




**Hosted by AYSO Area 5B in  
AYSO 2023 Section 5 Games  
Tournament Rules  
June 9-11, 2023**

CATEGORY	RULE	REV 11/08/2022
<b>1) TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY</b>	<p>A. This Tournament is operated under the Jurisdiction of the Section 5 Director, Section 5 Coach Administrator, Section 5 Referee Administrator, and Section 5 Tournament Administrator (Director). Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, the AYSO National Tournament Handbook, and IFAB Laws of the game will be used for this tournament. The IFAB Laws of the Game that are in effect on January 1, 2023, will be used for the Tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Admin/Director, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved before the start of the next soccer day.</p> <p>C. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</p> <p>D. Games will be played according to the AYSO National Rules and Regulations and IFAB Laws as interpreted by AYSO.</p>	
<b>2) FEES</b>	<p>A. Referee fee: \$150 per team. See category 8 for detailed requirements.</p> <p>B. Fee by division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 10U - \$330</li> <li>b. 12U - \$ 420</li> <li>c. 14U - \$540</li> <li>d. 16U and 19U - \$660</li> </ul>	
<b>3) ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>A. Complete Application (Completion of registration &amp; Regional check Referee fee) are due by May 26, 2023.</p> <p>B. Application packages consist of the following for each team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Each RC</b> is responsible for registering their teams on the <a href="http://www.aysosection5.com">www.aysosection5.com</a> website. Please visit the website for more information.</li> <li>b. Guest Player form (if applicable) submitted online</li> </ul> <p>C. All Players/coaches must be registered in MY2022 in Sports Connect.</p> <p>D. Applications will be accepted provisionally on a first-come basis. Final acceptance will be determined by the Tournament Director and Section Director (or their designates) after entries are assessed to ensure a fair representation of Regions who submit the forms and fees in category 2A and in accordance with the limits of the resources of the tournament venue. Final acceptance will be determined, and teams will be notified by email on or before May 28, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on the waiting list.</li> <li>b. Wait-listed teams will be returned to active registration when all registration and paperwork is complete.</li> </ul> <p>E. Teams must designate a Team Contact (preferably the Head Coach) on their application who has email and Internet access.</p> <p>F. Team Contact must have phone access during the tournament.</p>	



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<b>4) REFUNDS</b>	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 2 weeks or more before the tournament will be issued a full refund. (May 26, 2023)</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing less than 2 weeks before the start of the tournament will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found. (After May 26, 2023)</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled, a refund will be issued as defined in 5 C below.</p> <p>D. If a previously wait-listed team that has accepted a spot in the tournament withdraws less than 4 weeks before the start of the tournament, <b><u>a refund will not be issued.</u></b></p>
<b>5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION</b>	<p>A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date, there will NOT be a rescheduled date.</p> <p>B. If the tournament is canceled due to weather after the start of games and games cannot be rescheduled to be completed, refunds will be made to teams on a prorated basis, based on the number (percentage of the games played by the team versus the minimum of 3 games specified for the tournament) of actual games played and the uncommitted monies available for refund.</p> <p>C. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, then a refund will be sent to all teams, less the cost of any pre-ordered items and fixed expenses. Pre-ordered items will be sent to the team.</p>
<b>6) PLAYERS/TEAMS</b>	<p>A. All players on participating teams must be properly registered in Sports Connect as players in Section 5 AYSO and have played in the Fall 2022 or at least half of the Spring 2023 season. Coaches and Regional Commissioners are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p>B. If a separate bracket can be created, we will include AYSO United/Alliance/Extra teams in the tournament, otherwise United/Alliance/Extra players/teams will not be eligible to play in the Section 5 Games.</p> <p>C. The team rosters need to be active and verified through the Affinity system before they can be submitted to the section tournament.</p> <p>D. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be received by the Tournament Registrar prior to May 26, 2023. Roster changes after May 26, 2023, will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.</p> <p>E. Guest Players (players from a different Region from the applying team's Region) will be allowed for each team. However, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner and the Host Team Regional Commissioner (see Guest Player Form online). Players that have played solely as United, Extra and Alliance players will not be eligible to participate in the Section 5 Games as guest players in the Core bracket.</p> <p>F. Coed teams will be accepted; however, they must play in the boy's divisions, unless approved otherwise by the tournament committee.</p> <p>G. Divisions 16U and 19U will 11-v-11 with a roster limit of 22 players per team. Division 14U will play 11-v-11 with a roster limit of 18 players per team. Division 12U will play 9-v-9 with a roster limit of 14 players per team. Division 10U will play 7-v-7 with a roster limit of 11 players per team.</p> <p>H. All players on the team must meet the minimum and maximum age limitations established by AYSO for the respective division. Exceptions may be made in accordance with AYSO National policy and approved by the tournament committee.</p> <p>I. All players must play at least 50% of the game (2 quarters). ALL players must play 75% (3 quarters) before ANY player plays 100% (4 quarters). Violation of these player rules renders a team subject to forfeiture of the game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director.</p>

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	<p>J. <u>Reference category 21</u> for player uniform requirements. Uniforms must be reviewed and accepted at check in Thursday night. Any team with members who are not in conformance with AYSO uniform standards may be assessed a team sportsmanship point penalty of up to 2 points per game at the discretion of the tournament director.</p> <p>K. Each player's parent/guardian a CDC Concussion Awareness form and COVID Waiver are required to be completed before the team is submitted for registration.</p> <p>L. The coaches must put in all player numbers in the Affinity platform for the printing of Game cards by Tournament Staff.</p>
<p><b>7) COACHES</b></p>	<p>A. Each team must have one and only one Head Coach, one Assistant Coach and one Team Manager. These coaches/Manager must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster. Each Coach (Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Manager) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be a registered volunteer in Sports Connect MY2022</li> <li>b. Must upload a current photo</li> <li>c. Be Safe-Haven and SafeSport certified</li> <li>d. Have taken the CDC Concussion Awareness and Cardiac arrest Training for the 2022-2023 soccer year (annual requirement).</li> <li>e. MUST have the appropriate level of AYSO Coach Training, verified by training listed for the coach in Affinity platform. All coaches (both head &amp; assistant) must be trained at the age/skill level of the team they coach. These are: U10 Coach, U12 Coach, 14U – Intermediate Coach and 16U or 19U – Advanced Coach.</li> </ul> <p>B. Only the Head Coach and Assistant Coach may be present in the technical area. The Team Manager may be present in the technical area if either or both coaches are not available. Team Managers must have at least 10U Coach Training, safe haven, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, CDC Concussion Awareness Training, SafeSport and be registered as a volunteer in Sports Connect My2022.</p> <p>C. Once the team has been accepted to the tournament, there will be no changes allowed to the coaching staff without prior email or written authorization from the Tournament Committee.</p> <p>D. <b>The Head Coach may not be the Head Coach of another team in the tournament. The Assistant Coach may not be the Assistant Coach of another team in the tournament.</b></p> <p>E. Coaches may referee in the tournament, however not in the division in which you are coaching. (See category 8 letter M)</p> <p>F. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kid Zone behavior.</p> <p>G. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.</p>
<p><b>8) REFEREES</b></p>	<p>A. Each team in the tournament will provide a referee crew consisting of a minimum of three (3) members, of which at least one (1) is qualified to be a center referee and Two (2) trained assistant referee unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Committee at the time of application is submitted to the Tournament director. Each referee may only represent one (1) team in the tournament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. If your Team is unable to bring a Referee team please contact Scott Klocko Section Referee Administrator E-mail <a href="mailto:seklocko@gmail.com">seklocko@gmail.com</a> Your Region will still be responsible for the Referee fee of \$150.</li> <li>B. The AYSO 2023 Section Games Referee Team Information must be submitted to Section Referee Administrator, By Region Referee Administrator, by May 26, 2023.</li> </ul>



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- C. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches. Either together as a team or individually during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be considered equal in terms of earning the referee fee refund.
- D. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee Fee of \$150 will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the tournament.
- E. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.
- F. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then the entire team's referee Fee may be forfeited regardless of how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.
- G. This crew should be capable of officiating matches at or above the division of the level they represent.
- H. These referees may be assigned to as many games as the team they represent plays. Referees provided above the minimum will reduce the number of games each individual referee representing the team will be assigned.
- I. The Tournament Referee Administrator may modify the minimum number of games based on the number of referees available for the tournament and the schedule availability of those provided.
- B. All referees must be:
  - a. A MY2022 registered volunteer and registered on sports connect..
  - b. SAFE-Haven and SafeSport certified
  - c. Certified at least an Assistant Referee or a Regional Referee.
  - d. CDC Concussion Awareness Training for the 2022-2023 soccer year (annual requirement).
  - e. Each referee will be required to attend a zoom meeting before the tournament right before the tournament. Information will be emailed about meetings.
- C. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.
- D. The Tournament referee administrator will assign qualified neutral referees to all championship matches by the following grades:
  - Referees for 19U games - Experienced Advanced level or above
  - Referees for 16U games - Experienced Intermediate level or above
  - Referees for 14U games – Experienced Regional or above
  - Referees for 10U & 12U games – Regional or above

In the event there are not a sufficient number of referees at each grade, Referees will be assigned based upon their capabilities.

If there are insufficient referees for a match, club linesperson(s) shall be used according to the National Rules and Regulations.
- E. Youth Referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are officiating unless approved by the Tournament Committee.



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	<p>F. Youth Referees who are also players in the Tournament will not be allowed to participate in more than three games per day as a player and a referee (two as a player, one as a referee; one as a player, two as a referee). Players should play no more than 2 games per day.</p> <p>G. Youth referees must be registered in Sports Connect MY2022 volunteer</p> <p>H. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO, including the Section 5 Games Referee Badge (to be distributed at the check in station).</p> <p>I. For purposes of the tournament, a full uniform shall consist of black shorts, referee socks, referee shirt, Section 5 Games referee patch (to be distributed at the check in station), and flags as needed.</p> <p>J. It is realized that not all referees have all the colors of referee shirts approved by USSF and/or AYSO. The local regional referee shirt shall be accepted. It is recommended that a referee have a gold shirt and one alternate color, preferably green. Referees not in full uniform will be considered club linespersons.</p> <p>K. <u>Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station</u> at least 45 minutes prior to their first game of the day. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee Station for alternate assignment and their team's referee fee may be subject to forfeiture</p> <p>L. In the case a referee is also a coach or assistant coach in the tournament, the tournament will not guarantee to avoid schedule conflicts. If conflicts occur, the Referee assignment absolutely takes priority over anything else. A coach will not referee in the division that he coaches. Therefore, when one of the team coaches is a referee for the tournament, that team is required to have a second qualified assistant coach, as defined in Category 7, to replace the coach-referee in the event of a conflict.</p> <p>M. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and IFAB Laws of the Game and to fully participate in the sportsmanship evaluations. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament and could place the team's referee fee in jeopardy.</p>
<b>9) FIELDS</b>	<p>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament and Section staff or the Host Region/Area Staff. Benches will be provided at the fields. If your team would like to have a tent, please bring them for your team.</p> <p>B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving. If a team does not clean up their area before leaving the field of play, 2 Sportsmanship points will be deducted. The coaches of the next game will report to the Referee if any garbage is left from the previous game.</p> <p>C. Please observe the following Facility Use Rules while attending the tournament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All fields are Kid Zone areas.</li> <li>● No pets of any kind will be allowed.</li> <li>● No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed at any tournament site including e-cigarettes or vaping.</li> <li>● No firearms are permitted unless the individual is legally authorized to carry firearms and in this capacity is acting on behalf of AYSO.</li> <li>● Parking in designated parking spots</li> </ul>
<b>10) FORMAT</b>	<p>A. This is a pool-play tournament.</p> <p>B. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools. Each team will play a minimum of 3 preliminary play games within their respective pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple competition flights. The make-up of each pool will be determined by a random draw, and the teams will be assigned as much inter-Area/Region play as possible.</p> <p>C. Teams will advance from qualifying pools based on pool play standings points. Number of teams advancing per pool will be determined by the number of pools in each division.</p>



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<b>11) CHECK-IN</b>	<p>A. The team Head Coach, Assistant coach and Team Manager is required to check in on June 08, 2023, at the designated time. They will be asked to attend a webinar/Zoom meeting before the 2023 Section 5 Games. The meeting location and times for check-in and coaches meeting will be emailed out after registration is concluded.</p> <p>The head coach or their designee must bring to Check-in the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An official team photo roster (from the Affinity platform), with RC signatures, that match the roster approved by the tournament registrar</li> <li>2. At least one player uniform per registered team to verify that it meets AYSO uniform standards</li> </ol> <p>B. Game cards will be held by the tournament staff and given to the referees prior to the start of each game.</p> <p>C. <u>Each team is required to have a team representative attend the team check-in the evening before the start of the games.</u> The time and location of the check-in and Virtual Meeting will be provided two weeks prior to the start of the tournament. <b>Failure of a team representative to attend the check-in and Virtual meeting will result in the forfeit of their matches at the tournament and no refunds will be issued.</b></p> <p>D. Additionally, teams must check in with the field marshal or referee crew no less than 20 minutes prior to the start of each match at the designated field.</p>
<b>12) FIELD MARSHALS</b>	<p>A. If volunteers are available, there will be a tournament Field Marshal will be assigned for each field, reporting to the Tournament Site Director. If not, the duties outlined in this section will be assigned to the match referees and other tournament officials.</p> <p>B. Field Marshals will be invited to attend a Virtual Meeting prior to the tournament.</p> <p>C. Field Marshal duties will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check in teams prior to each game</li> <li>● May be asked to monitor substitutions</li> <li>● Ensure that Tournament provided equipment (balls, flags, etc) are collected and available for the next game.</li> </ul> <p>D. The Field Marshal will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff and notify them of any incidents or injuries.</p> <p>E. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Marshal, and to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Marshal.</p>
<b>13) GAMES</b>	<p>A. Pool play games will consist of standard halves depending on the age division (see chart below) with a five-minute half time. Games will be expected to end on time and may be shortened if they start late.</p> <p>B. Pool play games may end in a tie.</p> <p>C. The Tournament Director may shorten the length of games if needed to accommodate the number of fields or Due to the weather and/or other limiting factors available. The length of games shall be published by the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the games.</p> <p>D. At the conclusion of the game, each Head Coach must meet with the match referees and verify the final game results and sign the game card before it is submitted to the tournament scoring staff. Failure to comply will result in the team receiving a score of zero sportsmanship points.</p>



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- E. Championship games will be full length for that division (see chart below) subject to conditions beyond tournament control. Championship games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below). Ties will be resolved per 17A.
- F. Semi-final and Championship game halves shall be as listed below and subject to revision by the tournament director. Pool play halves will be shortened by 5 minutes. The tournament director may revise game times to accommodate weather concerns or any other issue that could arise during the tournament.
- | <u>Division</u> | <u>Semi &amp; Final Match time</u> | <u>Pool Play Match time</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10U             | 25 minute half                     | 20 minute half              |
| 12U             | 30 minute half                     | 25 minute half              |
| 14U             | 35 minute half                     | 30 minute half              |
| 16U             | 40 minute half                     | 35 minute half              |
| 19U             | 45 minute half                     | 40 minute half              |
- G. The “home” team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the game balls (3) in the event a tournament game ball is unavailable. The teams will both be on the same side of the field where the technical area is marked. Unless otherwise specified, spectators must be on the opposite side of the field and they are confined between the 18 and midfield line on the half of the field designated for their team.
- H. The home team will change jerseys or don pennies (provided by the tournament) in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.
- I. Warm up time is not guaranteed for a team. If a game is in progress on the scheduled field, a team must warm up off the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places.
- J. FORFEITS: Teams must check in at the field 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 3-0 for the remaining team (See STANDINGS under category 15 for the points to be awarded). Should a team decide for any reason to forfeit a game a Forfeit fee of \$500 per game will be assessed.
- K. For 10U division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to start/continue a game. For 12U the minimum number is 6 players. For all other divisions, there must be a minimum of 7 players to start/continue a game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned, and a forfeit will be declared. The Tournament Director or designee will decide if a game is to be forfeited.
- L. The referee, Site Director or the Tournament Director have the authority to delay the start of play, to suspend play, or cancel the match due to weather conditions, which, in the opinion of the referee, endangers the safety of the players. The Tournament Director will endeavor to reschedule or resume games that are incomplete due to weather related reasons. However, due to situations that cannot be predicted in advance, it may not be possible to finish incomplete games. In this case, if play was halted in the second half of play, the score at that time will be taken as the final score. The Tournament Director will also decide on accounting for the games that could not be started or rescheduled due to adverse weather conditions.
- M. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes may not be feasible to reschedule. All questions regarding rescheduling, including decisions on forfeits will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- N. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Tournament Committee may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions; and may distribute awards according to games played and points accrued. The Tournament Committee will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely.
- O. A horn will be sounded (or other means of notification) when the fields are required to be cleared for safety.



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<b>14) SUBSTITUTIONS</b>	<p>A. For divisions 10U through 14U, substitution will be allowed as specified in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. Substitutes will be recorded on the game cards by the referee.</p> <p>B. For divisions 16U through 19U, substitution will be allowed at each break. Each half will be broken down into thirds with two breaks each half. This does not include halftime. Play time requirements will still be followed.</p>
<b>15) STANDINGS</b>	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the “nine-point maximum system” as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WIN = 6 points</li> <li>TIE = 3 points</li> <li>LOSS = 0 points</li> <li>GOAL = 1 point (one point per goal scored up to a maximum of 3 per game, win or lose)</li> <li>FORFEIT = 9 points (scored as a 3-0 win)</li> <li>SEND OFF = 2-point deduction for each per team (2 points for each player or substitute sent off)</li> <li>Coach Dismissal = 3-point deduction for coach dismissal</li> </ul> <p>B. Brackets with “bye” games have weighted results and the “bye” cannot determine a bracket winner against or for the teams with “bye” games. Winners of ties in pool play standings will be determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head to head competition</li> <li>Most number of wins</li> <li>Goals allowed – total (up to a maximum of five per game; fewest number advances)</li> <li>Goal differential (goals scored to three per game fewer total goals allowed; highest differential advances)</li> <li>Least number of sportsmanship point deductions</li> <li>Kicks from the mark</li> </ul> <p>C. If Wildcard teams are part of the division competition brackets, Wildcard teams will be the team(s) with the highest standing’s points from all teams in the division who are not automatically advancing.</p> <p>D. Standings will be updated daily at the Tournament Scoreboard. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be 60 minutes after the posting of results or the conclusion of each day’s play whichever is later.</p>
<b>16) ADVANCEMENTS</b>	<p>A. Pool winners (and in some cases wildcard teams) will advance to medal round play.</p> <p>B. Teams will play semi-final and/or championship final matches, depending on the number of teams in each pool and the format of play for that flight.</p>
<b>17) MEDAL-ROUNDS</b>	<p>A. All medal round matches ending in a tie will have two full overtime periods (no golden goal) with teams changing field direction after the first period. The overtime periods will be 5 minutes each. In these matches, if still tied after overtime play, the game shall be decided by kicks from the mark using the IFAB procedures.</p>
<b>18) AWARDS</b>	<p>A. Medals will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament on Sunday, to coaches and players from the first place through the second-place teams in each age division for both Core and Extra/Alliance/United team competitions.</p>
<b>19) CONDUCT</b>	<p>A. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team and will be held responsible for their actions and of the team including spectators. All spectators must remain no closer than 3 yards from the touchline and between the 18-yard lines.</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will indicate on the reverse of the game cards incidences of poor sportsmanship. Points deductions for poor sportsmanship will be used as tiebreakers should that become necessary (Category 15).</p> <p>C. Any player/coach/spectator ejection due to violent behavior in the opinion of the Tournament Committee will result in being barred from the remainder of the tournament and possible future tournaments.</p> <p>D. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played an ineligible player, that</p>



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	<p>coach will be barred from further participation in the tournament and possible future tournaments pending due process.</p> <p>E. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner and Area Director. A fee will be assessed to the respective region in the amount of \$500.00, due to Section 5 within 30 days of completion of the tournament, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Acceptance in future tournaments may be disallowed because of this willful non-participation.</p> <p>F. All conduct issues and serious incidents will be reported to tournament staff and a copy of the incident report will be forwarded to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.</p> <p>G. A player or substitute who is sent off (shown a red card) must leave the vicinity of the game (minors must be under supervision of their parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), before play can be restarted. They may not return to the field of play during the current game, including the post-game handshake. Substitution of the Sent-off player or substitute will be governed by the IFAB Laws of the Game. Any player or substitute who is sent off will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. Any player or substitute receiving two send offs in the Section Games, shall not play for the remainder of the games. The referee shall complete a Game Misconduct Report at the site headquarters at the conclusion of the match.</p> <p>H. A coach or spectator who is asked to leave by the referee must leave the field of play and the immediate area before play can be restarted and for the remainder of the game. They may not return to the field or vicinity during the current game, including the post-game handshake. Any coach or spectator ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. Any player, coach or assistant coach who is sent off as a spectator of another match other than their own will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled match of their team as well as the next scheduled match of the team in which they were a spectator for. If the coach or spectator refuses to leave the area, the referee may terminate the match. A forfeit win may be awarded to the opposing (non-offending) team by the Tournament Committee. Any coach or spectator who has been asked to leave the field of play in more than one game of the Tournament will be suspended for the balance of the Section Games. The referee shall complete a Game Misconduct Report at the referee administrative location at the conclusion of the match.</p> <p>I. For each send-off issued to a player that is asked to leave the field, two points will be deducted from the team's tournament standings. For each send-off issued to a coach that is asked to leave the field, three points will be deducted from the team's tournament standings. All send offs and cautions issued during a match will be recorded on the back of the game card of the offending team. The referee shall complete a Game Misconduct Report at the referee administration location at the conclusion of the match. Violent, abusive, or destructive actions before, during, or after any Games related event may result in the individual(s) being denied further participation in the Games.</p>
<b>20) MEDICAL/FIRST AID/STORM PROCEDURE</b>	<p>A. The Tournament will endeavor to provide a first aid response staff member or on-site Trainer to respond to injuries on the field. If the on-site Trainer indicates that the injury should be assessed or treated by a medical professional. The player must submit a written statement from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) treating or assessing the injury indicating that the player may return to play. If a cast or splint is part of the treatment, the player will not be allowed to return to play.</p> <p>B. The incident form will be available for the first aid response staff member or on-site Trainer online in a fillable PDF form once the information is completed by the first aid response staff member or on-site Trainer it will be emailed directly to the tournament email address. <a href="mailto:Sectiongames5@gmail.com">Sectiongames5@gmail.com</a></p> <p>C. For possible concussion related injuries, a release from a medical doctor (MD) or Nurse practitioner (NP) will be required prior to returning to play.</p> <p>D. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the First Aid station.</p>



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	E. The decision to suspend play due to weather or other issues shall be judged based on maintaining a safe game. Thunder and lightning within 6 miles of the field, will be caused to suspend the games for a minimum of 30 minutes.
<b>21) UNIFORMS/SAFETY</b>	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniform shirts/jersey (goalkeeper excepted). Each player must wear shin guards <u>under</u> their socks.</p> <p>B. All uniforms shall be properly marked with the AYSO logo on the left front of the jersey and must otherwise conform to National Rules and Regulations section VI. The uniform (jersey or shorts) may not bear the player name or team name by any application of lettering, silk screening, etc.</p> <p>C. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently affixed number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card. A player may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper. Each player on a team should have a unique number (no players with the same number) to assist the referee with identifying players. Should a team need to come with dual numbers the Tournament Director MUST be notified ahead of time.</p> <p>D. A team with members who are not in conformance with AYSO uniform standards may be assessed a team sportsmanship point penalty of up to 2 points per game at the discretion of the tournament director.</p> <p>E. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not. Bicycle shorts that are the same primary color as the uniform shorts will be permitted.</p> <p>F. Casts, splints, jewelry of any kind, or anything a referee may view as a hazard to player safety will not be permitted. Hard or metal hair or clothing ornaments, bandanas, beaded hair, or hard brimmed goalkeeper hats are not allowed.</p> <p>G. Players observed wearing a cast or splint either before or after play will not be allowed to play any further games in the tournament and if found to have hidden the cast or splint from tournament officials may cost the team's eligibility for semi-final or final rounds or forfeiture of awards. If a coach or Referee is unsure whether the brace is eligible to play, the player with the brace should be brought to the tournament committee to ensure they will be able to play ahead of time.</p> <p>H. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.</p>
<b>22) PROTESTS</b>	<p>A. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for or subject to protest or dispute!</p> <p>B. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An ineligible player has played.</li> <li>● One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, have not played the required length of time in the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).</li> </ul> <p>C. All protests must be verbally to the Tournament Headquarters within 1 hour after the completion of the game and must be submitted by the team coach.</p> <p>D. All protests will be heard by the Tournament Director or Section Director who will discuss with the tournament committee for a final decision. In all cases, the members of the Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</p> <p>E. Video evidence is not acceptable to protest a match or score.</p> <p>F. In the event that an ineligible player is determined to have played or there has been a violation of the player participation rule, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit against the teams determined to have violated the rules.</p> <p>G. The consequence of all other protests shall be in the judgment and discretion of the Committee.</p>



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**23) SPORTSMANSHIP  
COMPETITION**

**“Good Sportsmanship”** is one of AYSO’s six philosophies. AYSO strives to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our programs are designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

- A. Sportsmanship is how we play the game – how we follow the Laws and show respect for teammates, opponents and officials. This is evidenced in applauding opponents’ good performances, encouraging teammates and courtesy towards the referees. Coaches, parents and spectators need to be excellent role models of good sportsmanship as players often follow their example. Building character, confidence, self-esteem and enjoyment in all aspects of a player’s experience in AYSO are primary goals. AYSO is firm in its commitment to hold coaches, athletes, parents, spectators and all involved in our soccer organization to these expectations
- B. The competition itself, rather than the outcome, teaches vital life lessons about character and ethics. In AYSO, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the team, to enjoy winning and to deal with defeat – while learning soccer skills, becoming physically fit, being healthy and having fun playing the game.
- C. Because of the value that AYSO places on sportsmanship, sporting behavior and sportsmanship points are used to break ties in the standings, and Sportsmanship Awards are the highest honor of the Section 5 Games for all teams, including the Section 5 Malcolm Sportsmanship Cup, which is awarded by the Section Games Executive Committee to one team that demonstrates the highest level of sportsmanship out of all the teams participating in the tournament.
- D. Sportsmanship points will be filled out by the referees, or will be filled out by the field monitors, with input from the referees at the conclusion of each game. As a tiebreaker for the Section 5 Malcolm Sportsmanship Cup, Game officials may offer additional observations of player, coach and spectator conduct throughout the games.
- E. The team that earns the highest total points over their pool play games will be honored for outstanding sportsmanship and all team members and coaches of those teams will receive medals.