



**Area N
Championships
2023**

Hosted by
Region 641 Pass Area
December 2nd & 3rd

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Area N 10U-14U Championships 2023

Welcome to the 2023 Area N Championships. This event brings together AYSO teams from 6 of the 7 Regions that comprise Area N. We hope you will have a safe and enjoyable Championship event this year.

These Guidelines have been established to set a standard for all teams to compete in these Championships. Your knowledge of these Guidelines could be the difference between an enjoyable and disappointing time for you, your team, or your child. Therefore, all coaches and spectators are urged to read carefully and follow these Guidelines with a positive and sportsmanlike spirit to benefit all the young people participating and playing soccer in our respective Regions, teammates, and opponents.

These Guidelines do not supersede AYSO National Rules and Regulations or Policy Statements, the Section One Rules and Regulations, or the Area N Guidelines. Still, they are intended to cover those situations not addressed by them. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Commissioner.

Region 641-Pass Area will host this year's Area N Championships on December 2nd and 3rd

No dogs or pets of any kind are allowed at the fields, and tobacco or alcohol products are strictly prohibited.

Team Check-in: The Coach and his/her entire team need to report for check-in at the registration area **1 hour** prior to the start of your first game of the playoffs. Check-in for the remaining games will be on the field with the referee team. Maximum team rosters are set by the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. The maximum roster size for 10U is 10 players, 12U is 12 players, and 14U is 15 players. Regions may have player numbers that exceed the maximum and may be allowed at the discretion of the Area Director. If regions exceed the maximum numbers, prior approval will be needed before the Area Playoffs.

Field Setup and Takedown: Teams playing the first game of the day on their field will be responsible for field setup. Teams playing the last game of the day are responsible for field takedown and cleanup. ***Please check the schedule*** to see if you are the first or last game of the day.

Uniforms: Every player shall wear a matching team uniform, which consists of a jersey, shorts, and socks, as provided by their Region in accordance with AYSO Rules and Regulations. NO names can be on the uniforms. Casts, splints, hats, scarves, and jewelry of any kind are prohibited. Commercially manufactured shin guards of the appropriate size are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Bicycle shorts/sliding pants (if worn under) must be the same color as the team uniform shorts. Sweatshirts may be worn under the uniform jersey if the garment is of the same color and general style for all teammates who choose to wear them. No hoods and no metal on the sweatshirts. Sweat pants will not be worn. The home team will wear colored vests in the event of conflicting colors.

Awards: Area N League Championship Pins will be given to Every Player, Coach, and Team Parent. Medals will be awarded for 1st - 4th places in all divisions.

Spectators and Sideline Behavior: The home team will occupy the North or East side of the field. Visitors will occupy the opposite sideline. Spectators will occupy the same sideline as their team and must stay at least three (3) feet from the touchline and between the 18-yard lines marking the penalty areas. Spectators shall only engage in positive comments directed to their players. Spectators shall make **no** comments to the referees or the opposing team. They will conduct themselves in a manner befitting a member of an AYSO Team. **Any game suspended due to an ejection of a coach, parent, spectator, or anyone affiliated with the team of the game suspended will be a forfeit for the ejected side, and the score recorded as 2-0, or the score at the time if it is a more favorable result. A violation of this policy will face the sternest discipline. Remember, you are in a Kids' Zone.** Please clean up your sideline area and pick up trash after each of your games.

Substitutions: Substitutions will be by quarters.

Grace Period: A minimum of 7 players shall constitute a team in Divisions 14U and 12U, with 5 players constituting a team for Division 10U. A game will not commence or continue if one or both teams cannot field 7 or 5 eligible players. The referee, starting from the scheduled kickoff time, shall allow a grace period of 15 minutes, after which the referee will refer the game to the Playoff Committee for disposition of the match, up to and including declaring a forfeit.

Competition Format:

- These playoffs shall use a 'pool play' format. Tie games will stand during pool play.
- An accumulated point system will be used as follows:
 - 6 points for a win
 - 3 points for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
 - 1 point for each goal scored, up to 3 goals
 - 1 point for a shutout
 - 9 points for a forfeit or bye (2-0 game score)
 - -1 point for any red card received by a player or coach or any ejection of a spectator (before, during, or after the match)
- The top 2 teams in each pool, and some divisions a wild card, will advance to the Semi-final and Final matches on **Sunday, December 3rd** to determine 1st through 4th place.
- **Ties** between any teams for advancement will be broken on the following basis (in order as listed):
 - Head-to-head play
 - Fewest send-offs (Ejections)
 - Fewest goals allowed
 - Goal differential (maximum 3 per game)
 - Sportsmanship Points
 - Coin Toss

- Durations for Pool Play Games shall be as follows:
 - Under 14 – Two 25-minute halves
 - Under 12 – Two 20-minute halves
 - Under 10 – Two 20-minute halves
 - The halftime break will be 5 minutes
 - Durations for Semi-final and Final Games will be regulation-length games:
 - Under 14 – Two 35-minute halves
 - Under 12 – Two 30-minute halves
 - Under 10 – Two 25-minute halves
 - The halftime break will be 5 minutes
- G. For Semi-final and Final matches, two overtime periods will be played in case of a tie at the end of regulation time. Overtime periods shall be 5 minutes for 10U, 7 minutes for 12U & 14U divisions. Teams will play and complete both overtime periods. There is no sudden victory during overtime play. The team with the most goals scored at the end of the second overtime period will be declared the winner.
- If a team plays short because of ejections, that team will continue to play short during overtime.
 - The teams shall change sides of the field after the end of the first overtime period. No halftime will be permitted. Coaches may substitute at the end of the first overtime period. Play will resume immediately following player substitutions.
- H. If a tie exists at the end of regulation time and after both overtime periods, as noted above, the winner shall be determined by an IFAB penalty shoot-out.
- I. Teams will advance to Section 1 League playoffs at the end of February, as noted on the game schedules.**

Cautions/Send-off: Any player sent off for the following reasons:

- Violent conduct and serious foul play
- Foul and/or abusive language

Before, during, or after the match, may be suspended for additional matches, up to and including the remainder of the Championships, and may not be eligible for the Section 1 Playoff. The Playoff Staff will review all red cards to determine if further discipline is necessary.

Players will be suspended from the next match for any other send-off not covered above.

Any player receiving 3 yellow cards during the Championships will be suspended from the remainder of the Championships and will not be eligible for the Section 1 Playoffs. Coaches sent off or cautioned twice before, during, or after a match will be suspended from the remainder of the Championships and will not be eligible for the Section 1 Playoffs.

Artificial Noisemakers: Artificial noisemaking devices, such as but not limited to air horns, cowbells, drums, megaphones, etc., shall not be allowed.

Protest: There will be no protesting of games, red cards, or yellow cards. Our staff will not get into any debates or discussions from parents or coaches regarding how a game was refereed. Instead, Referee Feedback forms will be available at the Referee tent or from our Area N Referee Staff. We encourage your positive feedback and comments. **Area N is an organization that positively practices ongoing mentoring of all referees and coaches.**

These Guidelines shall be applied and administered by the Playoff's Committee, which shall rule over anything not covered within these Guidelines, Area N Guidelines, or National Rules & Regulations.