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APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES

Name of Tournament or Games 27th Annual Stenger Invitational Website URL: www.stengerinvitational.net

Hosting Organization Real Colorado Edge Soccer Club Type of Tournament: Select Recreational Select & Rec

Designate Official of Hosting Organization Todd Gette Title Tournament Director Phone (303) 403-0902 W

Address PO Box 285 Email todd@edgesoccer.net Phone () _____ H

City Arvada State CO Zip Code 80001 Phone () _____ FAX

State Association or Affiliate CSA Guest Referees Applications Accepted Yes No

Location of Tournament or Games Stenger Soccer Complex & Long Lake Ranch **TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE:** April 15, 2019

Date(s) of Tournament or Games May 25-27, 2019 Estimated # of Teams 300

Tournament or Games Director or Contact Person Todd Gette Phone () _____ W

Address Same as Above Email _____ Phone () _____ H

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone () _____ FAX

Age Groups Accepted				Type(s) of Team Accepted *	B	G	Roster Size	# Guest Players Allowed	Length of Games	# Players on Field	Awards	Minimum # of Games	Entry Fee	Bond
U-	7	1/1/	2012	RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	3	36	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	\$325	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	8	1/1/	2011	RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	3	36	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	\$325	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	9	1/1/	2010	RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14	3	40	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	\$450	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	10	1/1/	2009	RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14	3	40	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	\$450	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	11	1/1/	2008	RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16	3	50	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	\$600	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	12	1/1/	2007	RT Champions League & Centennial League	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16	3	50	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	\$600	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	13	1/1/	2006	RT Champions League & Centennial League	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	3	60	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	\$650	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U-	14	1/1/	2005	RT Champions League & Centennial League	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	3	60	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	\$650	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*List of types of teams and tournaments is on reverse side of this form.

- RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT -Open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.
- Team will be restricted to teams within the state association Teams will be invited from all US Youth State Associations/Affiliates only.
- UT UNRESTRICTED
- TOURNAMENT Other US Soccer Members as listed: _____
- International
- Teams as listed: _____

The Hosting Organization agrees to be bound by and comply with the terms contained in the TOURNAMENT AND GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT and all applicable rules of the approving State Association or Affiliate.

Signature of Designated Official of Hosting Organization

Date 9/21/18

APPROVAL

(For Official Use Only) STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE

Date _____

By _____ Title _____



US Youth Soccer

TOURNAMENT OR GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT

In consideration of permission being granted to Stenger Invitational to hold a tournament or games at Real Colorado EDGE Soccer Club Arvada Colorado (Hosting Organization) (City) (State)

On the dates of May 25-27, 2019, we agree to the following conditions:

ABIDE BY RULES: We shall abide by all statements made in our approved US Youth Soccer Application to Host A Tournament or Games, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, in the US Youth Soccer Travel and Tournament Policy and in this US Youth Soccer Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin and that we will not advertise by any means the tournament or games until all approvals are received.

INVITATIONS: The tournament or games approval form shall accompany all tournament or games invitations distributed.

HOUSING: We agree that we will not require a team to use only accommodations approved or provided by the hosting organization or other organization, unless disclosure is made on the tournament application form of the required hotel/motel names and the guaranteed rates.

PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE: We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 which names the State Association or Affiliate with which the Hosting Organization is a member. A copy of the certificate of insurance, IF REQUIRED, is attached issued by CSA

REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS: We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide medical releases for each player in an appropriate form. These authorizations shall be reviewed by the Hosting Organization at registration and kept in the possession of a team official

ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES: We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall, again, be published to all teams accepted prior to the start of the tournament/games.

CREDENTIALS CHECKS: We agree that we shall conduct credentials checks to ensure that all players are registered with US Youth Soccer or US Soccer or a member thereof or their national association, properly rostered with their team, and participating in accordance with representations set forth on the US Youth Soccer Application to Host a Tournament or Games. We agree that we will not modify or mark in any way original rosters or member passes; and will not register any player, coach, or team official or issue any member pass.

USE OF US SOCCER REGISTERED REFEREES: We agree that we shall use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country) and shall use a one- or 3-referee system. We intend to use a 3-referee system for the following age groups: U11-U14. There will be an adequate number of US Soccer registered referees available in the area during the tournament or game dates to cover the scheduled games. We have selected the following assignor to assign referees for the tournament or games (NOTE: ONLY US Soccer certified assignors may be used.):

Name Play The Whistle Phone (303) 550-6703 W
Address _____ Email _____ Phone () _____ H
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____ Fax

AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE: We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed. We will use the following method(s) of contacting emergency services 911


TOURNAMENT OR GAME RULES – BEHAVIOR: We agree that our tournament or game rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled, including specific provisions that—

- Spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
- indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games;
- record the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters and also report them immediately to the home State Association and the home club/league of the team; and
- state that the home State Association or member thereof and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION: We agree that our tournament or game rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament or games is cancelled by the hosting organization for any reason.


POST TOURNAMENT OR GAMES REPORT: We agree that we shall file any required Post Tournament or Games Report with the State Association or Affiliate granting us permission to host this tournament or games within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. We understand that failure to file the report may preclude the tournament/games host from receiving approval for any tournament/games for the following seasonal years until the report is filed. The Post Tournament or Games Report shall include the following information:

- the number of teams participating in each age group (boys and girls);
- if a champion is determined, the name of the champion for each group;
- the number of teams from each State Association, Affiliate, other Organization Member, or foreign country;
- if "Sportsmanship Awards" are given, the criteria for the award and to whom awards were given;
- the number of fields used for the tournament/games;
- the name of the sponsor, if any; and
- the names and teams of all players issued red and yellow cards, and details of any other matters involving the improper or unsporting conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters. **NOTE: Any incident of referee assault or referee abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, or game official must be reported to the alleged offender's home State Association, or member thereof immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse..**



 Signature of Hosting Organization Designated Official
 9/25/18

 Date



 Signature of Tournament or Games Director
 9/25/18

 Date

Hosting Organization Real Colorado EDGE Soccer Club Phone 303 403-0902 W
 Address PO Box 265 Email todd@edgesoccer.net Phone () _____ H
 City Arvada State CO Zip 80001 Phone () _____ Fax

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2019 Stenger Invitational Rules of Play for 7U 5v5 and 8U 5v5 (4v4 plus Goalkeeper)

1) RULES OF PLAY

- a) The rules of play shall be the LAWS OF GAME as published by FIFA & UYS with those modifications adopted by CYS with additional tournament rules and format of play as listed below.
- b) The Tournament Rules Committee for the good of the game shall address any rules not covered.
- c) The Tournament Director or designated representative shall determine the suitability of playing conditions. Teams shall be expected to play in accordance with the tournament game schedule unless severe weather poses a threat to safety. Only the Tournament Director or designated representative shall reschedule the game times and/or locations. Games may be shortened or relocated in order to complete the days' schedule of play. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the tournament and the Director's decisions are final.
- d) The Under 7 and Under 8 teams will play a "Participation Format", which celebrates the players' involvement and enjoyment of the games. The emphasis of the games will be on participation of the players, not the result of the games. Levels of play may vary in the games, therefore it is expected that all coaches will exercise the utmost levels of sportsmanship in ensuring players from both teams are enjoying the game, and the scores are kept reasonable. The tournament will conclude for each team with a fourth game in the "Celebration Round". In the Celebration round, teams will be matched against a team of equal ability based on points from round robin play.

2) PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- a) The "NO PROTEST RULE" applies. Ruling of referees at time of game is final. Appeals will not be heard.

3) FIELD DIMENSIONS

- a) **Under 7:** Length- 42 yards. Width- 30 yards.- (See "Goal Box") Goals size will be 4 feet in height X 9 feet in length.
- b) **Under 8:** Length- 45 yards Width- 30 yards.- (See "Goal Box"). Goals size will be 6 feet in height X 12 feet in length.
- c) **Goal Area:**
 - i) The goal area will be a box, 6 Yards X 15 Yards centered directly in front of each goal. This is the only area the player designated as goalkeeper may handle the ball with their hands.
- d) **Build out line (Retreat Rule)-Goalkeeper possession and Goal kicks:**
 - i) The build out line shall be the same as the half line.
 - ii) The retreat rule states that anytime a goal keeper comes in possession of the ball, or in the case a goal kick is awarded, the attacking team must retreat to their defensive half of the field (past the halfway line) allowing the goal keeper or defender to play to ball to one of their players. Once the receiving player has touched the ball, the opposing team can then enter their attacking half and begin to defend. The purpose of this rule is to allow young players the ability to play out of the back in a semi unopposed situation. Goal Keepers are not allowed to punt the ball!

4) FREE KICKS & PENALTY KICKS

- a) All free kicks will be indirect, and defending players must be at least 6 Yards away from the ball. If a foul is committed in the Goal box area, the ball will be placed on or just outside the goal box line closest to the infraction.
- b) **Heading:** No deliberate heading is allowed. If a player deliberately heads ball, referee may award an indirect kick from spot of infraction.

5) BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- a) Throw-ins will be used to restart play when the ball goes over either touchline. Goal kicks may be taken from any point in or on the goal box line. Defending players must be on or behind the halfway line- see "retreat rule".

6) BALL SIZE

- a) Each team must have a game ball for each game subject to Field Referee approval as follows:

(a) U-7 through U-8	Size 3
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7) OFFSIDE LAW

- a) In 5v5 soccer, the offside rule is conditional (conditional offside), and is only called when in the event of a major infraction of the law. The intent of this rule is stop a player from cherry picking or positioning themselves in a blatantly offside position to gain an advantage. At the point of an infraction the coach/referee should explain the offense to the player, and an in-direct kick awarded to the opposing team.

8) REFEREE

- a) Club certified referee will be provided, no lines persons are used in 5v5 soccer.

9) GAME FORMAT

- a) 5v5 format- 4 field players, and one designated goal keeper per team.

10) GAME LENGTH

- a) The game consists of two 18-minute halves separated by a 5-minute half-time period. No time-outs.
- b) (There will be no overtime periods for round robin play. See Section 14.h tie breakers)

11) GOAL SCORING

- a) **FIFA laws apply**
- b) **If a 10 goal difference occurs in a game- the team which is behind will be allowed to add 1 more player to the field.**

12) NUMBER OF GAMES

- a) Minimum of Four (4) games per team will be scheduled. See Section 15. PLAYING CONDITIONS for game cancellations, as well as Section 14 CELEBRATION TOURNAMENT FORMAT.

13) AWARDS

- a) All players and coaches will receive a participation medal.

14) CELEBRATION TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a) Teams will be divided into flights by age and gender. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine flights or age groups where deemed necessary.
- b) During the round robin stage of the tournament, games will not have overtime periods.
- c) Team standings will be based on the following point system:
 - Win = 6 points
 - Shut-out = 1 point
 - Tie = 3 points
 - Loss = 0 points
 - Goals = 1 point for each goal scored up to three
 - Tie (0 to 0) = 3 points; and no points for the shut-out
 - Scoring will only be used to flight teams into the "Celebration Round", and will not be made public.
- d) **Forfeits**
If a team does not report for play within five (5) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be declared a forfeit. Forfeited games will be scored as a 1-0 final score and the winning team will receive 8 points. Any team that forfeits a game will lose their bond check.
- e) **Divisions with one flight**
All teams will play 3 round robin games within the flight. After all teams have completed play in the round robin portion of the tournament (three games), all teams will be seeded with a team of equal ability for the Celebration Round. Teams will be matched based on points from the round robin portion of the tournament. Example- 1st in points vs 2nd in points, 3rd in points vs 4th in points, etc. **ALL Players** will receive participation medals at the conclusion of their celebration match.
- f) **Divisions with two flights.**
All teams will play 3 round robin games within their flight. After all teams have completed play in the round robin portion of the tournament (three games), all teams will be seeded with a team of equal ability from the other flight for the Celebration Round. Teams will be matched based on points from the round robin portion of the tournament. Example- 1st in points flight A vs 1st in points flight B, 2nd in points flight A vs 2nd in points flight B, etc. **ALL Players** will receive participation medals at the conclusion of their Celebration match.
- g) **Tie Breakers:** In the event that two or more teams in a flight are equal in total points at the end of the round robin matches, the team that will advance shall be determined in descending order of applicability by:
 - Head to head. This criteria will not be used if more than 2 teams are tied.
 - Goal differential with a maximum of 6 goals differential per game.
 - Fewest numbers of goals allowed.
 - Fewest penalty points, Caution (yellow card) = 1 point, Ejection (red card) = 2 pointsDivisional coordinators decisions on seeding are final- **NO PROTESTS!**
- h) The tournament will conclude for each team with the Celebration Round. If the score is tied at the end of regulation time in the Celebration game, the teams will play two overtime periods of 5 minutes in length. The "Golden Goal" rule will apply which states the first team to score in the over time periods will be declared the winner. If no goal is scored in the overtime periods, the game will be declared a tie.

15) PLAYING CONDITIONS

- a) Games may be canceled or temporarily suspended when fields are not playable due to rain, low air temperature, excessively high winds or lightning.
- b) The responsibility of game cancellation or temporary suspension will rest with the tournament committee. Final judgment will be that of the Tournament Director. Kicks from the mark will be utilized to determine winners of games canceled due to weather.
- c) In event that play has been stopped by the Referee, Referee Staff, or Tournament Director, the score at the stoppage of play will be the final game score if at least one half was completed and if play is not resumed as ordered by Tournament Director.
- d) In Case of bad weather a siren will sound for clearing the fields. When the siren is heard again, play will resume. Do not leave complex until games are officially canceled. **PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS SHOULD LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA AND GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR CARS or other shelter.**

16) UNIFORMS

- a) All teams must have two jerseys, a light and dark color in case of a color conflict.
- b) The team listed first on the official game schedule shall be designated the home team and will wear Dark, Visiting team will wear White or light jerseys.
- c) The following items are NOT permitted: Hair control devices with hard parts, earrings of any kind, jewelry of any kind.
- d) The following items are CONDITIONALLY permitted: Religious medals or medical tags taped to the body, splints, casts, braces or other joint support devices that, in the referee's opinion, are not dangerous.
- e) Players are not required to have numbers on their jerseys.
- f) Shin Guards are required. Cleats are optional.
- g) Under 8 Goal keepers must be clearly distinguished from both teams.

17) TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION

- a) Each team must possess a current certified UYS/CYS Club roster. **THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL (referee or Field Marshall) WILL CHECK ROSTERS and BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EACH GAME.** Up to 2 guest players are allowed for U7 & U8 teams up to the age group maximum roster size. Max roster size is 10 in the 5v5 format.
- b) If an ineligible player participates in the tournament, his/her team will forfeit every game in which he/she played and may be expelled from the competition after review by the Tournament Committee/ Tournament Director. Fees will not be refunded for expelled teams, and the team will lose their tournament bond.
- c) Rosters will be limited to a maximum of 10 Players, and minimum of 5
- d) All players must receive at least 50% playing time in each scheduled game.
- e) Only developmental teams are eligible for play.
- f) A player may play for only one team during the tournament.
- g) Player passes are not required for U7 or U8 players.
- h) At the conclusion of the match, the Referee will complete the game card in detail. He/she will also forward to the Tournament director any reports of misconduct by players, parents, or spectators; which may be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the tournament committee. See Section 19 Team Discipline.

18) PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS

- a) With the permission of the referee, a team may substitute or re-substitute any number of players at any stoppage of play. Players must be waiting at the center line before the stoppage for substitution to be considered by the referee.
- b) No substitute is allowed for an ejected player

19) TEAM DISCIPLINE

- a) An ejected player or coach is ineligible for participation in the next tournament game; this includes the Celebration match
 - b) Yellow cards are cumulative and a player and/or coach will be required to sit out the next tournament game after receipt of the third yellow card.
 - c) A COACH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF HIS TEAM'S SUPPORTERS. Abuse from spectators or coaches will not be tolerated. Violations can result in forfeiture of the game and, in severe situations, expulsion from further tournament participation.
 - d) Any coach, manager or spectator who has been dismissed from the match must remove themselves no less than 100 yards from the playing field within 2 minutes of notice of ejection or the match will be forfeited to the opposing team.
 - e) A team fan or parent displaying unacceptable behavior will be sent off following the same procedures as those used for coaches. Unruly spectators may be asked to leave the tournament site by the Tournament Site Director or the center referee.
 - f) If parent(s) are asked to leave a sideline by a referee or tournament official due to unsportsmanlike or unacceptable behavior, the team will be penalized (-1) point.
 - g) Any coach that withdraws his team from the playing field during a match will automatically forfeit the match, as well as be subject to further disciplinary action from the tournament committee.
 - h) The consumption of any alcoholic beverage at any youth soccer match is expressly prohibited. Any player or team official who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action and possible suspension. Such violations will be reported to the Colorado State Youth Soccer Association. Smoking is not allowed at any UYS/CYS sanctioned event.
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**Stenger Invitational 2019
Cancellation Policy**

Although we never want to cancel a tournament and spoil the fun, weather here in Colorado often has other ideas. The Stenger Invitational and the Edge Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or whole of this tournament.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all tournament rules to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully. The Stenger Invitational will make every effort to complete all games in the event of a postponement. However, once pool play has begun the Stenger Invitational will not reimburse or prorate tournament fees for any games cancelled, shortened or forfeited. In the event the tournament is cancelled, regardless of the reason, awards will be given based on the average points of the total games played.

In the event the tournament is cancelled prior to any games played the Stenger Invitational will reimburse half the tournament registration fee.

2019 Stenger Invitational

Rules of Play for 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 for U9 and Above

A. RULES OF PLAY

1. The rules of play shall be the LAWS OF GAME as published by FIFA with those modifications adopted by CSA with additional tournament rules and format of play as listed below.
2. The Tournament Rules Committee, for the good of the game, shall address any rules not addressed.
3. The Tournament Director or designated representative shall determine the suitability of playing conditions. Teams shall be expected to play in accordance with the tournament game schedule unless severe weather poses a threat to safety. Only the Tournament Director or designated representative shall reschedule the game times and/or locations. Games may be shortened or relocated in order to complete the days' schedule of play. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the tournament and the Director's decisions are final.

B. NUMBER OF GAMES

1. Minimum of three (3) games per team will be scheduled. See Section F. PLAYING CONDITIONS for game cancellations.

C. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. The "NO PROTEST RULE" applies. Ruling of referees at time of game is final. Appeals will not be heard.

D. BALL SIZE

1. Each team must have a game ball for each game subject to Field Referee approval as follows:

U-9 through U-12	Size 4
U-13 THROUGH U-19	Size 5

E. STRUCTURE OF THE GAME

1. Teams will be divided into flights by age and gender. Separate flights for developmental teams and/or Centennial league teams may be added in the U9 -U14 age groups depending on number of applications accepted. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine flights or age groups where deemed necessary.
2. Field Size and format:
 - i) 9U-10U: 7v7 per CSA guidelines with the addition of build out lines.
 - (a) **Offside** will be called, however the build out line will denote where it may be called. A player may only be penalized if the offense occurs between the goal line and build out line.
 - (b) **Heading:** No deliberate heading is allowed. If a player deliberately heads ball, referee may award an indirect kick from spot of infraction.
 - (c) **Build out Line:** A build out line will be placed on field halfway between goal line and midfield. The build out line promotes playing out of back in a less pressured setting. When goal keeper has ball, or a goal kick is awarded, the defending team must move behind build out line until the ball is placed in play. It is considered in play when the intended recipient has received the ball- not the moment the ball is in motion. Goal keepers may not punt or drop kick the ball; instead may pass with feet, roll or throw the ball into play once the defending team is beyond the build out line
 - ii) 11U-12U: 9v9 per CSA guidelines.
 - iii) 13U-18U: 11v11 per CSA guidelines
3. Games will be regulation time less five minutes in each half during round robin play. Semi-final and final games will be full length.
 - i) 9U-10U: 20 minute halves; 25 minute halves in semi-final and final games.
 - ii) 11U-12U: 25 minute halves; 30 minute halves in semi-final, and final games.
 - iii) 13U-14U: 30 minute halves; 35 minute halves in semi-final and final games.
 - iv) 15U-18U: 35 minute halves; 40 minute halves in semi-final and final games.
4. During the round robin stage of the tournament, games will not have overtime periods. Team standings will be based on the following point system:

Win	=6 points
Shut-out	=1 point
Tie	=3 points
Loss	=0 points
Goals	=1 point for each goal scored up to three
Tie (0 to 0)	=3 points; and no points for the shut-out
5. Forfeits. If a team does not report for play within five (5) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be declared a forfeit. Forfeited games will be scored as a 1-0 final score and the winning team will receive 8 points. Any team which forfeits a game will lose their bond.
6. Divisions with one flight-
There will be round robin play within the flight. Finals shall be played between the teams with the highest and second highest number of points. No semi- final matches will be played.
7. Divisions with two flights-

There will be round robin play within the flight. In the event of an odd number teams within the flight, some teams may cross flights to play matches. First place teams will play second place teams from the other flight in a semi-final round. The winners of the semi-final games shall play for the Championship.

8. Divisions with three flights-

There will be round robin play within the flight. In the event of an odd number teams within the flight, some teams may cross flights to play matches. Winners of each flight plus a wild card team shall play a semi-final round. The wild card team shall be the team with the highest point total of any non-flight winners. The teams with the highest and fourth highest number of points, and the teams with the second highest and third highest points, will meet in the semi-final provided the "wild card" team shall not play the winner of its flight in the semi-final round. The winners of the semi-final games shall play for the Championship.

9. In the event that two or more teams in a flight are equal in total points at the end of the round robin matches, the team that will advance shall be determined in descending order of applicability by:

- Head to head. This criteria will not be used if more than 2 teams are tied.
- Goal differential with a maximum of 6 goals differential per game.
- Fewest numbers of goals allowed.
- Fewest red cards
- Flip of a coin

10. Semi-final and final games shall not end in a tie. If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the teams will play two- (2) full halves of overtime. U-9 and older will have five (5) minute overtime halves. If tied at the end of the overtime period, the winner shall be determined by taking FIFA kicks from the mark.

F. PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. Games may be canceled or temporarily suspended when fields are not playable due to rain, low air temperature, excessively high winds or lightning.
2. The responsibility of game cancellation or temporary suspension will rest with the tournament committee. Final judgment will be that of the Tournament Director. Kicks from the mark will be utilized to determine winners of games canceled due to weather.
3. In event that play has been stopped by the field Referee, Referee Staff, or Tournament Director, the score at the stoppage of play will be the final game score if at least one half was completed and if play is not resumed as ordered by Tournament Director.
4. In case of bad weather, a siren will sound for clearing the fields. When the siren is heard again, play will resume. Do not leave complex until games are officially canceled. PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS SHOULD LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA AND GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR CARS or other shelter.

G. UNIFORMS

1. The team listed as the "Home" team wears Dark; "Visiting" team will wear White or light.
2. The following items are NOT permitted: Hair control devices with hard parts, earrings of any kind, jewelry of any kind.
3. The following items are CONDITIONALLY permitted: Religious medals or medical tags taped to the body, splints, casts, braces or other joint support devices that, in the referee's opinion, are not dangerous.
4. Shinguards are required.

H. TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION

1. Each team must possess a current certified UYS/CSA roster and a valid player pass for each player, including guest players, participating in the tournament. THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL (referee or Field Marshall) WILL CHECK ROSTERS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EACH GAME. Player passes must be available to view at any point during the tournament. Up to 3 guest players are allowed but only up to the maximum age group roster size. U9-10 teams-Max roster size is 14; U11-U12-Max roster size is 16; U13-U19 teams- Max roster size is 18.
2. If an ineligible player participates in the tournament, his/her team will forfeit every game in which he/she played and may be expelled from the competition after review by the Tournament Committee/ Tournament Director. Fees will not be refunded for expelled teams and the bond will be forfeited.
3. Only UYS registered teams/players are eligible for play.
4. A player may play for only one team during the tournament.
5. All players must receive at least 50% playing time in every game in the U10 and younger divisions.
6. It is the responsibility of the coach to retrieve roster from the Referee at the end of each match. Passes for players who sat out a match after receiving a game suspension can be retrieved at the tournament headquarters.
7. At the conclusion of the match, the Field Referee will complete the game card in detail. He/she will also forward to the Tournament Director any passes of sent off or dismissed participants for the Tournament records and any possible further action. He/she will also turn in an official supplemental game report if there are any unusual match circumstances to be reported.

I. GAME LENGTH

<u>DIVISON</u>	<u>ROUND ROBIN</u>	<u>SEMIS & FINALS</u>	<u>OT SEMIS & FINALS</u>
U-9 and U-10	2-20 minute periods	2-25 minute periods	2-5 minute periods
U-11 and U-12	2-25 minute periods	2-30 minute periods	2-5 minute periods
U-13 and U-14	2-30 minute periods	2-35 minute periods	2-5 minute periods
U-15 and U-16	2-35 minute periods	2-40 minute periods	2-5 minute periods
U-17 thru U-19	2-35 minute periods	2-40 minute periods	2-5 minute periods

(There will be no overtime periods for round robin play. See E.7 for tie breakers)

J. PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Players may be substituted with the consent of the Field Referee at the following times:

- Prior to a throw-in, by your team
 - Prior to a throw-in, by the non-throwing team, if the throwing team is substituting player(s).
 - Prior to a goal kick, by either team
 - After a goal, by either team
 - After an injury stoppage of play, by either team
 - When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the cautioned player may be substituted, prior to the restart of play
2. No substitute is allowed for an ejected player

K. TEAM DISCIPLINE

1. An ejected player or coach is ineligible for participation in the next tournament game; this includes the Championship match.
2. A COACH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF HIS TEAM'S SUPPORTERS. Abuse from spectators or coaches will not be tolerated. Violations can result in forfeiture of the game and, in severe situations, expulsion from further tournament participation.
3. Any coach, manager or spectator who has been dismissed from a match must remove themselves no less than 100 yards from the playing field within 2 minutes of notice of ejection or the match will be forfeited to the opposing team.
4. A team fan or parent displaying unacceptable behavior will be sent off following the same procedures as those used for coaches. Unruly spectators may be asked to leave the tournament site by the Tournament Site Director or the center referee.
5. If parent(s) are asked to leave a sideline by a referee or tournament official due to unsportsmanlike or unacceptable behavior, the team will be penalized (-1) point.
6. Any coach that withdraws their team from the playing field during a match will automatically forfeit the match, as well as be subject to further disciplinary action from the tournament committee.
7. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage at any youth soccer match is expressly prohibited. Any player or team official who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action and possible suspension. Such violations will be reported to the Colorado State Youth Soccer Association.

GENERAL

Although we never want to cancel a tournament and spoil the fun, weather here in Colorado often has other ideas. The Stenger Invitational and the Real Edge Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or whole of this tournament.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all tournament rules to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully. The Stenger Invitational will make every effort to complete all games in the event of a postponement. However, once pool play has begun the Stenger Invitational will not reimburse or prorate tournament fees for any games cancelled, shortened or forfeited. In the event the tournament is cancelled, regardless of the reason, awards will be given based on the average points of the total games played.

In the event the tournament is cancelled prior to any games played the Stenger Invitational will reimburse half the tournament registration fee

