



SOCCER-RI CUP

Tournament Rules of Play

Playing Rules – Except as otherwise provided herein, Soccer Rhode Island (SRI), US Youth Soccer and FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall govern this competition.

Game Info – All U11 & U12 games will be played with nine (9) players per side and a size four (4) ball. All U13 and older games will be played with eleven (11) players per side and a size five (5) ball. A minimum of seven (7) players per team must be on the field at the posted game time or the team without the seven (7) players will forfeit the game. In the U13 age groups and older where they are allowed a twenty-two (22) player roster, no more than 18 players may be in uniform and on the team bench. The home team is the first team listed in the bracket and will supply the game ball. In the case of same or like colored jerseys, the home team shall change their game jersey or wear pinnies.

Grace Period – For preliminary games only, there will be a thirty (30) minute grace period allowed. However, if the coaches and referees present agree to play the game after the 30-minute grace period elapses, the game will be played. If the game is played under these circumstances, no protest will be allowed based on start time or grace period.
NO grace period will be allowed in the semi-finals and the finals, games will start as scheduled.

Game Times - The length of the game shall be as follows:

U17 – U19 Two 45-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

U15 - U16 Two 40-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

U13 – U14 Two 35-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

U11 -- U12 Two 30-minute halves with two 5-minute overtimes if applicable

Overtime Rules – Soccer-RI Cup games cannot end in a tie.

Where overtime is applicable, full time will be played (NO golden goal). In the event that no winner is decided at the end of the overtime periods, the FIFA penalty kick system will be followed to determine a winner.

FIFA penalty kick system: Only players on the field when regular (overtime) play has ended may participate in the penalty kicks.

Heading – Heading is not allowed in the U11 age group of the Soccer-RI Cup.

Substitutions – Substitutions shall be made with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in, by the team in possession.
2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
3. After a goal, by either team.
4. At half time.

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Once a team substitutes a player in the above 4 situations, the opposing team may substitute an unlimited amount of players

5. When the referee stops play for an injured player. If the coach enters the field of play, then the injured player must leave the field.

6. For a cautioned player

In the above two situations, numbers 5 and 6, the opposing team may substitute one player.

Tournament Director – Reserves the right to alter, modify or change any rule, procedure or schedule for the “Good of the Game”.