

Utah Surf Invitational Rules 2025

The rules of play shall be the FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME as modified by USYSA and UYSA, Any rule not addressed shall be interpreted by the Tournament Director or Referee Assignor for the good of the game. All decisions by Referees and/or the Tournament Director are final. There will be no protests.

A player may participate with only one (1) team in the tournament. If a player is found to have participated with two (2) different teams in the tournament both teams will forfeit each game that said player participated in.

A Guest Player is any player who is not assigned to your 2025-2026 team. Club Pass Players do not need a Guest Player Form.

Division	Max Roster	Max Guest	Play Format	Min Players	Game Time	Half Time	Overtime	Ball Size
U9-U10	12	4	7 v 7	5	2 x 20	5	None	4
U11-U12	15	4	9 v 9	6	2 x 25	5	None	4
U13-U14	18	5	11 v 11	7	2 x 30	5	None	5
U15-U16	18	5	11 v 11	7	2 x 35	5	None	5
U17-U19	18	5	11 v 11	7	2 x 40	5	None	5

*Finals will NOT have an overtime period, they will go straight to Penalty Kicks.

BRACKETING

Bracketing of teams will be determined by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine age groups if necessary to complete flights. Each team is scheduled for a minimum of three games with the possibility of the two top teams in the age division playing a championship match unless otherwise mentioned below. **No appeals of the tournament bracketing will be allowed.**

- **Four Team Divisions:** Three round robin games, top two advance to a championship.
- **Five Team Divisions:** Each team plays all other teams in the division. Guarantee of 4 games. Champion and Finalist will be determined by most and second-most points earned. No semi-finals and no-finals.
- **Six Team Divisions:** Two groups crossover play. Top 2 teams, irrespective of group, leading in points will advance to the final.
- **Seven Team Division:** Each team plays two (2) matches and then teams are seeded one through seven (1-7) based on total points earned in the first two matches. For the third game, the second-seeded team plays the seventh seeded team, three vs six and four vs five. The top seed gets a bye into the semi-finals. Winners of the play-in games go to the semi-finals. Winners of semi-finals meet in the Championship. In this type of Division, a team could lose its first two games and still have a chance at winning the Championship.
- **Eight Team Division:** Divisions will consist of two brackets of four teams. Each team will play each team within its bracket for a total of three matches. The group winner of each bracket will then play in a Final. There is no consolation match.

Scoring

Teams will be awarded points in pool play as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) point for a tie awarded to each team
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- Forefeit is scored as 0-1 loss, three (3) points awarded to opponent

Tie Breakers

The tie breaking procedure will be used to determine first (1st) and second (2nd) place teams in each group if necessary. If more than two (2) teams are tied after group play, the tie breaking criteria will be used beginning at criteria #2 to advance one (1) team. The remaining teams that are tied will begin at criteria #1 to determine the team that advances.

1. Head to head results
2. Goal differential (maximum of 4 goals per game)
3. Least goals allowed (maximum of 4 goals per game)
4. Most goals scored (maximum of 4 goals per game)
5. Most shutouts
6. Winner of the most games
7. Kick from the penalty mark, as per FIFA

Awards

Coaches and players of the 1st and 2nd place teams will be presented with medals. Medals will be presented following the conclusion of the final match at the tournament tent.

Entering Scores

Scores will be recorded by the referees and reported to the referee assignor. The referee assignor will enter scores into the tournament software. If a team thinks a score has been entered incorrectly please email tournaments@utahsurfsoccer.com, or find us on site. Tournament staff will check disputed scores by verification of the referee's game report. All game results will be posted on the tournament website.

FIELD OF PLAY

Home Team

- The Home Team will be the team listed first on the game schedule.
- The Home Team will be responsible for providing 3 game balls.
- The Home Team is to wear their darker colored jersey and the Away Team their lighter jersey. In the event that these two colors are similar, the Home Team will change to a contrasting color. All teams must have alternate jerseys.
- The Home Team will have a selection of the side of the field for its team.
- Teams are required to sit on the same sideline as their spectators. There must be a 10 yard buffer zone between the team and its spectators. The coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her team's spectators. Abuse towards referees, opposing teams, opposing teams players or opposing spectators will not be tolerated. Violations of this rule could result in a forfeit or possible expulsion from the tournament.

Uniforms

- Per UYSA Uniform Rule, teams must wear matching uniforms and socks.
- All players (except goalkeepers) must have a number on the back of their uniform that corresponds to the number listed on the Utah Surf Invitational Approved Stamped Tournament Roster. No duplicate uniform numbers will be allowed.

- Players must wear equipment (including shin guards) in accordance with FIFA laws.
- No jewelry may be worn during a match. Allowances for medical alert bracelets may be made only at the discretion of the Field Referee.
- Splints, casts, braces or other joint support devices must be appropriately covered/padded and approved by the Field Referee prior to the match.

Protests and Disputes

No protests will be allowed or considered. The Head Referee of the match will resolve any player age disputes if brought to his/her attention prior to or during the match. Any further disputes, whether of a game, player, coach or schedule, shall be settled by the Tournament Director. That decision shall be final.

Field Care

It is the responsibility of each team to treat facilities with care. The tournament expects that each team clean their sidelines and or pre-game gathering areas of all debris and trash, including tape, immediately after each game.

Registered Coaches & Requests

Please understand that the Tournament Director will try to resolve as many coaching conflicts as possible. However, please do your part. If you are coaching multiple teams, make sure to indicate this during the registration period. If you have any scheduling constraints, again, please indicate this in the registration process. It is impossible to avoid all conflicts in a tournament this size, however, we will do our best to cater where we can. It is strongly advised that every team have more than one licensed, registered coach on their team roster. If a coach has several teams and is not able to attend the game the Tournament Director can approve an interim coach not on the roster.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND GAME SUSPENSION POLICIES

Rescheduled Games: Any and all game times and places are subject to change in the event of inclement weather or unforeseen event. The Tournament Director will make decisions on how to reschedule games, and reserve the right to alter the tournament format to do so.

Injury and/or Delay: Any conditions resulting in delays of the game may cause shortening of the game in order to maintain the tournament schedule.

Suspended Games: The referee can suspend or terminate a game for misconduct or safety concerns regarding weather conditions. Games may be cancelled, by request from facility/city/school, due to weather. Games shall be considered complete if one half has been completed and play is stopped by the Field Representative(s), Referee(s), Referee Assignor or the Tournament Director. When necessitated by playing conditions or just cause, the game format may be altered to include shortening of games, penalty kicks or game cancelation. There will be NO REFUNDS.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Our referees have our full support to use their discretion and good judgment while interpreting rules, and will have our full support in making this tournament a great success and a lot of fun. It is expected that Coaches will ensure their team and the fans of their team comply with the spirit of good sportsmanship. The Tournament Director, Referee Assignor or Referee may, at their discretion, expel any player, spectator, coach or team who commits an act which is inconsistent with good sportsmanship and fair play.