



## Stockton Youth Soccer Association

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### **SYSA/Stockton Storm FC - 2012 JJ Minor Tournament Rules**

**FIFA Rules:** As modified by USYSA, US Club Soccer and as modified herein. This is an **unrestricted** tournament that is open to all USSF-affiliated teams.

**Disputes:** The Tournament Committee shall settle all disputes.

**Protests:** ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

**Credentials:** All US Club Soccer, USYSA, AYSO and other USSF-affiliated teams are eligible to play provided that the proper US Club credentials are presented at registration. The following credentials must be presented at the mandatory credentials check-in:

Official Team Roster - A US Club Soccer official team roster, guest players forms with signatures of both the loaning club and receiving club representative or a CYSA official team roster with proper credentials for guest players.

CYSA registered teams may attend using their CYSA player passes and insurance. These teams must provide a CYSA travel form 2651 at the mandatory check-in. CYSA requires the form 2651 be submitted to their office (5) days prior to traveling to the sanctioned event. This change eliminates the need for teams to carry both CYSA and US Club player passes or purchase event insurance when applying to non US Youth Soccer tournaments or events.

Medical Authorization Form - Each participating athlete must complete an official US Club Soccer medical authorization form. Each form MUST include a parent's signature. This does not apply to CYSA registered team with a valid travel form 2651.

Laminated US Club Soccer Player Pass: A valid laminated US Club player cards with a photograph. Player pass cards must all be from the current season; they can't be a mixture of seasons.

Laminated US Club Soccer or CYSA Coaches Pass: Each team must have at least one properly credentialed adult present on the sidelines of each match. Coaches' pass cards must possess an August 1, 2012 (or later) expiration date.

For Non US Club Registered Teams: If you are not a US Club registered team, you may attend our tournament as a non-member by obtaining temporary US Club status and insurance just for our tournament. Visit [www.usclubsoccer.com](http://www.usclubsoccer.com) and select the green "Registration" tab and proceed to the "Tournament Team Insurance" Option for further details. Teams not registered with US Club (e.g., CYSA teams without a form 2651) will need to provide a spreadsheet with their player roster and supporting documentation to verify the age of the players (e.g., birth certificates).

Each team will receive a packet containing rules of competition, schedule, and any updates or new information at the **mandatory check-in**.

**Guest Players:** This tournament will accept up to five (5) guest players on a team, with total team size to not exceed 18 players for any one game. Guest player forms must be submitted at check-in, complete with all signatures. Guest player must have current player pass, medical release of the same year as the rest of the team, to be inspected at check-in. Guest players will only be permitted to play on one team's roster during the entire tournament; violations of this rule will result in the team being prohibited from additional tournament play and forfeiture of the tournament fee.

**Guest Teams:** Teams that are accepted to the tournament as guest teams shall not advance out of their bracket. The guest team results are predetermined to be 1-0 against the guest team. The opposing team is awarded eight (8) points.

**Game cards:** Will be provided by the tournament. Teams are required to provide two (2) sticker rosters for the game cards at the Mandatory Check-In. Players and coaches may not be added once registration is complete.

**Check-In:** Mandatory check-in is on the night prior to tournament play between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the **Hilton Stockton**, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton CA 95207. (209) 957-9090

**Player Equipment:** It will be at the Referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment, including the wearing of a hard brace. Hard casts are not allowed. **Shin guards are mandatory for all players.**

**Prohibitions:** The following are **prohibited** at any of the Tournament game sites.

- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances
- Dogs
- Horns/loud noise makers
- Use of tobacco products
- Fire Arms

Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to comply with the prohibitions listed above. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating any of these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the Tournament and will not be invited to any future SYSA/Stockton Storm FC club events.

**Inclement Weather:** Games may be cancelled or game durations and start times may be modified due to inclement weather at the Tournament Directors discretion.

**Tournament Cancellation:** If the tournament must be cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities or other circumstances deemed by the Tournament Committee to be beyond the control of the hosting club, the tournament may retain up to 50% of the entry fee once the tournament's expenses are paid. Refunds of no less than 50% of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams within 45 days of the approved tournament date.

**Refunds:** Teams will be charged for the tournament once the tournament deadline is reached. Accepted teams requesting to withdraw must do so by contacting the Tournament Director; however, they shall forfeit their entire application fee. No refunds will be given after the deadline.

**Suspended Games:** If, in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench or spectators and/or unsportsmanlike conduct; the offending team(s) could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. The score at termination will stand. All previous points earned remain as played. Additionally, the home league, state association and/or FIFA Association will be contacted as appropriate.

**Tournament Web Site:** The tournament web site and/or live scoring displays, shall be the final reference for all schedules, scores, rules, polices and procedures. Any conflicts between this site and other published information shall default to this site. The Tournament Committee maintains the right to independently make new and possibly conflicting rules or regulations on the web site at any time.

**Send offs:** A player receiving a send off (red card or two yellow cards) in one game shall not be allowed to participate in the balance of the game and at a minimum in the next game. A coach receiving a send off in one game shall not be allowed to participate in the balance of the game and at a minimum in the next 2 games. The tournament committee reserves the right to modify penalties assessed on a player or coach for violent play or more serious conduct violations. For purposes of this tournament a coach can be carded for his/her actions or those of spectators or friends of the team. A team will lose 1 point for each player send off per game and 2 points for each coach send off per game.

**Substitutions:** Unlimited substitutions are allowed with referee approval in the following situations:

1. Prior to either teams throw-in
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team
3. After a goal, by either team
4. At the start of second half of play
5. After an injury
6. Coaches may substitute a player that has received a yellow card

**Brackets:** Brackets shall be in flights of 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, or 12 teams. Barring a team forfeiting or dropping from the tournament, each team shall play a minimum of 3 games. Tournament Director reserves the right to amend brackets and games to accommodate unexpected changes, i.e. team no-show.

**Four Team Brackets:** Each team will play three (3) preliminary round games against the other teams in their bracket. The winner of each bracket will play each other in the Finals, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in each flight will play each other in a Consolation game.

**Five Team Brackets:** Each team will play a total of 4 games and the placement of each team will be determined by total points at the end of four games.

**Six Team Brackets:** Will be divided into two (2) brackets of three (3) teams. Each team will play the will play the each of the other teams in opposing bracket. The winner of each bracket will play each other in the Finals, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in each bracket will play each other in a Consolation game.

**Eight Team Brackets:** Will be divided into two (2) brackets of four (4) teams. Each team will play three (3) preliminary round games against the other teams in their bracket. The winner of each bracket will play each other in the Finals, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in each bracket will play each other in a Consolation game.

**Ten Team Brackets:** Each team will play three (3) preliminary round games. The teams 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in points will play each other in the Finals, and the teams 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in points will play each other in a Consolation game.

**Twelve Team Bracket:** Will consist of four (4), three (3) team brackets. Each team will play two (2) preliminary round games against the other teams in their bracket. The team with the highest points in each bracket will play in the semi-final games. The second highest point team in bracket A will play the second highest point team in bracket B and the second highest point team in bracket C will play the second highest point team in bracket D. The third highest point team in bracket A will play the third highest point team in bracket B and the third highest point team in bracket C will play the third highest point team in bracket D. The semi-final winners will compete in the championship game and the losers of the semi-final games will play each other in a Consolation game.

**Home Teams:** Home team must provide game balls (subject to referee approval), if they not provided by the referee's. To help with uniform conflicts, home teams are encouraged to wear white or light-colored jerseys. The visiting team is encouraged to wear a dark-colored jersey. Conflicts in jersey color will be resolved by the home team being required to change jerseys. Each team manager/head coach is responsible for ensuring that all garbage is cleaned up after each match on both the team and spectator sides of the field.

**Spectators:** NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS. Spectators shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs will be allowed within the field areas. No spectators shall be permitted behind the goals. Absolutely no verbal abuse of players, coaches, referees, other spectators, or Tournament personnel will be tolerated. Spectators who fail to abide by the rules will be required to leave the field area.

**Coaching:** All head coaches are responsible for the conduct of their coaches, team officials, players and spectators at all times. Coaches may coach (giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position) from the sidelines. Abusive or derogatory comments to the players, coaches, referees, spectators, Tournament staff and use of profane language will not be tolerated.

**Start Times/Forfeitures:** Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game start time. Referees may do a pre-game check-in or on field check-in prior to the start of the game. Players from each team must present themselves, with their player passes prior to each game. All games must be started within five minutes of their scheduled start time. If a U-12 to U-19 team has not taken the field with a minimum of 7 players within the five-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team in attendance with a minimum of 7 players on the field. If neither team complies with this procedure, no points will be awarded to either team. If a U-8 to U-11 team has not taken the field with a minimum of 6 players within the five-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team in attendance with a minimum of 6 players on the field. If neither team complies with this procedure, no points will be awarded to either team.

The referee may terminate a game at his/her discretion and the tournament staff may award a forfeit if:

1. A team leaves the field of play during the game without referee approval.
2. Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are observed.
3. A team is sent from the field by the referee for violent play, and/or misconduct by the coaches, players or fans. Tournament staff may enforce this rule at any time during tournament matches.

**Added Time:** No additional time will be added by the referee's during bracket play. Additional time may be added at the referee's discretion during Consolation and Final games.

**Playing Times:** Play will be based on halves as below:

Age Group	Preliminary	Semifinals	Consolation/Finals
U8 - U11	25 Min	25 Min	25 Min
U12 - U19	30 Min	30 Min	35 Min

A game is "complete" upon completion of one half regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half with the final results based on the score at termination. A bracket game may end in a tie. Consolation, Semifinal and Final games ending in a tie will proceed to two (2) 5 minute overtime periods for U8-U11, and two (2) ten minute overtime periods for U12-U19. If still tied, kicks from the mark will determine a winner.

**Scoring:** Tournament points will be awarded to and deducted from each team based on the following system:

- Six (6) points for each win
- Three (3) points for each tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- 1 point will be awarded for each goal up to 3 goals
- 1 point will be awarded for a shutout unless a 0-0 tie, then no point
- A total maximum of 10 points can be awarded for any single game
- 1-point deduction for each player sendoff
- 2-point deduction for each coach sendoff

"Sportsmanship Rule": For any team scoring more than 8 goals than their opponent, a one point penalty will be assessed.

Forfeit games shall be scored as a 1-0, with 8 points being awarded to the team not forfeiting. If a team withdraws from the tournament before completing all preliminary games, all games they played shall be considered a forfeit.

**In the event of a tie:** In case of a tie in tournament points within a flight after preliminary games, the winner shall be determined based on the following procedure:

1. Head to head results of head to head competition, winner advances
2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) up to 4 goals per game
3. Team with the most goals scored (up to 4) advances
4. Team with the fewest goals scored against them advances
5. Team with the most wins advances
6. Team with the most shut-outs advances
7. Kicks from the mark per FIFA rules.

Should there be a tie between three or more teams, the tie breaking procedure starts with #2 above. When and if any two teams remain tied, begin again with #1 above.

**Awards:** Individual player awards will be awarded to each player and coach of the first, second and third place teams. A Championship T-shirt will be awarded to the winning team in each age group.

First Place: Championship T-shirt, Team Trophy and Individual Player Award

Second Place: Team Trophy and Individual Player Award

Third Place: Team Trophy and Individual Player Award

All Players and Coaches will receive a Tournament Pin.