

Irvine Mayor's Cup Rules

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The purpose of the Irvine Mayor's Cup is to offer a fun, exciting opportunity for the two Irvine AYSO Regions - Region 144 (South Irvine) and Region 213 (North Irvine) - to have a friendly competition to determine a "City Champion Region" for the current year.

Unless explicitly stated to the contrary on this web page, all AYSO Area Q and AYSO National Rules and Regulations shall apply.

Rules of Competition

The rules of competition for all divisions are as follows:

1. All players must have played during the Fall season on a Core program team exclusively (no Extra players allowed). Coaches must have the following (consistent with the Area Q League Playoff rules):
 - A roster printed from Blue Sombrero and signed by the Regional Commissioner.
 - A player registration and release of liability form which has either a wet ink signature or Blue Sombrero electronic signature.
 - Two line-up cards printed from Blue Sombrero or a completed line-up card which includes the following information: coach(es) first and last names; players first and last names; and player jersey number. Players will be listed in ascending jersey order.
2. Match duration shall be the standard length as defined in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations
 - Under-10: two 25-minute halves
 - Under-12: two 30-minute halves
 - Under-14: two 35-minute halves
3. Each team is expected to field the minimum number of players required to form a team at the designated game start time (with the referee being the sole timekeeper).
 - Under-10: minimum number of players = five (5)
 - Under-12/14: minimum number of players = seven (7)
 - If one team is unable to field the minimum number of players within five (5) minutes of the designated game start time (and their opponent does have the minimum number of players), then the game will be considered a forfeit with a 1-0 win being awarded to the other team.
 - If neither team is able to field the minimum number of players within five (5) minutes of the designated game start time, then the game will not be played and neither Region earns points for this game.
4. Standard substitution rules shall apply:
 - A one (1) minute or less substitution break approximately halfway through each half. Coaches are reminded this is an opportunity for players to get a drink and for managing substitutions only.
 - All halftime breaks shall be ten (10) minutes.
 - All players shall play at least half of the game.

- If a player arrives during the first half of the game, then they must still play at least half of the game.
 - If a player arrives during the halftime break or during the first quarter of the second half, then they must play at least one "quarter" of the game.
 - There are no restrictions on the amount of time a player may play in a position - including goalkeeper.
5. Guest Players and Coaches
No guest players are allowed – no exceptions!
Guest coaches are permitted should the head and assistant coach be unavailable. The substitute coach is required to be: (1) An active AYSO coach within the same region as the team, (2) Certified age-appropriate coach training, (3) Certified safe haven and concussion training, (4) In good standing in the region. It is incumbent on the team coach to gain approval from his/her board of the substitute coach.
6. No game protests with the exception of ineligible players.
7. All participants will receive commemorative items for their participation. All teams will also be invited for pictures (as a team) with the city of Irvine mayor and city council. There is no charge for participation in the Mayor's Cup.
8. In the event the Mayor's Cup cannot be played (due to weather or field conditions), the tournament director, in consultation with the Regional Commissioners and the city of Irvine, may reschedule the tournament for another day. The decision to cancel or reschedule shall be final.
9. No changes to the game or picture schedules are permitted without the prior approval of the tournament director and/or both Regional Commissioners.
10. Region 144 (South Irvine) teams shall setup on the east or south side of fields and Region 213 (North Irvine) shall setup on the west or north side of the fields.
11. Format for the games is as follows:
- First Round: The first round will match the 1st place team from one Region against the 2nd place team of the other Region. The first place team is the Home team in the first round
 - Second Round: The second round will match the 1st place teams against each other and the 2nd place teams against each other. Region 144 girls' teams will be the Home team and Region 213 boys' teams will be the Home team in the second round of games.
12. Winning the city of Irvine Mayor's Cup.
Points are awarded using a three (3) point system for the results of each game: Three (3) points for a win; One (1) point to each team for a tie or draw; and, Zero (0) points for a loss (or to both teams if neither team could field the minimum number of players).
The region accumulating the most points from all games played. In the case of a tie, the Mayor's Cup trophy shall be retained by the Region which currently holds it.