



# Turf Classic – 11v11



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## 2024 Tournament Rules and Information

### Dates

March 8-10, 2024

### Tournament Headquarters & Venue

Grand Park Events Center  
19000 Grand Park Blvd  
Westfield, IN 46074

### Contact

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### On Site Tournament Check In

#### Teams submit:

1. Validated Player Passes issued by USYSA or US Club Soccer (rostered players and guest players)
2. One copy of official stamped and validated roster
3. Travel Permit from your state organization (for teams outside of Indiana).
4. Emergency Contact Information during the weekend for the team coach and team manager.

### Roster restrictions

#### Roster Size

- 18 Players

#### Guest Players

- 5 Guest Players permitted per team

### Team and Uniform Colors

The home team is listed first on the game schedule. Both teams must bring two sets of uniforms to each game. If there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change.

### Player Credentials & Uniform Numbers

Player Passes/IDs are to be present and available at all matches. The shirt number of each player must be the same as the players' number on the daily match report/roster. If the numbers are not the same, the player will not be allowed to take part in the match until the numbers are the same. Identical numbers are not permitted.

## Laws of the Game

All matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA laws of the game, except as modified as follows in the tournament rules. All matches will use USSF certified referees.

### **FIFA rules will be in effect with the following exceptions:**

1. Unlimited substitution.
2. Substitutions may be made:
  - a. Before a throw-in in your favor
  - b. Before a goal kick
  - c. After a goal by either team
  - d. At halftime
  - e. In case of injury, unlimited to both teams.
3. Length of Games, Ball Size:
  - a. 2 x 30-minute halves
  - b. Size 5
  - c. 11 v 11
  - d. 5-minute halftime

The game clock will not stop for injury unless at the discretion of the referee. The injured player must be removed from the field by medical staff.

### **In accordance with FIFA Policy:**

1. There shall be no dissent between players, fans and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee is considered dissent.
2. Any player ejected from a game, whether by red card or two yellow cards, will be ineligible to participate in the next tournament game.
3. In the event of an ejection, the offending team may not replace the ejected player.

## Procedure for Determining a Winner

Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. If a team forfeits, their opponents will receive a score of 4 – 0. In the event of ties in total point standings, the following sequence will be used:

1. Head-to-head competition between teams that are tied\*\*
2. Best goal difference for all games - up to 4 per game
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Penalty kick shootout - 5 players per team; if still tied, sudden victory penalty kick shoot out

\*\*In the event that of a three-team tie or teams playing in a “crossover” flight, head to head competition will be eliminated if a winner cannot be decided. The following tie breaker sequence will be used:

1. Best goal difference for all games - up to 4 per game

2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Penalty shootout - 5 players per team; if still tied, sudden victory penalty kick shootout. A coin toss will determine who participates.

There will be no overtime for any games. If a semifinal or final game is tied at the end of regulation, the winner will be determined by penalty kicks. Only players on the field at the end of the game are eligible for penalty kicks.

If for any reason the “finals” cannot be played, champion will be decided by coin toss.

Decisions of the tournament director(s) on advancement are final. There are no appeals on advancement decisions.

### **Conduct & Discipline**

**Team Conduct** – Teams should understand the laws of the game and play by them. They should be respectful to all coaches, teammates, opponents and match officials. Profane and abusive language is prohibited.

Any ejection should be reported to the HQ immediately. Any player or coach sent off will automatically sit out the next played game. If the sending off was for fighting or violent conduct, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Disciplinary action will be reported to USYSA in the post tournament report.

**Spectator Conduct** – Spectators are encouraged to provide positive support during all games. Do not talk to players or coaches for either team during the matches, except to offer support, congratulations, or assistance. Do not use abusive or profane language or argue with officials. Fighting, unsporting behavior or physical violence will result in automatic removal from the complex for the remainder of the tournament.

Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are prohibited at the complex.

### **Other Tournament Information**

- Animals are prohibited at the complex
- Weather – Please check the tournament website for all weather updates.
- If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the start of the 1st scheduled games a minimum of 50% of the entry fee will be retained by the tournament to cover startup cost of the tournament.