

2018-5TH ANNUAL PBSL CLASSIC RULES /APRIL 20, 21, 22, 2018

1. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:

Tournament Headquarters will be located at: ROYAL PALM BEACH KATZ FIELD
100 SWEETBAY LANE, ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL 33411

2. REGISTRATION AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Palm Beach Soccer League Classic Tournament shall be open to all teams comprised of properly registered youth players (as defined by the rules of the affiliated organization) in all age groups listed in the "Tournament Rules", provided such team is in good standing with its youth association.

Tournament officials shall conduct all credential checks:

- a. At the initial registration/tournament check-in. TBD
- b. At the field one hour before first game.
- c. There will be no roster changes and/or additions once a team's first game has started.

Note: Teams should be available for team check-in with the referee or field marshal 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

Documentation required at initial registration:

- a. The Players and bench personnel must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, USClub, AYSO, other)
- b. Identification cards must be verified, photo attached and laminated.
- c. Teams must provide a certified/approved tournament roster from the team's Federation Organization.
- d. Teams not from USYS or US Club must provide proof of insurance.
- e. Teams must provide a completed PALM BEACH SOCCER CLUB (U18) sports waiver for every rostered player and bench personnel (Coaches, Trainer, Manager) maximum 3 per team.

- a. Teams are required to have a present player and bench personnel picture identification cards.
- b. Teams must have on hand a certified/approved tournament roster from the team's Federation Organization in case of any discrepancies with the tournament generated game reports.
- c. Each team is limited to three (3) registered coaches on the bench. In no case will a team be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach unless approved by a tournament official.
- d. The jersey number of each player must be the same as the player's jersey number on the tournament roster. If not the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same (jersey or roster changed).
- e. Souvenir patches, flags, crests, etc. may be exchanged and group team pictures may be taken at this pre-game procedures or during the handshake after the game.
- f. A player who arrived late at the playing field after the pre-game procedure may enter the game once the game's official(s) verify the player is eligible and with the permission of the center referee.
- g. Only at the pre-game procedure may a player be challenged by an opposing manager/coach. Challenged player(s) will be noted by the Referee on the game report and will be allowed to participate in the game (if said player has been certified as eligible by the Palm Beach Soccer League Tournament Committee). A late arriving player may be challenged at the time he/she is allowed to participate by the Referee. **ANY TEAM USING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER WILL FORFEIT ALL TOURNAMENT MATCHES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. A report will be filed with the offending teams National Organization or National State Association. If you are not sure of a player's eligibility, ask, in writing. The Tournament Director.**

MANDATORY: All teams must enter a roster complete with bench personnel into the tournaments on line scheduling system no later than 2 weeks prior to team check-in. The minimum required information: Name, Date of Birth, Player ID number, Uniform number and Gender. Revisions can be made to the roster up to the start of the first match. (Player must be certified as eligible by the Palm Beach Soccer League Tournament Credentials Committee). This information will appear on the tournament game reports to be used by the referees for check-in on the field prior to each game. Teams failing to input this information are subject to removal from the event.

In no event will a player be allowed to participate who has not been certified by the Palm Beach Soccer League Tournaments Credentials Committee.

AGE DETERMINATION: The player's playing age is determined by the following USYS guidelines for 2016/2017.

Age Division	Birth Year Range	Max. Roster	Guest player limit*
Under 12 Girls and Boys Division	Born in 2005	16	3
Under 11 Girls and Boys Division	Born in 2006	16	3
Under 10 Girls and Boys Division	Born in 2007	12	3
Under 09 Girls and Boys Division	Born in 2006	12	3

*Each team will be allowed to have guest players, who are properly registered through their National and State Association, Federation or any other USSF affiliated organization. FYSA teams and players must follow FYSA Rule 208 "Guest Playing" and will not be allowed to guest play with or have guest players from a non USYS affiliate organization. Crossover between USSF affiliated and FIFA Federations will be allowed except as stated in FYSA Rule 208. Guest players must have permission to participate/travel from their National and State Association, Federation, School or any other USSF affiliated organization.

Players may **NOT** play for more than one team in the tournament.

CONCUSSION:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438) Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in his/her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY. The injured player, if able to leave the field on his/her own, must be escorted to his/her coach and the coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to seek medical attention. The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The Referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure that the player is not allowed to return to the game (NO EXCEPTIONS).

LAWS OF THE GAME

All matches must be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules.

LAW 1: Field of Play

U11 & U12 (9v9) & U9 & U10 (7v7) must play in accordance with the USSF new player development initiatives.

LAW 2: The Ball

The team ball is the team's responsibility.

U-11 & U-12 – Size 4

U-09 & U-10 – Size 4

LAW 3: Number of Players:

U-11 and U-12 – Maximum (9) – Minimum (6) per side

U-09 and U-10 – Maximum (7) – Minimum (5) per side

SUBSTITUTION TIME

- Substitutions shall be unlimited at any stoppage approved by the referee. Substitutions may be made only upon proper notification of the referee through the assistant referee.
- The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he/she is replacing has left, and then, only after receiving a signal from the referee.
- When an injured player (inclusive of the goalkeeper) is attended to on the field of play, the player must leave the field of play for treatment and evaluation. A substitution may be made for the injured player.

SUBSTITUTION LIMITS

Substitutions may be made at any stoppage only with the permission of the referee.

LAW 4: Player's Equipment

Player equipment must conform to FIFA rules. All players will wear shin-guards (under the socks).

Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with *written* approval from a doctor, and judgement as to safety is at the discretion of the referee, the ultimate authority is the referee.

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It is the policy of FYSA that no player be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any FYSA sanctioned match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet or

necklace when taped to the body. The referee shall make the decision as to the safety of the player and the referee's decision is final.

Teams will wear uniforms of matching design and color with a minimum of six (6) inch numbers affixed to the back of the uniform shirt.

In case of similar team colors, the designated home team per the tournament schedule will be required to change to a color accepted by the referee. In cases where the schedule does not designate a home team the first team listed on the game report will be considered the home team.

The uniform of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from the basic colors of the competing teams and the referee.

LAW 5: The Referee

The center referee for all matches must be certified by the Federation. Visiting international referees must be approved by the Federation.

Referees are required to submit a completed official USSF or a tournament specific game report to the Site Director containing game scores and any information relating to any game incidents involving player/coach, spectator misconduct, or injuries.

In the event, the assigned referees fail to appear and the assignor and/or Site Director fails to provide a replacement, the senior assigned assistant referee shall assume the duties and shall find an alternate assistant. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official.

LAW 7: The Duration of the Match

Age Group	Ball	Preliminary/Games Playoffs
U-11 – U-12	4	2-30 min. halves/2-30min. halves
U-09 – U-10	4	2-25 min. halves/2-25 min. halves

MERCY RULE: All games will be subject to a mercy rule of an 8 goal differential at any time after the completion of the first half.

LAW 8-10

No change per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

LAW 11: Offsides

No change per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

LAW 12: Fouls and Misconduct.

No change per FIFA "Laws of the Game" with the following exceptions.

- U-11/U-12 (9v9) matches an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drip-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area.
- U9/U10 (7v7) matches an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball. The goalkeeper may pass, throw or roll the ball to a teammate located within the build out line.
- U9/U10 (7v7) field will have a build out line 14 yards from the end line. All opposing players must move behind the build out line once the ball is in possession of the Goalkeeper or there is to be a Goal Kick.

LAW 13-17

No change per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of "The Laws of the Game". The Site Director has the authority and the responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. In addition to good manners, the following rules will apply to Palm Beach Soccer League Tournaments.

The Site Director will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of the players listed on the game roster and a maximum total of three (3) managers/coaches/trainer and the reserve players must remain on their respective benches and may not roam the sidelines. The Site Director will designate the opposite sideline for the spectators. No one will be allowed behind either end line.

The manager/coach will be responsible for the behavior of their fans and the referee will have the authority to warn and ultimately send off, any manager/coach whose fans behave in an abusive or disruptive manner.

ARTIFICIAL NOISE-MAKING DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc. is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player's check in.

Per Florida Youth Soccer Association Rule 504.1 Red Card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Players **may not** serve suspensions as "guest players."

Palm Beach Soccer League will have a Discipline Committee of no less than three (3) members. The Discipline Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, manager, coaches, referees, spectators, etc. using the Florida Youth Soccer Association standards as set by Rule Section 502. The committee's decision is final and not appealable.

All players and managers/coaches shall be subject to Florida Youth Soccer Association Section 502 – Discipline and Sanctions.

A player, manager, or coach ejected will have an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection. Duration of suspension is cumulative based on further misconduct after receiving the initial dismissal.

The referee(s) are in jurisdiction of the match while in the vicinity of the game. Players and bench personnel may be issued a Red Card/Send Off either before or after the game. A coach or spectator who is ejected must leave the field of play area a minimum of 100 yards immediately. Failure to comply will result in suspension from the entire event and jeopardize inclusion into future events with Palm Beach Soccer League.

Suspended Coaches may be located on the spectator side of the field but may not coach or communicate with the team in any manner; players may sit with the team but may not be in uniform.

Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate National and State Association, Federation or any other USSF affiliated organization. The Discipline Committee recommendations will be available to the affected parties no later than before their next scheduled game.

At the conclusion of the Palm Beach Soccer League Classic Tournament, it is the responsibility of the team's coach or manager to pick up the passes from the tournament office (even if

suspension has not been completed). A complete report will be sent to the Florida Youth Soccer Association Review and Discipline Committee within seventy-two hours of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline and/or forwarding to the appropriate State and National Association.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

There will be **NO PROTESTS**. Decisions by referees may not be appealed. All disputes will be resolved immediately by the Site Director. These decisions will be final.

EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, ETC.

Regardless of weather conditions, players and coaches must be on the field at the scheduled time, ready to play.

In case of inclement weather or field conditions, games may:

- Be shortened – The Tournament Director may reduce the length of matches due to weather conditions before the start of a match; all such matches will be considered official.
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- Be rescheduled (time and location determined by Tournament Director.
- Go to “taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark.” (time and location to be determined by the Tournament Director.)
- Be cancelled – the Tournament committee has the right to cancel any match that has no bearing on the scoring and progression of tournament play.

If the Tournament Director rules that during the preliminary round “taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be done due to inclement weather or field conditions, the following rule will apply:

- Each team will take a maximum of five (5) penalty kicks.
- At the end of five (5) kicks the game will be scored as a 1-0 will for the team that has scored more penalty kicks, or a 0-0 tie if both teams are tied in penalty kicks at the end of five (5) kicks.
- In the overall standings, 3 points will be given for the win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

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- The 1-0 win in penalty kicks will not be counted for or against to determine the tie breaker for advancement.

- If regular games have been played in the bracket and the Tournament Director has determined that other games go to penalty kicks due to inclement weather or field conditions, the regular games score will revert back to a 1-0 win or a 0-0 tie.

Only referees or duty managers can suspend a match already started due to weather conditions. Duration of any suspension will be determined by the Tournament Director.

Games terminated, or abandoned for other than inclement weather, i.e. Violent or uncontrollable situations will not be replayed.

DETERMINATION OF PLAYOFF FINALISTS

Finalists will be determined through a seeding format or by a division winner's format. The Tournament Committee will decide which format each age group and bracket will follow. This will be announced prior to the commencement of competition. The rules to determine tie breakers will be the same for either format. Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. At the end of the preliminary rounds, if the finalists for a particular age group and bracket are determined by the division winner, the division winner will be the team with the most points in their division. In the event of a tie within a division, the following criteria will be used to determine who moves forward:

- Head to head competition (this criterion will not be considered in the case of a tie among more than two (2) teams**)
- Goal differential to a maximum of four (4) per game.
- Most goals scored to a maximum of four (4) per game.
- Least goals allowed to a maximum of four (4) per game
- FIFA penalty kicks.

** In the event of a tie among more than two teams, once a tie is broken by the above system, and if ties among remaining teams still must be decided, those ties would be broken by starting again from the top of the tie breaking procedure. In the event that a wild card team must be selected for the playoff rounds, the above procedure will be used across the entire age group and bracket involved. If a division winner does not show up for play, the division team with the next best scores shall be named the division winner. In the event the finalists for a particular age group and bracket are determined by seeding, the finalist (or semi-finalists if applicable) shall be determined based upon the two teams (or more if semi-finals are applicable) with the most points in the overall age group and bracket involved. In the event of a tie, the same criteria as utilized for division winners shall be used to determine the finalists.

In the event that there is an age group(s) and bracket in which semifinals are held, to be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, the foregoing rules shall be applies to determine the teams that shall qualify for the semi-finals.

PLAYOFFS

Depending on the number of teams in the division/age group bracket, there may be a playoff.

- If there are playoffs and a wild card team must be selected for the playoff rounds, that team will not be assigned to play the winner of its own division in the first playoff round.
- In the case of a draw and the end of regulation time in the playoff rounds, the winner will be determined as follows:
- The best of five (5) penalty kicks taken alternately by each team will determine the winner.
- Only those players on the field at the end of regulation time of the playoff game may compete.
- If the penalty kick score is tied at the end of the five kicks, the teams will continue to take penalty kicks alternately until there is a winner. All players on the field must kick before any player may kick a second time.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL CEREMONY

Following the completion of each championship game, the two competing teams will present themselves to the Tournament Director for awards.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE RETURNS/REFUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

- Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.
- Within five (5) days upon cancellation of the tournament.
- Within ten (10) days of withdrawal request of the application by a team prior to acceptance of that application by the tournament.

FYSA Rules 902.10 Any team that will not be permitted to play in the contracted age group shall have the option to withdraw and receive a full refund of all entry fees. All tournaments shall notify any participant not less that fifteen days prior to the beginning of the tournament if any age group advertised will not be offered.

GENERAL

The Palm Beach Soccer League, the Tournament Committee, Florida Youth Soccer Association and/or the host affiliate will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part of whole of this tournament.

The tournament committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final and reserves the right to decide on all tournament matters.

The tournament committee has the responsibility to uphold any previous suspension imposed by Florida Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer and/or affiliates of USSF. The Palm Beach Soccer League and/or the host affiliate is not responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, and spectators off the field, or damages resulting from such behavior. Coaches and players committing breaches of the law may be ejected from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament committee.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- **NO ORTHOPEDIC CASTS ARE ALLOWED – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **AT THE END OF EACH GAME, A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MUST SIGN/INITIAL THE GAME REPORT.**
- **TO GET YOUR PLAYER PASSES BACK FROM THE REFEREE AT THE END OF EACH GAME.**
- **PLAYER PASSES RETAINED BY THE REFEREE(S) DUE TO A RED CARD MUST BE RETRIEVED FROM TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS.**
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TEAM REMOVES ALL TRASH FROM THE SIDELINE AFTER EACH GAME.**
- **IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY THERE ARE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS ON-SITE.**
- **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THEIR SPECTATORS.**
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT GAME SITES.**
- **ARTIFICIAL NOISE-MAKING DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED.**
- **NO SALES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON AND THE PALM BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE.**

HEADING GUIDELINES

Heading Guidelines 16-17

In conjunction with US Soccer and US Youth Soccer, Florida Youth Soccer Association will be instituting a heading ban for players age 10 and younger.

In accordance with the recent U.S. Soccer recommendations on concussion risk management:

FYSA has eliminated heading in matches for player's age 10-years-old and younger (2006-11u and younger), per the new calendar year registration guidelines. 2005-12U teams will participate in non-heading divisions until December 31, 2016 and then heading divisions shall be permitted Jan 1, 2017.

The guidelines apply to leagues, tournaments, and other FYSA sanctioned events that include 2006-11u and younger age group teams (2005-12U in 2016) heading will not be permitted.

Leagues and tournaments shall allow for 2005-12u heading age divisions after January 1, 2017. Leagues and tournaments will be permitted to form 2005/2006-12u non-heading divisions. (see playing up guidelines)

Teams that opt for 2005-2006-12u non-heading divisions shall only participate in non-heading divisions in league play, tournaments, and all events. Sanctions will be made against teams that do not follow this guideline.