

# SPRING KICK CLASSIC XXXI SOCCER TOURNAMENT

## Information, Guidelines and Rules

### Classification and Age Divisions:

The Spring Kick Classic Soccer Tournament is sponsored by Plano Youth Soccer (PYSA) for Recreational (RT) and Soccer Academy teams registered with United States Youth Soccer (USYSA) and Affiliates and other United States Soccer Federation (USSF) Affiliates. The tournament is sanctioned by North Texas Soccer (NTSSA), USYSA, and is open to USYSA and other USSF Affiliate sanctioned boys and girls Recreational teams from U-7 thru U-19 and Soccer Academy teams (U-7 thru U-10). Age groups may be combined if not enough team's register for a specific age group at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### Team Registration:

All team applications for tournament participation must be completed accurately and payment of the entry fee received at the PYSA office (221 West Parker Rd, Suite 480; Plano TX 75023) no later than 5:00 PM April 6, 2012. North Texas Soccer (NTSSA) teams must provide a NTSSA roster signed by the coach of record and their local association registrar. Other USSF Affiliated teams must provide an official Team Roster. Player and Coaches/Manager ID cards for non-NTSSA teams will be required at registration. USYSA teams from outside NTSSA must submit an approved USYSA travel permit and a league team roster with home association signature. Teams or players will not be allowed to participate without approved paperwork. Coaches/Managers may bring the approved paperwork to the registration meeting for validation. Tournament validated rosters will be required prior to participating in any match. **You must have a representative present to have your tournament game roster validated and stamped. You will need one (1) copy of your official team roster and seven (7) copies of your tournament game roster typed for the U9-U19 Recreational Teams and U7-U10 Soccer Academy Teams. You will need one (1) copy of your official team roster and four (4) copies of your tournament game roster typed for the U7-U8 Recreational Teams. Medical release forms for each player will also be required during registration. These do not have to be notarized but **MUST** have the parents/guardians signature. Non-NTSSA teams must have approved ID cards for each of the players including up to three (3) guest players and for each of the team coaches and managers.**

**Note: All properly approved Guest Player Releases must be submitted into the PYSA by Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Guest Player Releases must have Parent, Releasing Coach, Receiving Coach, and Registrar Signature or they will NOT be accepted. Guest Players **MUST** be shown on Game Roster.**

### Game Information:

Games will be played beginning **Friday evening (4/27/12)** and continue through **Sunday (4/29/12)**. PYSA will only honor league play conflicts and do our best to work around Coaches conflicts with more than one team playing in Spring Kick.

**Under 7/8 Recreational** teams will play three games on Friday and/or Saturday, possibly Sunday. Standings **will not** be kept. All Under 7/8 players will receive a participation award.

**Under 9 thru Under 19 Recreational Teams and Under 7 thru Under 10 Soccer Academy Teams** will play three preliminary games on Friday and/or Saturday. Quarterfinals, if required will be played Saturday night, Semi-finals and Championship games will be played on Sunday. **These teams will be seeded within each age group with brackets and playoffs structured to optimize the probability of the best two teams reaching the Championship Game.**

### Team Standings and Tie Breakers:

Team standings will be based on the following point system:

Win	6 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
Tie	3 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
Loss	0 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
Bonus	1 point is awarded for a shutout
Forfeit	Will be scored as a 3-0 win and a total of ten points awarded

Winner, runner-up, and wild card teams will be determined in the following priority:

(1) Point Total, (2) Head to Head, (3) Goal Differential (3 Max ) (4) Goals Scored (3 Max) (5) Goals against (3 Max). In the event of a tie after these five criteria, FIFA "kicks from the mark" will determine which team(s) advance(s) to the championship round. **Note: If, in the first round of the quarter-finals/semi-finals, the predetermined pairings result in two opponents from the same bracket, realignment of the pairings may be made by the Tournament Director.**

### Mandatory Playing time for all Recreational Players:

Per North Texas State Soccer and Plano Youth Soccer rules, **ALL PLAYERS** must be allowed to play a minimum of fifty percent ( 50%) of **each HALF**. Any coach or team representative found in violation of this rule will be reported to North Texas State Soccer and their Home Association as well as possible tournament sanction.

**Game Length and Ball Size:**

Age Group	Ball Size	Preliminary & Quarter Final Games	Semi & Championship Round Games	Number of Players On the field	Minimum to start	Field Size
U7/8	3	Four, 10 min. Quarters	None	7	5	40x60
U9	4	Two, 20 min. Halves	Two, 25 min. Halves	8	6	50x80
U10	4	Two, 20 min. Halves	Two, 25 min. Halves	8	6	50x80
U12	4	Two, 25 min. Halves	Two, 30 min. Halves	11	7	Full Size
U14	5	Two, 25 min. Halves	Two, 35 min. Halves	11	7	Full Size
U16	5	Two, 30 min. Halves	Two, 40 min. Halves	11	7	Full Size
U19	5	Two, 30 min. Halves	Two, 45 min. Halves	11	7	Full Size
U7/8 (A)	3	Two, 22 min. Halves	Two, 22 min. Halves	7	5	40x60
U9 (A)	4	Two, 25 min. Halves	Two, 25 min. Halves	9	6	50x80
U10 (A)	4	Two, 25 min. Halves	Two, 25 min. Halves	11	7	Full Size

Note: Preliminary Games may end in a tie. Quarter-final & Semi-final games that end in a tie will go directly to FIFA "kicks from the mark" to determine a winner. Championship games that end in a tie will play two (2) ten minute overtime periods. The 50% playing rule will apply to the entire 20 minute overtime period not the two 10 minute overtime halves individually. If still tied then FIFA "kicks from the mark" will determine the Champion

FIFA kicks from the mark shall be taken by the players on the field at the end of regulation or overtime play, as appropriate. However, both teams must have an equal number of players taking the kicks. A team with more players eligible to take kicks must reduce their number of players to equal the number of players from the other team. Before the kicks, both teams shall present to the center referee the jersey numbers of the players in the order that they will take the kicks. After the first five players from both teams have alternately kicked, if one team has scored more goals, that team will be declared the winner. If the score is still tied, the sixth player listed for both teams shall take kicks. If one team scores without a goal from the other team, that team will be declared the winner. If the score is still tied, the next listed player for both teams shall take kicks. The kicks shall continue until one team scores a goal without the other team scoring and that team will be declared the winner.

**Inclement Weather:**

If the tournament has started and we have to cancel games due to inclement weather, with approval from the City of Plano, the Tournament Director may determine a winner by incremental weather kicks from the mark.

**Player Substitution:**

Players may be substituted with the consent of the field referee at the following times:

Under 7/8 Recreational Teams - Between Quarters or at Halftime

Under 7 -Under 10 Academy and Under 9- under 19 Recreational Teams:

- \* Prior to a throw-in in your favor
- \* Prior to a goal kick by either team
- \* After a goal by either team \*
- \* At the referees discretion during a stoppage of play

**Coaches/Manager ID Cards:**

As mandated by North Texas Soccer, all coaches must complete a risk management. ID cards may be issued by some home associations. (If they do not have an ID card, a driver's license will suffice as long as they are on the official roster).

**Guest Players:**

Three guest players will be allowed per recreational team. **Guest Players MUST be shown on Game Roster. Guest Player Releases must have Parent, Releasing Coach, Receiving Coach, and Registrar Signature or they WILL not be accepted.**

**Medical Releases:**

Each team must have a properly signed Medical Release for **all players**. It does not have to be notarized. They must be in the possession of the coach during all games.

**Reporting of Scores:**

The referees and teams (both coaches) will report all scores to the Tournament Officials. **Standings will be posted on-line.** It is the responsibility of each individual coach to verify the posted scores prior to the start of the team's **next game**, and contact the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** if there is a problem. A stamped "approved" **Misconduct Report & Game Roster for Referees** form (**Guest Players MUST be shown on Game Roster**) must be given to the referee before each game. Coaches/Managers are required to turn in their score cards after each game at the headquarters tent. If cards were given, then the referee will turn the misconduct report/game roster form into the Headquarters tent. This form will be used to gather information on cards and scores.

**Team Discipline:**

Ejection for fighting will automatically result in the player(s) not being allowed to participate in the remainder of the Tournament. A player who accumulates three yellow cards in the tournament will serve a 1 game sit-out at the next tournament game. The player will serve a two game sit-out after the fifth yellow card of the tournament. After the sixth yellow card they will be required an additional 1 game sit-out. Should a player receive a seventh yellow card they shall be suspended pending a hearing with NTSSA. Should a player receive a straight red card, that player shall be required to sit out the remaining of that game and the following game. Should a player receive a second red card in the tournament, the player will be suspended pending a hearing at NTSSA. For the purpose of the rule any player receiving a red card due to two yellow cards in the same game, they will be required to sit-out the remainder of that game, but are not required to sit out the following game unless due to card accumulation. In the event of two yellow cards in a game it will count only as two yellow cards not a red card unless the second card was a straight red. The team coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her players and parent/spectators. Any coach removing his/her team from the field during a game will receive a red card and the team will forfeit the game and all remaining games.

**Playing Conditions:**

In the Under 7 through Under 19 both teams (Official coach, assistant coach, manager and all players) will occupy the same side. The parents/spectators of both teams will occupy the opposite side. In case of uniform conflict, home team is responsible for changing to an alternate color. Each team should be prepared to present a game ball to the referee if requested. **METAL CLEATS ARE NOT PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** Casts are permitted at the referee's discretion.

Each team **must** be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the referee or the team is subject to forfeiting the match. In the case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine if the game(s) will be played. Once a game has started the decision rests with the referee. Games shall be considered complete if one half of the game has been completed. The score at the stoppage of play will be the final score. The coach is responsible for checking with the **Tournament Director** to determine if play is **temporarily postponed or cancelled.** **The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the tournament structure in the event of inclement weather.**

**Protests and Matters not provided for:**

Protests & Appeals will be allowed **only** if the rules of the game have been misapplied by the referee or if a team uses an ineligible player. The offended team must file a protest in writing within one hour of the completion of the game or when the incident occurred and submit it along with \$300 cash to the Tournament Director. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and corrective action will be taken as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director. If the protest is denied, the cash fee is forfeited to PYSA. The Tournament Director will be the final authority on all matters not covered in these rules.

**TOURNAMENT REFUND POLICY**

Any team that cancels or withdraws after the Application Deadline of **April 6, 2012** will **not** receive a refund. If inclement weather cancels the Tournament **prior to the first scheduled game**, all teams will receive a refund equal to 50% of their entry fee. If inclement weather cancels the Tournament **after scheduled games have started**, **no refunds will be issued.**