor" will kick off the 2nd half. The Home team will start the match on the west side of the field for east-west oriented fields, or the south side of the field for the north-south oriented field. There will be no coin tosses. Corner kicks will be taken.
- **Free kicks: All free kicks are direct.** Defending team must be 10 yards from the ball on all free kicks. There will be no penalty area and no penalty kicks.
- **Goal Scoring:** A goal may only be scored from a touch on the offensive half of the field. **Restart after each goal will be a kick off.**
- **Kickoffs:** Standard Fifa laws of the game apply except a goal may *not* be scored from a kickoff. If the kicking off team isn't ready, the other team may kick off at the discretion of the referee.

- **Half-Line Violation:** A ball **punted or thrown by a goal keeper** must bounce or be played by another player on the defensive half of the field. A violation will result in a free kick at the half-line. Drop-kicks (where the ball bounces on the ground before it is kicked) may cross the half field line but may not score a goal.
- **Offside:** There is **no offside** in Soccerfest.
- **Substitution:** There is free “on-the-fly” substitution. Players must enter and leave the field at midfield and touch hands at the touchline. Violations will result in a free kick at the half-line. Managers should ensure equal playing time for all players.
- **Red cards (11U-19U only):** In the event a player receives a red card, he/she will be removed from the current game and miss the next match. All red cards must be reported to the Tournament Director.
- **Pinnies:** If the referee judges that each team’s uniforms are too similar in color, the designated “Home” team shall change jerseys or wear pinnies.
- **In the event of a tie** in points during the qualifying round, the tie will be broken first by the team that scored the most points during qualifying. If there is still a tie, then the team with the fewest number of goals scored against them will be used. If a tie still exists after points for and against have been applied, then the winning team will be decided by a coin flip.
- **Tournament scoring (09U division and above only):** Win-Loss-Tie records will be tracked, and trophies will be presented to the top three teams in each division at the end of the day (excluding 07U). All teams will play at least three matches in a qualifier round, during which three points will be awarded for a win, one point will be awarded for a tie, and zero points for a loss. If a team forfeits, points will be apportioned at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Teams will not be allowed to affect tournament standings by intentional forfeiture. Following the qualifier round, the top four teams in each division will play a semi-final round. Semi-final pairings will be based on qualifier round points, with first place versus fourth and second versus third. If there are ties in the qualifier round points, pairings will be determined by the Tournament Director using the policy in the event of a tie section above. The winners of the semi-final rounds will play for first and second place. Third place will be determined by a consolation match. Semi-final and championship round ties will be settled by penalty kick shoot-outs in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game for tournament play.
- **Refunds:** Cancellation requests must be received by email no later than May 20, 2019. Once registered on Saturday morning, refunds will not be issued - except in the event of tournament cancellation or by discretion of the Tournament Director.

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