

**Cottage Grove  
Runnin' with the Wolves  
Tournament Rules & Procedures  
2009**

The tournament is open to all MYSA competitive teams. U9/U10 will be handled according to the most current MYSA rules and guidelines.

**Divisions:**

Boys/Girls	U9	Maroon, Gold
Boys/Girls	U10	Maroon, Gold
Boys/Girls	U11	Classic 2, Classic 3
Boys/Girls	U12-19	Classic 1, Classic 2, Classic 3

The tournament is an open tournament where playing levels are combined unless an equal number of each playing level in an age group is accepted, then the bracket will be split into two 4 team brackets. The tournament reserves the right to combine age groups, within MYSA rules, as dictated by the number of teams that apply. A minimum of 4 teams will be accepted into each age bracket and each gender. A maximum of 8 teams will be accepted into each age bracket and each gender.

**Brackets:**

In age groups where there are 8 teams, two brackets will be created. The winner of each bracket will play for the Championship and the second place teams in each bracket will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. If there are 6 teams in an age bracket there will be two brackets of 3 teams. The first place team in each 3 team bracket will play for the Championship, the second place teams will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will play a consolation game. If there are only 4 teams in an age group, the first and second place team in the bracket will play for the Championship; there will be no Third place game.

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If a whole age group does not play games due to weather or other acts of God, a partial refund MAY be considered by the Tournament Committee.

**Fields:**

Games will be played on soccer fields entirely in the community of Cottage Grove. **All areas being used are tobacco, alcohol, and drug free zones. Tobacco use or use of alcohol/drugs is strictly prohibited at any of the tournament sites.**

Runnin' with the Wolves uses a system of field marshals to help keep games on time, as a resource in case of a problem, and as a first line of communication. There will be one field marshal for each field. Each field marshal will have a communication radio and/or cell phone.

**Tournament Headquarters/Director:**

The Tournament Headquarters will be located at Kingston Park at the shelter. Coaches need to plan for extra time for check-in and getting to the location of their first game. The Tournament Directors are Karen Bugar and Stephanie Brown. They may be reached by phone at the following numbers, Karen Bugar 715-426-5486 and Stephanie Brown 715-808-4304 or by email [wolfsoccer46@msn.com](mailto:wolfsoccer46@msn.com)

**Check-In Procedure:**

Check-in should be done no less than one hour prior to the team's first game. The coach or a team representative will need to present team roster, player passes, and medical authorization for each player. This documentation will be checked against the team roster. In addition, a laminated MYSA pass signed with picture for each Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Manager must be presented. The appropriate forms can be found at our website ([www.cgsoccer.org](http://www.cgsoccer.org)).

**Games:**

Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of 3 games. The duration of all U9/U10 games will be 2 - 25 minute halves. There will be no championship game for U9/U10 and scores will not be kept. The duration of all U11- U19 games will be 2-30 minute halves. For playoffs for U11-14 the game duration will be 2-30 minute halves. For playoffs the game duration will be 2 -35 minute halves for U15-U19. No teams will be scheduled to play more than two games in one day. Note: weather or being in the playoffs may change this. Each game will be played under FIFA rules as modified by MYSA and as further modified within this document. Games will be played on Friday evening from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, and Sunday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Not all teams will play on Friday evening. Please note that the times listed go past sundown as these games will be played at our lighted field and will not go past 10:00 PM per city park rules.

The first team listed in the schedule is the home team. The home team must have an alternative jersey and be prepared to change if in the opinion of the referee there is a color conflict. Players must wear numbers visible on the back of their uniforms and these numbers must coincide with those listed on the team roster.

The home team supplies the game ball and has its choice of team bench location. If extra balls are needed, they are to be provided by either team. Game balls will be size appropriate per MYSA rules. It is essential that games begin on time. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in an adjoined area to the field. There may not be time for a pre-game warm-up on the field.

Substitutions will be unlimited and follow MYSAs league play guidelines.

All official game scores will be kept on an official Runnin' with the Wolves game card. At the end of each game, in order to verify the score, both coaches must initial the game card. Any scores that are marked incorrectly on the game card will affect the standings. Field marshals will radio in the game scores. A Runner will collect the official game card immediately after the game and turn it into the Score Keeper at Tournament Headquarters. The score reported by the field marshal will be confirmed by the official game card. If there is a dispute, the game card score, signed by both coaches, will be the official score. Scores and final standings will be posted on the scoreboard at Tournament Headquarters. Scores and standings will also be available on the website at [www.cgsoccer.org](http://www.cgsoccer.org).

**Weather/Other Emergencies:**

Tournament Officials reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel games as deemed necessary, if there is lightning in the area or if the weather could cause risk to participants and those attending the games. If games are stopped due to inclement weather, and cannot be restarted, score at stoppage will be the final score. Games that cannot start because of weather will be scored as a 0-0 tie.

In case of medical emergency, the tournament will have a medical plan in place to handle the emergency. It is each team's responsibility to provide water, ice and basic first aid.

**Rules of Play:**

FIFA rules as modified by MYSAs. Refer to the *MYSAs Policies and Rules Manual*, and as further modified in this document.

**Points and Tiebreakers:**

- A. Games ending in ties will remain ties in preliminary rounds.
- B. Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place games cannot end in a tie. There will be two 5 minute periods of overtime. If at the end of two 5 minute overtimes the game remains tied, the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark following procedures published in the FIFA Laws of the Game. The Tournament Director, or a designee, reserves the right to move the kicks from the mark to an alternate location. Only those players on the field at the end of the overtime period may participate in taking the kicks from the penalty mark.

C. To determine which teams advance to a championship or 3<sup>rd</sup> place round, the following procedures shall be used in sequence:

- \* Highest number of points
  - \* Win = 6 points
  - \* Tie = 3 points
  - \* 1 point for each goal, maximum of three per game
  - \* 1 point for a shutout, example: 0-0 ties equals 4 points
  - \* 10 points maximum per game
- \* Winner of head to head competition; does not apply if more than two teams are tied
- \* Winner of most games
- \* Goal differential; goals scored minus goals against, with a maximum of 3 goals differential per game
- \* Fewest goals allowed
- \* Kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures published in the USSF Laws of the Game

D. A forfeit in play will result in a 3-0 score and 10 points.

**Rosters/Registration:**

For U17-U19 teams there is a maximum roster of 22 players, which only 18 players may dress for the game and rosters will be checked before game time. For U13-U16 teams there is a maximum roster of 18 players. For U9-U10 teams there is a maximum roster of 12 players and for U11-12 the maximum roster is 14 players. Each player will be allowed to play on only 1 team. All rosters are frozen at check-in. U10 and younger players/teams may not participate in a U11 or higher bracket.

A team roster and MYSA player passes must be presented at Tournament Headquarters prior to the team's first game. NO PASS, NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTION. Guest players may be registered on a team if the player is from the same club and is at the same age or lower than the age level and division of the team registered. U10 and younger are not allowed to play on a higher team. A guest player roster must be completed. Up to 3 guest players are allowed.

**Awards:**

Individual trophies or medals will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in divisions with 6 or more teams and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in divisions with fewer than 6 teams. Awards will be presented immediately following the 3<sup>rd</sup> place and/or Championship games for U11-U19 teams at the staging area.

Participation awards will be given to all U9 and U10 players. Awards will be presented immediately following the last game for that team at the staging area.

**Referees:**

A center referee will be used for U9 and U10. A three person system will be used for U11-U19. Only USSF certified and currently registered referees will be used for center and assistant referees. Club lines may be used in some cases. In matters concerning conduct of games, all referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed.

**Red Cards:**

The procedure for red cards issued during the tournament will follow MYSA policies and rules.

**Conduct:**

Misconduct by coaches, players, or spectators may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the field of play and/or non-participation for the remainder of the tournament. Unsportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated on or off the field. The Tournament Committee will resolve any situation not covered in the rules