

# SPRING KICK CLASSIC XXVII SOCCER TOURNAMENT

## Information, Guidelines and Rules

### Classification and Age Divisions:

The Spring Kick Classic Soccer Tournament is hosted by Plano Youth Soccer for **Recreational Boys and Girls teams and Academy teams only**. Tournament and All-Star recreational teams will **not** be accepted. All teams must be registered with the North Texas State Soccer Association and/or the United States Youth Soccer Association. **Age Groups will be formed in Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 19 and Academy U9 and U10 only**. 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 teams must register on **Thursday (April 24, 2008) at the PYSA Office (Until 7:30P)** or at the **HEADQUARTERS TENT (Starting Friday @ 5:00PM)** before their **first** scheduled game. Tournament Team Packets will be available. **COACHES' ID Cards** will be checked at Registration. All approved paper work **including medical releases for all players** must be received by the Tournament Staff before any team will be allowed to begin play. **Note: All properly approved [Guest Player Releases](#) must be submitted into the PYSA office by Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> by 5:00PM. Guest Player Releases must have Parent, Releasing Coach, Registration ID#, 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 (4/25/08)** and continue through **Sunday (4/27/08)**. 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** 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 trophy. **Under 9 thru Under 19** teams will play three preliminary games on Friday and/or Saturday. Quarter-finals for age groups with **more** than 16 teams will be played Saturday night, Semi-finals and Championship games will be played on Sunday. **Under 9 - Under 19 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 (U9-U19):

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 will be made by the Tournament Director.**

### Mandatory Playing time for all Recreational Players:

**Per North Texas State Soccer and Plano Youth Soccer rules: EACH PLAYER SHALL play a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the total playing time. 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 Games	Championship Round Games
U7/8	3	Four, 12 min. Quarters	None
U9	4	Two, 20 min. Halves	Two, 25 min. Halves
<b>U9 Aca</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Two, 25 min. Halves</b>	<b>Two, 25 min. Halves</b>
<b>U10 Aca</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Two, 25min. Halves</b>	<b>Two, 25 min. Halves</b>
U10	4	Two, 20 min. Halves	Two, 25 min. Halves
U12	4	Two, 25 min. Halves	Two, 30 min. Halves
U14	5	Two, 30 min. Halves	Two, 35 min. Halves
U16	5	Two, 35 min. Halves	Two, 40 min. Halves
U19	5	Two, 35 min. Halves	Two, 45 min. Halves

Note: Preliminary Games may end in a tie. Quarter-final games that end in a tie will go directly to FIFA "kicks from the mark" to determine a winner. Semi-Final & Championship games that end in a tie will play two (2) ten minute overtime periods. If still tied then FIFA "kicks from the mark" will determine the Champion. Quarter final games, if needed, will be mini game in length but will go directly to "kicks from the mark" if tied.

**Player Substitution:**

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

Under 7/8 - Between Quarters or at Halftime **Only**

Under 9 -Under 19:

\* 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 ID Cards:**

As mandated by North Texas Soccer, all coaches must have displayed their USYSA coaches ID as issued by their Home Association.

These cards will be checked at check-in before the first game.

**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, Registration ID#, Receiving Coach, and Registrar Signature or they WILL not be accepted. The guest player release form must be completed and submitted into the PYSA office by Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Medical Releases:**

Each team must have a properly signed Medical Release for **all players**. They must be in the possession of the coach during all games.

**Reporting of Scores:**

The referees and teams (both coaches report score) will report all scores to the Tournament Officials. **Standings will be posted at the Headquarters Complex Only.** 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. **Jersey numbers (#'s) must be on Misconduct Report.** The form must be turned into the headquarters tent after the game **with the score on it.** If cards were given, then the referee will turn the form into the Headquarters tent. This form will be used to gather information on cards and scores.

**Team Discipline & Playing Conditions:**

**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. 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. **Jersey Number's must be permanently affixed and each player Must have a unique number (#).** Each team should be prepared to present a game ball to the referee if requested. **SHIN GUARDS ARE MANDATORY. CASTS AND METAL CLEATS ARE NOT PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** 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 two hours of the incident and submit it along with \$200 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 4, 2008** 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.**