

BETHEL COLUMBUS DAY TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

All tournament games will be played in accordance with the laws of the game as issued by F.I.F.A. except where modified below:

1. Rosters – A copy of the teams certified roster will be checked and surrendered at the time of registration. Each team will be limited to the players, coaches and managers whose names are reflected on that roster. Three guest players will be allowed per team.
2. Insurance Forms – One copy of the Bethel Columbus Day Tournament Medical Release Form for each player must be surrendered at the time of registration. A second copy must be carried with the coach or manager at all times during the tournament. This tournament also requires a certificate of insurance from any **non US Youth Affiliate team**, evidencing liability and player medical coverage. The minimum liability limits must equal or exceed \$1,000,000 and the minimum excess player medical limits must equal or exceed \$25,000.
3. Permission to Travel Forms – Teams outside Region 1 (except New Jersey) must have an authorized copy of the USYSA Permission to Travel Form at the time of registration.
4. Field and Game Equipment:
 - a. No jewelry will be allowed.
 - b. Players are required to wear shin guards
 - c. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms.
 - d. Where uniforms are similar in color, the designated home team will change colors. Home teams will be listed first on the schedule.
 - e. Both teams will take the same side of the field. All other supporters will take the opposite side of the field.
 - f. No one will be allowed behind either end line.
 - g. Check-in time is 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
5. Inclement Weather – Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and teams must appear on the field of play and be ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game. Only the referee and/or the tournament director can cancel, postpone, or reschedule a game.
 - a. Inclement weather before games: In case of severe weather conditions before play has begun, the result of the game will be a 1-1 tie if the game cannot be rescheduled as determined by the tournament director.
 - b. Inclement weather during games: Should a game's progress be terminated due to weather conditions after the half, the game will be considered official and the score at the time will stand. Should the game's progress be terminated before the half, the result of the game will be a 1-1 tie.

6. Ball Size, Number of Players and Game Duration:

U-9 &U-10	Size 4 ball	20 Minute halves
U-11 & U-12	Size 4 ball	20 Minute halves
U-13 & U14/15	Size 5 ball	20 Minute halves

7. Number of Players – Each U-9, U-10 team will be comprised of a maximum of 12 players, U-11 & U-12 teams will be limited to a roster of 16 players and each U-13 & U-14/15 teams will be comprised of a maximum of 22 players. Three guest players will be allowed per team.
8. Forfeits – Any team not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time for its match shall forfeit the game to its opponent by a score of 1 – 0. A minimum of seven players constitutes a team.
9. Score Sheets – Both coaches are responsible for verifying the score by signing the referee's score sheet at the conclusion of each match. Failure to do so will negate any grounds for contesting an incorrectly posted score.
10. Substitutions - Substitutions shall be unlimited, but may only be made with the referee's permission at the following times:
 - a. At any stoppage of play, including throw-in's for either team, with the permission of the referee.
 - b. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
 - c. After a goal has been scored.
 - d. When play has been stopped by the referee because of injury. (Both teams are allowed unlimited substitutions in this situation)
 - e. After half time.
11. Red Cards – Any player, coach or manager receiving a red card shall be suspended for the remainder of the game and for the next game their team is scheduled to play.
12. Referees – Certified referees and line persons are provided by the tournament. Each team is required to provide a line person if official line persons are not available due to extenuating circumstances.
13. Tournament Standings:
 - a. 3 points shall be awarded for a win
 - b. 1 point shall be awarded for a tie
 - c. 0 points shall be awarded for loss

In the event of a tie in points, the following rules will be used, in the order presented, to break the tie:

Head to head competition (not applicable if more than two teams are tied)

Total Goal Differential (that is, goals scored minus goals allowed) subject to a maximum difference of three goals scored or allowed per game.

Number of Goals Allowed (Scored Against) subject to a maximum of three goals allowed in each game.

Most number of Goals Scored, subject to a maximum of three goals scored in each game.

14. Protests – Will not be accepted and cannot be lodged.
15. Goalie – The 6 second rule will apply. No charging of the goalie is allowed.
16. Player Eligibility – All players must be born on or after the birth date for the age group classification noted below. All players must be listed on the teams certified roster.

U-9 (2016)	1/1/16
U-10 (2015)	1/1/15
U-11 (2014)	1/1/14
U-12 (2013)	1/1/13
U-13 (2012)	1/1/12
U-14/15 (2010)	1/1/10

17. General Rules:
 - a. All decisions by the referee are final and binding.
 - b. The tournament committee, the tournament director, Bethel Youth Soccer Association and the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA) will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.
 - c. First place trophies will be awarded for U-11, U-12, U-13 and U-14/15 in each division and participation awards will be awarded to U-9 & U-10 teams. Each team at the time of registration should give a name and telephone number of a designated person to be contacted if the need arises.
 - d. Coaches, managers and team officials are not allowed on the field without the referee's permission. Any coach, manager or team official violating this rule is subject to disciplinary action by the referee and/or the tournament director.
 - e. This tournament has been organized to promote healthy competition between players of the game of soccer. It is hopeful that all participants including players, coaches and fans will be supportive in a positive fashion.
 - f. The tournament director reserves the right to disqualify any team, player, coach or team official from the tournament for gross misconduct of its coaches, players, managers and fans.
 - g. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and smoking is prohibited on fields and parking areas.
 - h. The Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA) shall have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their jurisdiction with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.
18. Refunds – If for any reason, the Bethel Youth Soccer Association (BYSA) cancels the tournament in whole, refunds will be made for the application fee less a \$25.00 administration fee.