



Illinois vs Wisconsin Junior Cup Border Battle

Rules Of Competition

The Club/Organization is responsible for the conduct, penalties and fines of its teams, players, coaches and supporters.

A plea of ignorance to any of the rules and regulations governing this competition is insufficient grounds for appeal or protest.

In all matters provided or not provided in rules and regulations, the decision of the Tournament Chair & Committee is binding .

1. Rules Of Play

Except as provided herein all matches shall be played under FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by the event.

2. Competition Information

AGE GROUPS	MAXIMUM TEAM ROSTER	GAME LENGTH	OVERTIME PLAY	BALL SIZE
12U	18	2x30	2 x 10 mins	4

3. Overtime

If a game is tied at the end of regulation play and overtime periods are to be played to determine a winner, two (2) complete overtime periods as provided in section 2 of these playing rules will be played after the end of regulation play. If the game is still tied after the end of the two (2) overtime periods, FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” rules will apply in order to determine the winner.

4. Roster & Gamecard

Every Team in a Cup tournament shall have an official Roster entered into GotSport.

- Team Roster shall have a maximum of 18 registered youth players
- All players on a Junior Cup Roster must be registered to the club in properly registered their member state association
- Team must enter all players into their official Cup Roster in GotSport no later than 24-hours prior to their first match
- A player may be on the Junior Cup Border Battle roster of only one team.

5. Substitutions

Substitutions will be as follows for all matches played in this competition:

- Substitutions shall be unlimited and can be made with the consent of the referee during any stoppage of play, except Penalty Kicks.

6. Uniforms

- All teams must wear uniforms that conform to acceptable U.S. Youth Soccer standards.

- B. Each player on a team INCLUDING GOALKEEPER must wear shin guards
- C. An official uniform must have a permanently affixed six-inch minimum size number on the back of the shirt. Goalkeeper numbers are optional. Each number must be different.
- D. The players must wear the same color shirts, shorts and socks. Jerseys must be of an accepted soccer style jersey. The jerseys must have finished sleeve openings and enclosed sides. The jerseys must be tucked into the shorts.
- E. Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and game officials.
- F. If in the opinion of the referee or tournament official the uniforms are not acceptable for this competition, the team shall be given an opportunity to change uniforms.
- G. When teams' colors are similar as determined by the Referee
 - i. Where the event has notified participants which team wears light and which team wears dark uniforms, the team causing the conflict must change.
 - ii. The event can make either team change uniforms in order for the match to be played.
 - iii. All teams should have two sets of uniforms, light and dark, with them for all matches
- H. A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player including any kind of jewelry, with the exception of medical alert bracelets or necklaces; hard billed hat or street glasses. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces must be taped.
- I. Each player, team and team official may only have on his/her/their apparel the name, logo, or other identifying mark of US Youth soccer or a member directly or indirectly of US Youth Soccer.
 - i. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any youth soccer organization other than US Youth Soccer or its member must be removed, replaced, or covered before a player, team or team official may enter or remain at a field complex where the National Championships competition is being held.
 - ii. After an initial warning pursuant to (1) above, the name, logo, or other identifying mark of any youth soccer organization other than US Youth Soccer or its member must be removed or replaced with the US Youth Soccer name or logo before the player, team or team official may enter or continue in the competition.

7. Passes

Each player and coach must be registered to their state association and have a valid USYS Member State Association Pass and present the Pass to the match officials prior to each game.

8. Player Check-In & Gamecard

- A. Each team must complete and submit the Match Card to the match referee before each game. The Match Card is the official record of the players who participated in a given match and must contain player names and jersey numbers. An incomplete or improper Match Card may result in a forfeit or fine.
- B. Players not competing in the match should be crossed off the Match Card

9. Late Player

A late player shall present a valid pass to the match referee at the time he/she first enters the game.

10. Grace Period

A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed. The Referee or Tournament Official may extend the Grace Period for a reasonable amount of time, at his/her discretion, if circumstances dictate. The IYSA expects decisions in this regard to be made in the spirit of providing an opportunity for the match to be decided on the field. A team not ready to play after expiration of the allowed Grace Period will forfeit the match.

11. Starting The Game

A game shall not be started with fewer than six (6) eligible and properly uniformed players on each team. If the team has fewer than six (6) players, the match shall be forfeited to the opponent. If during the match a team is unable to field at least six (6) players, the opponent shall be declared the winner by forfeit.

12. Field Of Play

FIFA designates the preferred dimensions for the field of play and the goals. Goals must be properly anchored and have nets. The fields must be safe and properly marked with lines, corner flags or cones sufficient for the match officials to perform their essential duties. The game referee shall determine the safety and acceptability

of the field. Teams found to have inadequate fields may have future home games revoked until fields improved to IYSA standards.

13. Technical Area & Staff

- A. The Technical Area shall be designated for each team and include one (1) yard on either side of the team's designated seating (bench) and up to a distance of one (1) yard from the touchline.
- B. The Technical Area is the seating area only for the team's eligible players and Technical Staff.
- C. Team may have up to three (3) Technical Staff in the Technical area
 - i. All coaches/staff in the Technical Area must have a valid state association member pass
- D. Only the active players listed on the team's Match Card (maximum 18) are to be dressed in uniform.
 - i. A player that is listed on the team's Match Card but is not active for a match, may be in the team's Technical Area/Team Bench but must be dressed in street clothes that are easily distinguishable in color from the team's uniform.
- E. Red carded and/or suspended coaches (ineligible persons) are not allowed in the viewing area of the field. Any violation of these rules will cause the team to forfeit the game in which the violation occurred.
- F. A red carded player may remain in the technical area dressed in clothes that easily distinguish them from active players. The red carded player may be removed from the Technical Area by the referee.
- G. The team's Technical Staff must remain within the confines of the Technical Area except in special circumstances as permitted by the referee such as entering the field of play to treat an injured player.

14. Coaching During The Match

- A. No coaching other than conveying of tactical instruction is permitted during the game.
- B. Only the designated head coach is authorized to convey tactical instructions from the Technical Area and has the responsibility of making sure that no person associated with the team violates this coaching restriction.
- C. The designated head coach is responsible for the actions of all persons associated with the team. Violations by any person including spectators and supporters associated with the team will be deemed the actions of the designated head coach.

15. After the Championship Match: The champion and finalist teams and their head coach/ assistant coach as designated on the Cup roster must attend the Awards Ceremony immediately following the championship match.

16. Game Officials

- A. The event shall assign USSF registered referees for all matches.
- B. In the event the assigned Center Referee fails to appear, one of the assigned linesmen shall function as Center Referee.
- C. Should the Center Referee become incapacitated during the match, an assigned linesman shall assume the duties of the Center Referee. If an IYSA assigned linesman is not present, the coaches shall agree on a Center Referee for the match and the match shall be played to its conclusion.
- D. The duties of the match officials are defined by FIFA. Referees must be able to properly apply the Laws of the Game and the Cup rules.
- E. The match officials shall have the authority to determine the acceptability of the field of play; deal with players or coaches exhibiting violent conduct or threatening, abusive language; and stop the match due to interference from spectators. The Referee shall forward the names of offenders to the Cup Director within twenty-four (24) hours.
- F. The Referee shall remain on the field and in charge during the traditional handshake.

17. Unfinished Matches

For matches played short-time due to any cause, it shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director as to whether the match is to be

- A. Replayed in its entirety
- B. Restarted where the match was stopped
- C. Winner declared

18. Red Card / Send-Offs & Ejections

Any player, coach or spectator who is removed from a match by the referee is subject to fines and suspensions.

A. Player Send-Off

- i. Players ejected from a match may continue to sit in the technical/bench area unless removed by the referee for inappropriate behavior once they have been sent to the bench. Coaches are responsible for ejected player's behavior on the bench, further inappropriate behavior by player may result in coach being sent-off from match.
- ii. Players serving a suspension for additional game(s) are permitted to sit on the team bench in street clothes (no uniform) and will be held responsible for their actions the same as any other participant. If an ejected player becomes disruptive from the bench, he/she may receive an additional game(s) suspension.
- iii. Players ejected from the match may be issued additional sanctions from the member state association

B. Coach / Team Official Send-Off

- i. Coaches and other team officials dismissed must leave the vicinity of the field before the game will be restarted.
- ii. If a team has only one coach on the sideline, and that coach is sent-off, that coach's team will forfeit the match 4-0
- iii. Coaches ejected from the match may be issued additional sanctions from the member state association

C. Spectator / Supporter / Parent Send-Off

Coaches and other team officials Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the event and shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including ejections. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.

- i. Any team that has a supporter removed / ejected from a match or involved in an incident at the conclusion of a match will be issued sanctions from their member state association
- ii. Additional sanctions against a team / club may also be levied for spectator behavior.

19. Safety & Weather Related/ Lightning Procedures

The team's coaches/officials are responsible for the safety of their players and shall ensure that all persons associated with the team abide by the safety and weather related instructions issued by the IYSA officials, tournament/site officials, and/or referees.

- A. The Thunder Storm Warning is one (1) long blast from the siren/air horn. As soon as the Thunder Storm Warning is sounded, the coaches shall remove the players from field and immediately seek shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building.
- B. The All-Clear Signal is three (3) shorts blasts from the siren/air horn. The All-Clear Signal indicates that the coaches and players may return to the field of play. No one is to return to the fields until the All-Clear Signal is used. A team/ coach/ player/ official and/or a person related to the team that ignores the safety instructions shall be prohibited from competing further in Illinois Youth Soccer events in the current and subsequent soccer year.

20. Head, back or neck injuries

Any athlete who receives a concussion, neck or back injury will not be allowed to return to play or practice until he/she submits a signed Concussion Return to Play form from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who is trained in concussion treatment and management to the IYSA. Any player is placed in the Concussion Protocol and does not submit the appropriate paper for clearance prior to returning to play will result in a forfeit. It is the responsibility of the team coach to submit the clearance to the IYSA prior to the injured player's next Cup match.

21. Casts

For the protection of the players on the field, no person will be allowed to play on the field with any type of hard cast applied by a medical professional. This includes casts padded with any material (padded foam, bandages, etc...).

22. Protests & Appeals

All questions pertaining to any dispute or protest shall be referred to the Cup Director, who will forward it to the Cup Committee

- A. To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest must include at least the following items at the time of its filing with the Cup Director:
 - i. \$500 Protest Fee (\$250 of which is a non-refundable administrative fee).
 - ii. Two written copies of the protest that includes the reason for the protest and the facts.
- B. Protests must be received in writing by the Cup Director within twenty-four (24) hours after the start of the protested match. Once filed, protests may be withdrawn only with IYSA consent.
- C. Protests relating to the field of play, i.e.: improper uniforms, equipment, field size, markings, dangerous field conditions, etc. shall be considered only if the objection was lodged with the game officials prior to the match.
- D. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the Cup competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal.
- E. Referee decisions are final as they pertain to the FIFA Laws of the Game
- F. Red Cards, Yellow Cards and Send-Offs may not be protested.

23. Weapons/Firearms

Weapons/firearms are not permitted at Illinois Youth Soccer events

24. Rule Violations

Any person or team that is found guilty of violating state association or USYS policies, procedures and/or event rules shall be prohibited from competing further in the event in the current and subsequent events, and be subject to additional sanctions including but not limited to forfeiture of all Cup games, fines, and suspensions.

25. Matters Not Provided

In all matters provided or not provided in the rules and regulations, the decision of the Event Director & Event Committee shall be final and binding. The Event Director & the Event Committee shall have the power to deal with all violations and/or special circumstances.

The Event Director & Event Committee have the authority to modify any of the rules as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly progression of the event.



Illinois vs Wisconsin Junior Cup Border Battle Event Policies

In all matters provided or not provided in the Event Policies, the decision of the Event Director & Event Committee shall be final and binding. The Event Director shall have the power to deal with all breaches of the Policies

The Event Director and Event Committee have the authority to modify any of the Policies as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly progression of the event.

1. Team Eligibility

- a. The Team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered Youth Players (as defined by IYSA, WYS & US Youth Soccer).

2. Player Eligibility

- a. A team may roster any Youth Player who is a registered Youth Player of the Club in their USYS State Association
- b. A player may be rostered to only one Junior Cup team

3. Forfeits

- a. During group play, a team must forfeit any match where they fall below the required minimum number of players during a match. Subsequent matches will not be automatically forfeited.

4. Team or Club Trainers

A team may use their own Athletic Trainers as one of their three (3) team officials allowed on the sidelines. The competition Athletic Trainers are primary to any team trainers, who are deemed secondary.

5. Alcohol & Smoking

The drinking and/or dispensing of alcoholic beverages are not permitted at locations hosting games. Smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas at locations hosting games. Smoking is not permitted on spectator sidelines or the technical area. Individuals found violating the alcohol or smoking policy will be removed from the sideline and may result in sanctions for the club.

6. Pets

The allowance of pets is determined by the host facility. If a host facility allows pets on the premises ALL PETS must be leashed and kept off the playing fields. Pets are not allowed in the coaches and players sideline and Technical Area. Person with the pet(s) must pick-up after the pet(s).

7. Clean-Up Fine

Any team that has not cleaned up its bench, Technical Area, spectator side or other area used by the team for pre or post game, must pay an up to \$500 Clean-up Fee to the event.

8. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (DRONES)

In compliance with US Youth Soccer's Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), the use of drones is strictly prohibited at all Cup matches. It is the responsibility of the host to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced

9. Distribution of Flyers/Materials Strictly Prohibited - Minimum \$1000 Fine

Distribution of flyers/materials at events, facilities and parking lots is not permitted. No organization or individual on behalf of the organization is allowed to distribute or display flyers/materials including but not restricted to tryout and recruitment information, club promotions, solicitations, camps and tournaments at an event without prior written consent from the event. Violators will be charged at minimum \$1,000 for clean-up.

10. Matters Not Provided

In all matters provided or not provided in the event policies, the decision of the Event Director, & Event Committee & IYSA shall be final and binding. The Event Director & Event Committee shall have the power to deal with all breaches of policies.

The Event Director & Event Committee have the authority to modify any of the policies as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly progression of the event.