

2024 Rules

Crown City Classic
Coronado Holiday Cup

Tournament Mailing Address

Soccer Tournament Specialists
6000 Cala Lily Street
Santee, CA 92071

Registration And Team Eligibility

ONLINE Team Check-In will take place online. Info will be sent out to each team on the process of uploading player credentials online. Team Game cards will be pick up at the field marshal tent @ your first scheduled game location.

Foreign Teams

For teams coming from a CONCACAF nation:

- Players must present passports at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.
- Teams are required to have and present player picture identification.
- Team must have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

Player Age And Eligibility

(Age Groups Based on 2024-25 Season Calendar Year)

Division: Born within the year specified below:

Games

- 2015-2018 play 7v7
- 2013- 2014 play 9v9
- 2012 & older play 11v11

Game Duration by Age Group

AGE GROUPS	Group Play & Semi	&	Finals
2005-2011	2 x 30 minute	&	2 x 35
2012-2014	2 x 25 minute	&	2 x 30

2015-2017	2 x 20 minute	&	2 x 25
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- If preliminary or consolation games are tied, they are recorded as a tie game.
- If semifinals and finals games end in a tie, the game will go directly to penalty kicks.

Home & Away Teams

- Home team will be the first listed team on the schedule/game card and the online posted schedule.
- Home team will supply game balls, select which sideline, and which goal to defend on the field they prefer.
- Uniform color conflicts. Both teams must bring two sets of uniforms to each game, however if the referee determines there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change.
- Tournament director MAY if he chooses to designate which side of the field will be for the teams and which side will be for the spectators. No persons are permitted behind the goals.

What To Bring

Teams must be affiliated with the USYSA and players must have their current 2024-2025 US Club, Cal South or AYSO player passes.

Please make sure you have signed up your team for the correct age group. ALL STS Tournaments will be using and going off of the upcoming 2024-2025 season age groups for all tournaments.

Player Credentials And Uniforms

- Player picture identification cards are to be present and available at all matches.
- Identification cards are required.
- The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the daily match report or roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same.

Laws Of The Game

All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:

Substitution Time

A player may be substituted at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.

NOTE: Tournament regulations may limit when substitutions may be made by specifying specific stoppages in play when substitutions can be made. Example: At goal kicks and corner kicks, on your team's throw-ins, when a player is cautioned. Otherwise, substitutions may be made at any stoppage only with the permission of the referee.

Individual Player Rule

A player MAY play on two different teams within a tournament the same weekend, with the below criteria:

- Player must not play down in level or age group of its existing registered teams level or age.
- Player may NOT play down in age.
- Player may play down in level BUT must be playing up in age.
- Player may NOT play on two different teams within the same age group within the tournament.

Player Equipment

- Shin guards: Required for all players (no exceptions).
- Casts: No hard casts are permitted. Soft casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.

NOTE: You may require approval by a Tournament doctor as well, but the ultimate authority is the referee.

Tournament And Match Schedules:

Tournament Format

First round/group play is a round robin

If a total team count within a age group/level is:

- 4 teams total – 1st & 2nd place finishers play in the Finals.
- 6 teams total – 1st & 2nd place in each group will play in Semifinals, winners in Semifinals play in Final – 3rd place in each group play in a consolation game.
- 8 teams total -1st place finishers in each group play in the Finals.
- 12 teams total – 1st place in Group will play in Semifinals, along with one wild card team.

Winners in Semifinal games will play in the Finals.

Match Schedules

- The minimum number of matches a team will play total is 3 games.
- Minimum number of matches being played on each day is 1 game. Maximum 3 games.

Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellations, Forfeits

- All winners by Forfeit or Suspensions will receive a 1-0 result. Losing team 0-1.
- All match cancellations due to weather will result in a 0-0 draw.
- Due to weather, or Referee canceling game, or for any other reason, if more than half of the game has been played, the game score at that time will stand as the final result.
- ALL decisions are made final by the director of the tournament.

Refund Policy

Game Forfeit Refund Policy

- Teams that have played 2 games out of 3 games guaranteed receive 15% of entry fee paid.
- Teams that have played 1 games out of 3 games guaranteed receive 30% of entry fee paid.
- Teams that have played 0 games out of 3 games guaranteed receive 70% of entry fee paid.

Refund Policy

Weather Refund Policy (Act of God)

- Teams that have played 2 games out of 3 games guaranteed receive 10% of entry fee paid.
- Teams that have played 1 games out of 3 games guaranteed receive 25% of entry fee paid.
- Teams that have played 0 games out of 3 games guaranteed receive 50% of entry fee paid.

Team Canceling their Application

Full Refund Policy

If your team cancels or withdraws BEFORE your team has been accepted into the event. Your team will receive a FULL refund (minus the third party credit card fee & Admin Fee \$25.)

Partial Refund Policy

If your team cancels or withdraws BEFORE the entry deadline and your team HAS been accepted into the event, your team will receive a Full refund minus a \$150 fee and any third party credit card fee.)

No Refunds

If your team cancels or withdraws AFTER the entry deadline and your team HAS been accepted into the event, your team will NOT receive a refund.

Applications/ Team Acceptance

Applications without payment with them to be considered. Applying online without a payment does NOT automatically accept your team / complete your team's application.

NOTE: ANY TEAM THAT SIGNS UP FOR THE WRONG AGE GROUP WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED A SPOT IN THE TOURNAMENT UNLESS THERE IS ROOM IN THE APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP. IF THERE IS NO ROOM IN THE PROPER AGE GROUP THE TEAM WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT FILLS THEIR SPOT IN THE TOURNAMENT at the full entry fee amount.

Team Acceptance

Traveling Teams

- Teams traveling in from outside of the tournaments county will be automatically accepted once their application and payment has been received PRIOR to the entry deadline, UNLESS they receive a notification prior to the deadline which specifies your team has not been accepted.
- Teams traveling in from outside Southern California will need travel papers, unless they are with US Club Soccer.
- All traveling teams will need to stay at one of the approved STS Hotels in order to be accepted. This tournament is a “Stay and Play” event.
- Team Acceptance - Local Teams
- Local teams will receive a rejection notice no later than 3 weeks prior to the event date.
- If your team does NOT receive a rejection notification, your team will be accepted by default into the tournament.

Team Awards

- Awards will be given to the first and second place team members.
- Champions will receive team trophy and medals for each participant and coach.
- Finalists will receive medals for each participant and coach.

Conduct

All coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, bench, friends and spectators at all times.

Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team) is permitted provided:

- No mechanical devices are used.
- The tone of voice is instructive and not derogatory.
- Each coach or substitute remains within 10 yards of either side of the halfway line.
- No coach, substitute or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes or spectators.
- No coach, substitute or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.

Any parental behavior on the sideline such as profanity, coaching, fighting or other behavior that is not sportsmanlike is unacceptable.

Teams can be removed from the tournament per the Tournament Director without compensation if the director feels that the team sideline is out of control.

Filing A Complaint/Opinion To The Tournament

- The tournament director will ONLY communicate with the team's Head Coach in regard to any concerns or issues pertaining to the tournament. We will NOT RESPOND to any Manager or Parent phone calls or e-mails.

- All referee complaints should be made to anthony@stspecialists.com and NOT by phone. These concerns will be sent to the head referee assignor.

Tournament Point System:

- 3 Points for each Win
- 1 Point for each Tie
- 0 Points for each Loss

Score Reporting

Scores after each game will need to be reported by the team managers to field marshal. Referees will not be responsible for this.

Tie Breakers

*In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined as follows:

1. Total Points
2. Head to Head
3. Goals Against
4. Goal Scored (Up to 5 Goals)
5. Goal Differential
6. Most Wins
7. Most Shutouts
8. Most shutout with a ties score.
9. Coin Toss or Shootout - 3 qty penalty kicks (Directors choice)

**If a tie still exists after steps 1 through 8, Start out with 3 qty FIFA Kicks from the mark and thereafter sudden death if still tied. This will be taken 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the Semifinal or Final Game, UNLESS the Tournament director decides differently.

***If a 3-way tie exists within a bracket after steps 3-8, a three-way coin flip will be conducted.

- coin flip Step #1. Director will assign each of the three teams to a coin.
- coin flip Step #2. All three coins will be flipped in order until we receive (2 heads / 1 tail) or (2 tails /1 head).

****3-way tie drops down to a 2-way tie, the two remaining teams tied start over at the first tiebreaker

*****If still tied, penalty kicks will be taken to break the tie.

Forfeits

1. A team does not arrive to its scheduled game no later than 15 minutes-UNLESS Director extend this time.
2. The minimum number of players required to start play: 7 players (11v11), 6 players (9v9), 5 players (7v7).
3. A team that forfeits 1 or 2 games may proceed in the tournament to the play later rounds if they qualify to.

4. The result for a forfeited match is scored 1-0. Forfeit one - forfeit all rule is NOT in effect.

Protests / Disputes

1. Protests/Disputes: Can ONLY be made by a HEAD COACH, NO parent/s or Manager protests/disputes.
2. Disputes: Player eligibility issues or disputes are made directly to the tournament director over any tournament rules. The initial contact will be made to field marshal if it's a game-day dispute.
3. All referee disputes/protests will be made to anthony@stspecialists.com. All referee disputes/protests will be sent to the referee association hired to handle the game.
4. The procedures and entity involved in a protest or dispute must provide quick due process.
5. Decisions by referees may not be appealed and decisions by the director deciding a protest or dispute are final and may not be appealed.

Conduct And Discipline:

- A code of conduct will be enforced for spectators and coaches. Action will be taken for any misconduct, by either the director or referee at the time of misconduct. Director and/or referee will have the right to cancel / forfeit the game in which will result in a 1-0 result or the result at the time of game cancellation.
- Animals, smoking, verbal abuse of anyone, & alcoholic are NOT allowed in and around the field.
- Ejections: A player or coach sent off during a match is not allowed to play or coach in the next match, unless otherwise approved by the director. The tournament director may take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the tournament and non-eligibility for future tournaments of that tournament committee. Passes for the player or coach are to be held by the tournament director until the suspensions are served. Coaches may not be located on the spectators side or coach or communicate with the team in any manner; players may sit with the team but may not be in uniform.
- No accumulation of Yellow Cards will be applied to rule.

Game Balls

Home team will be supplying the game balls.

Roster Size

- Ages 2012 & Older, Max players 22
- Ages 2013 & Younger , Max players 18

Heading The Ball

Heading the ball is ONLY allowed for age groups 2013 & older.