



2021 Tournament Rules

Standings in the tournament shall be determined by total point accumulation at the end of the tournament. The top 4 teams in each division after Friday's games will play for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

1. Points are awarded at the end of each game as follows:
 - 6 Points for a win
 - 3 Points for a tie
 - 0 Points for a loss
 - 1 Point for a shut out except for a 0-0 tie or forfeit
 - 1 Point for each goal scored with a maximum of 3 per game.

2. Division winners will be determined by:
 - a) Total Points
 - b) Head to Head Competition
 - c) Fewest goals allowed
 - d) Number of shutouts
 - e) Goals differential (+/-)
 - f) Shoot-out

Any shootout in this tournament will be held as follows:

- a) 5 different players on the field at the end of the game are selected by the coach of each team to be shooters.
- b) A coin toss will determine which team shoots first.
- c) Everybody is off the field except the shooter, goalie and the referees.
- d) Each team alternates kickers.
- e) If a tie exists after each teams first 5 kickers, 1 player at a time from each team, (none of the original 5), alternate kicks and the 1st unanswered goal wins.

A team must have at least 7 players to play. Less than 7 is a forfeit. All teams must play down to match the number of players on a short sided team. Only Rostered players are eligible to participate in the 2021 MMYSA tournament.

As per MMYSA rules, all players are to be given the opportunity to play half a game. Only the players, not the coaches, can decide if they want to play less than half a game.

There will be 4 – 15 minute quarters with a 5 minute half time and a 2 minute break between quarters. There will be no stop time. Tournament officials reserve the right to reduce the half time or the second half in order to keep the tournament schedule on time.

No substitutions allowed in the last 2 minutes of each quarter of the game except for injury. Normal substitutions must be made quickly, and substitutes must report to the substitution box before a normal substitution will be honored.

EQUIPMENT

Headbands- All headbands must be removed to check players to ensure no earrings are present. Earrings and jewelry are not authorized. Players must remove earrings and jewelry to be eligible to play in the 2021 MMYSA tournament.

Shin guards- Shin guards are to be worn with shin guard under soccer socks. Socks **CANNOT** be installed over socks with socks folded down over shin guards.

Cast- if a player has a cast the player will be ineligible to play in the 2021 MMYSA tournament.

All games must start on time! If a team is not ready to play at their scheduled time they will forfeit. The opposing team will win by a (1-0) score and receive seven (7) points for the game. There is no on field warm up except for the first game of the day. Failure to have the equipment check done prior to the start of each game will result in a yellow card for the coach.

Referee Procedure for Slide Tackling

'Slide Tackling' is defined as "A tackle in soccer in which a player attempts to disrupt the play, or take possession of the ball away from an opposing player by deliberately leaving his/her feet and sliding along the ground with one leg or both legs extended to block or push the ball away from the opposing player." The slide tackle is committed against an opponent within playing distance.

When referee sees a slide tackle committed against a player, the referee must:

1. Stop play
2. Show the red card for unsporting behavior to the player who committed the offence
3. The player must leave the remainder of the game, the player can return the next game after coach has instructed player of MMYSA rule regarding slide tackling.

Referee Procedure for a Slide

'Slide' is defined as "deliberately leaving his/her feet and sliding along the ground with one leg or both legs extended", no players within playing distance of the ball or other players

When referee sees a slide committed, the referee must:

1. Stop play
2. Show the yellow card for unsporting behavior to the player who committed the offence

Yellow and Red Card Disciplines/Actions

Abusive or foul language (by a coach or player) directed to any player, coach, referee or spectator

1. First offense – Yellow Card
2. Second Offense – Red Card – ejection from the match plus additional game/games as determined by MMYSA Board

NOTE: Some referees will not tolerate any of the above and may result in a straight red card. It's left to Referee's judgment.

Delaying the restart of the game (>30 secs to field after center ref starts time) purposely kicking ball out of play, failure to respect distance on a throw-in, free kick, goal kick or corner kick

1. First offense – Yellow Card with penalty kick for the opposing team
2. Second Offense – Red Card – ejection from the match plus additional game/games as determined by MMYSA Board and penalty kick.

Threatening actions, physical contact, spitting, fighting, kicking by any player, coach or spectator

1. First Offense – RED Card - ejection from the match plus additional game/games as determined by MMYSA Board

Two Yellow Cards in a single game

1. Will equal a red card resulting in ejection from the current match.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The MMYSA Tournament is a rain or shine tournament. Plan to play in inclement weather. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at the respective field, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match.

In the case of threatening weather, MMSYA board members will signal game suspension by one long blast from the horn. Participants should then immediately seek shelter in a car.

The minimum wait for a delay will be 30 minutes

- The clock restarts at each instance of thunder/lightning.

Three short blasts from the horn will indicate it is safe to resume play. In the case of extended delays, coaches must check with the MMSYA board for game status.

Matches that have been played to half time may be declared as final. Disposition of games that have not reached half time may be decided by a coin toss if delays so demand. Remaining matches for that day may be subject to shortening of game time or rescheduling by the MMYSA board. The Referee may suspend a game due to any condition he/she deems dangerous.

The MMSYA board reserves the right to restructure the tournament format, as necessary. This includes but is not limited to relocating or rescheduling any match; changing the duration of any match; and canceling any preliminary match or part of a match.

Harassment of officials will not be tolerated. All referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed. Parents, players, coaches or spectators making verbal protests will be asked to leave the event immediately.
