

Rules for the Glen Ellyn Lakers FC 2009 Fall Classic

All games must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified by the Illinois Youth Soccer Association and as follows in the tournament rules:

REGISTRATION

All teams must apply using the on-line registration form located at www.gelakers.com. The tournament application deadline is August 28th, 2009.

All foreign teams must submit their applications on or before August 15, 2009.

All tournament fees must be mailed and postmarked no later than August 28, 2009. Make your check or money order payable to "Glen Ellyn Park District," and mail it to Glen Ellyn Lakers, 185 Spring Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

All teams must present fully completed IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver or US Club Soccer Medical Release forms for each player before being allowed to participate. No other forms will be accepted. These forms will **not** be returned after the tournament.

US teams from outside Illinois must present an approved "Permission to Travel" form from their home state's USYSA affiliate.

All teams with guest players must have an IYSA/USYSA tournament Guest Player Permit Form.

All teams will be required to submit a completed IYSA Sanctioned Tournament Roster Form or US Club Soccer Roster Form. Your tournament roster may be changed up to final check in. At that point, it is final and cannot be altered for the tournament.

Provide current Player passes for every player on the Tournament Roster, issued by a USYSA or USSF affiliated league (e.g., NISL, IWSL) or state organization (e.g., IYSA). The player pass cards must be presented at check-in (see below) and must be present and available for inspection at all times during the tournament.

Medical Release/Liability Authorizations Forms, Guest Player Forms, and Tournament Roster Forms can be found on our website at www.gelakers.com.

All non-U.S. Youth Soccer and foreign teams must provide a completed IYSA Tournament Team Agreement; which is also found on our website. All foreign teams must also provide a completed form from their Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament and permission to travel.

In order to complete the registration process, the following forms must be mailed and postmarked to GE Lakers, 185 Spring Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, or faxed 630-858-4378, no later than August 28, 2009.

- 1) Tournament Roster form, and
- 2) Copies of Medical Release/Liability Waiver.

Foreign teams must have the above forms mailed and postmarked no later than August 15, 2008.

All teams are required to check-in at the Registration tent at least one hour prior to the start of your first game. At the time of check-in, the following documents must be presented:

- 1) Tournament Roster Form
- 2) Current/valid Player Pass for all players listed on the Tournament Roster.
- 3) A fully completed Medical Release & Liability Waiver for each player on the Tournament Roster. These will NOT be returned after the tournament.
- 4) Copy of certified state roster or foreign equivalent.
- 5) IYSA/USYSA Guest Player Permit forms (if applicable).
- 6) Approved "Application to Travel" form from home state's USYSA affiliate (if applicable).
- 7) Non-U.S. Youth Soccer/Foreign Team form with all required attachments (if applicable).
- 8) Foreign teams must also provide a completed form from their Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament and permission to travel.

At the time of check-in, all foreign teams must present the player picture identification cards and/or the passport of each player or, if from a nation for which the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.

ELIGIBILITY

8/1/01 & Later - U8
8/1/00 & Later - U9
8/1/99 & Later - U10
8/1/98 & Later - U11
8/1/97 & Later - U12
8/1/96 & Later - U13
8/1/95 & Later - U14
8/1/94 & Later - U15
8/1/93 & Later - U16

Each player must possess a valid USYSA player pass and a current medical release form.

Each team is allowed three (3) guest players and each team using a guest player must have an IYSA/USYSA tournament guest player roster form.

No roster changes will be approved during the course of the tournament.

No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another during the course of the tournament.

No player will be permitted to play on more than one team during the tournament.

Maximum roster size is 12 players for U8, 14 players for U9-U10, 16 players for U11-U12, 18 players for U13-U16.

The minimum number of players required to constitute a team is 3 for U8, 4 for U9-U10, 6 for U11-U12 and 7 for U13-U16.

LENGTH OF GAMES

Game duration: U8-U10 - 2 x 20 min, U11-U16 - 2 x 25 min

Halftimes will be five-minutes in length.

All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents.

If ½ a game is played before weather forces the suspension of play, the game will stand as is and be scored accordingly.

The referee is the official timekeeper, and therefore all decisions of this nature made by the referee are final.

The Tournament Committee may: relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game. Changes to game locations and schedules will be posted at the scoring tent.

GAME PROCEDURES

All parents and spectators are required to sit on opposite side of the field from the players Technical Area.

No spectators or coaches are allowed behind the goals.

Player passes are to be present and available at all games.

Teams must be present 15 minutes prior to the start of the game for Game check-in. At that time, the field marshal assigned to the game will check all player passes and player equipment as well as passes of every coach who will be in the Technical area (3 maximum). Following game check-in, the player identification cards and the passes of each coach will be held by the Field Marshal assigned to the field until the end of the game.

Home teams will be listed first on the schedule.

In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team changes jerseys.

Home team sits on north/west bench, defends north/west goal and has kick off in the first half, teams switch at half-time.

Teams must have an alternative set of jerseys to use in case of color conflicts.

The Offsides rule will be enforced at all ages except U8.

The Home team is responsible for providing a game ball if one is not provided by the Tournament staff.

The U8 boys division will use a #3 ball, U8 Girls and U9 - U12 divisions shall use a #4 ball. U13 - U16 divisions shall use a #5 ball.

U8 boys games will be played 5v5 on small fields; U8 girls games will be played 6v6 on medium fields, U9-U10 games will be played 7v7 on medium fields; U11-U12 games will be played 9v9 on intermediate fields, U13-U16 games will be played 11v11 on full size fields. U12 teams wishing to play 11 v 11 must register as U13 teams.

All games will be officiated by a referee certified by IYSA/USSF.

TOURNAMENT GAME SCHEDULING

All teams will play a minimum of three games in a round robin format. The top two teams from each division will play in a championship game. The winner of the championship game will receive a Champions award and the loser of the championship game will receive a Finalist award.

No team will play more than two games or 120 minutes per day.

If a round robin game is cancelled, a championship game will still be played. If a championship game is cancelled, first and second place winners will be determined based upon the results of the round robin competition. The Tournament Committee may award co-championship winners if there is no way to determine the champion based upon the Tournament Scoring/Tie Breaking rules set forth below. Game cancellations and rescheduling will be determined by the Tournament Committee.

TOURNAMENT SCORING/TIE BREAKING

Games in the round robin rounds will be scored as follows:

Win - 3 points, Tie - 1 point, Loss - 0 points, Forfeit - 3 points to the winning team, 1 point for shutout

A forfeited game will be scored as a 2-0 win against the forfeiting team. A forfeited game will count as one of the minimum number of games guaranteed to each team.

In each division, the two teams with the most points will play in the championship game. The team with the most points will be the home team.

In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to head competition
2. Most Wins
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Goal Differential (max 4 per game)
5. Penalty kicks (see penalty kick rules below)

In the event 3 teams are tied, the tie-breakers will be applied until one team is eliminated. We will then go back to the first tie-breaker and apply the rules again with the two remaining teams in sequence until a winner can be determined.

At the conclusion of each game, the referee shall complete a score card, including the match results, cautions, and ejections. The Field Marshal shall be responsible for reporting the match results, cautions, and ejections to the tournament scoring tent immediately.

A team will forfeit a game if a team fails to arrive to a game 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start or if a team fails to have the minimum number of players as required above. A team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to participate in any championship match.

OVERTIME PERIODS

During round robin competition, no overtime will be played.

In the event of a tie in a playoff or championship game, the following will occur:

Teams will play two 5 minute sudden death overtime periods (YES to golden goal).

If a goal was not scored in the overtime periods, teams will designate five players to take alternate penalty kicks: the best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are eligible to take penalty kicks.

If teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the remaining players will take alternate penalty kicks in sudden death fashion to determine a winner.

EQUIPMENT

In accordance with the IYSA, Rule 007, which endorses FIFA Law 4, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player." Therefore, no prescription glasses are permitted, only sports goggles.

Hard casts are not permitted, even if padded. NO EXCEPTIONS. Soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.

No metal cleats.

No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.).

Shin guards must be worn by all players at all times.

All players must have an individual number on their jersey, no duplicate numbers.

In case of a jersey color conflict, the designated home team will change.

All players' equipment is subject to referee approval.

SUBSTITUTIONS

There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during a game. Substitutions must be made only at times allowable under USYSA/FIFA rules with the following exceptions:

U8-U12 - On the fly. Players should meet in front of the technical area and high five or shake hands.

U13 – U16

1. After a goal by either team
2. At half-time, or before the start of any overtime period
3. Prior to a goal kick for either team
4. Prior to a throw-in by the team with the throw-in
5. In case of injury, with referee's permission. If a team representative enters the field of play to check an injured player, the injured player must leave the field of play.

GENERAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Artificial noise making devices are strictly prohibited.

No animals are allowed.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking is permitted.

No verbal abuse of anyone is allowed including but not limited to, tournament officials, referees, and players.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

All yellow and red cards issued during the Tournament will be reported to the Tournament Committee.

Any player or coach receiving a red card will be banned from, at the least, the next scheduled game for that particular team. No substitutions will be permitted for an ejected player during that game.

Any player or coach receiving two yellow cards during the tournament, will be banned from, at a minimum, the next scheduled game for that particular team. The tournament committee is responsible for disciplinary action.

Coaches and players may sit on the spectator's side of the field during their suspension but they may not coach or communicate with the team in any manner.

Any team or club receiving a disproportionate number of yellow and or red cards may be banned from the Tournament for a minimum of three years.

Anyone fighting or verbally abusing anyone can be subjected to ejection from further tournament participation. Passes will be retained by the tournament director and returned to the coach of the team after the player has sat out their suspension.

Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their team and supporters.

In accordance with the USYSA regulations, the issuance of all yellow cards and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information will be reported to the IYSA (or the USYSA state organization for teams from outside of Illinois) and the home club/league or the player, coach, team or supporters involved. All matters involving a referee assault shall, in accordance with the USSF Rule 3042 be referred immediately to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

With regard to foreign teams, the issuance of all yellow and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters will be recorded by our organization and this information will be reported to the US Soccer Federation of the disciplinary action taken, and that the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

The home state association and home club/league of the player, coach, team, or supporters (except in the case of referee assault) will have the responsibility for imposing, should the circumstances warrant, additional sanctions, within their respective jurisdictions, with regard to any matters arising from the tournament.

The tournament director reserves the right to eject anyone (including players, coaches, and supporters) from further tournament participation and/or from the tournament grounds if they fail to abide by the tournament's Code of Conduct.

PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing by the team's coach and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 1 hour after completion of game. Protests may only involve non-referee decisions regarding player eligibility and tournament rules.

A \$100 fee must accompany any protest. The fee will be returned only if the protest is allowed.

After a protest is made, the tournament committee will meet within two hours of the protest being made and the committee will review the written protest. The tournament committee must provide quick due process. The tournament committee, at its discretion, may ask that evidence be presented by the parties involved in the protest. Based upon the written protest and the evidence presented by the parties involved, the tournament committee will then make its decision as to whether or not to uphold the protest. A minimum of three tournament committee members must review each written protest.

The tournament committee's interpretation of tournament rules and protests shall be final and may not be appealed.

All decisions by referees may not be appealed.

REFUND POLICY

Once a team has been accepted into the tournament, there will be no refunds given to that team.

We agree to provide the guaranteed number of games or refund a percentage of the application fee equal to the percentage of guaranteed games not played. For example, if a team was guaranteed three (3) games and was only allowed to play two (2) out of the three (3) games then the Tournament will refund 1/3 of the fee.

Note that the tournament committee has the right to relocate, reschedule, cancel or shorten any game. Shortened games, relocated and rescheduled games will constitute a played game, and the Tournament will not refund any money for forfeited games.

DISCLAIMER

Neither the Tournament Committee, the Glen Ellyn Lakers FC or Glen Ellyn Park District are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions. No refunds will be made unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case refunds will be disbursed on a pro-rata basis with a full refund if the event is cancelled before it starts. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament. The judgment of the Tournament Committee is final.

Please remember that the Glen Ellyn Lakers FC is dedicated to the development of all the young men and women participating in the tournament, good sportsmanship and for the 'good of soccer'. The tournament director may suspend, without recourse or appeal, any player, coach or spectator who demonstrates anything less.