

MICHIGAN SOCCER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

JULY 11-13, 2008

Tournament Director: Linda Schlaupitz
Tournament Website: www.michigansoccerclassic.com
Mailing Address: Michigan Soccer Classic Tournament,
 P.O. Box 70502, Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Tournament Phone: 248-914-1891

Application

1. Log onto www.michigansoccerclassic.com
2. Print out and completely fill in the application form.
 - a. Please indicate level of play
 - b. Please supply your oldest player's birth date to assure proper age group.
 - c. If your coach has more than one team in the tournament, list all teams by name & age group in the comment section. We will do our best to avoid coaching conflicts.
 - d. Registration Cost:

U9 – U10	\$350
U11-U12	\$400
U13–U19	\$450
3. Send completed application and payment. This entry fee is non-refundable after acceptance. **INDICATE YOUR TEAM NAME/AGE/GENDER ON THE CHECK.** Checks are to be made out to Michigan Soccer Classic and mailed to:

Michigan Soccer Classic
P.O. Box 70502
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Attn: Tournament Registration

4. Applications and tournament fees must be received by **June 6, 2008.**
5. Notice of acceptance/non-acceptance will be emailed shortly there after.

Acceptance and Fees

- Making your payment does NOT guarantee acceptance into the tournament. Any team not accepted will have its tournament fee refunded.
- No refund of tournament fees once team is accepted into the tournament. If a team is selected by the Tournament Committee, but is unable to complete the tournament registration process, within the dates and times outlined in the acceptance letter, the team will forfeit the tournament fee, and will not be eligible to participate in the tournament. Any player(s) who appears on a team roster, but does not have a player pass card(s), will not be allowed to participate in any tournament games.

Age Groups	Fee
U09 & U10	\$350
U11 & U12	\$400
U13 – U19	\$450

Due to contractual commitments there are absolutely no refunds of tournament fees for any reason in the event the tournament is cancelled.

Risk Management

This tournament adheres to all MSYSA risk management policies and all coaches and team officials must be risk management certified and be able to present their card to the Tournament Director at any time. Team officials from other State Associations must provide their respective State Association's risk management documentation. Application for risk management cards can be made online at www.msysa.net click on "Forms & Policies" icon and click on "Risk Management" and follow instructions.

Insurance

Insurance coverage for MSYSA and/or US Youth Soccer players does not apply nor is it extended to players or team officials who are not currently members of the MSYSA and/or US Youth Soccer.

As Non-Members of the MSYSA and/or US Youth Soccer, in order to participate in the Magic United Soccer Tournament must do so with the complete understanding that the various insurance program(s) for Non-MSYSA, Non-US Youth Soccer Member Organization(s) apply for its respective members or team officials who may be injured or hurt in any manner during the course of the above named tournament/event. Insurance coverage with MSYSA excludes Non-Members of MSYSA and Non-Members of US Youth Soccer.

Team Eligibility

All teams must be currently registered with their State or National Association. Team rosters for the seasonal year 8/1/07 to 7/31/08 will be accepted. No roster changes will be permitted after a team roster has been approved at tournament registration.

Guest Players

1. All leagues/clubs must turn in an **approved MSYSA Guest Player Roster** and pay all applicable fees prior to the tournament.
2. Any Michigan player who is not registered with the MSYSA through an affiliated league may play only if prior to the tournament the player is issued a **Guest Player Pass Card** by the MSYSA Registrar.
3. A team is permitted a maximum of **5 guest players** and cannot exceed maximum roster size.

Division Placement

When possible we will have multiple divisions. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to create separate or adjust age divisions to facilitate tournament bracketing. Special requests for team placement in 1 age group higher bracket will be considered.

The age groups as stated in the USYSA application to host tournaments or games form will be followed, if there are enough teams to support the single age groups for each gender. If there are not enough teams to support the single age groups, the Tournament Committee may form single gender multi-age groups.

Under 19	AUG 1, 1988 - JULY 31, 1989
Under 18	AUG 1, 1989 - JULY 31, 1990
Under 17	AUG 1, 1990 - JULY 31, 1991
Under 16	AUG 1, 1991 - JULY 31, 1992
Under 15	AUG 1, 1992 - JULY 31, 1993
Under 14	AUG 1, 1993 - JULY 31, 1994
Under 13	AUG 1, 1994 - JULY 31, 1995
Under 12	AUG 1, 1995 - JULY 31, 1996
Under 11	AUG 1, 1996 - JULY 31, 1997
Under 10	AUG 1, 1997 - JULY 31, 1998
Under 9	AUG 1, 1998 - JULY 31, 1999
Under 8	AUG 1, 1999 - JULY 31, 2000

Age Groups

Age groups will follow the registration matrix for age groups and birth dates. Please note all teams will be bracketed based on their oldest player on the team.

Check-in Registration

Pre Tournament Team Registration:

Check-in/packet pick-up will open **Friday evening, July 11th at 5-8pm at Borden Park** in Rochester Hills, MI (southeast corner of Hamlin/John R). Team official must have the following documents:

- **Player pass cards** (and guest player pass cards if applicable)
- **Notarized Medical Release forms**
- **Official Stamped Player Roster**
- **Guest Player Roster** (if applicable)
- **Approved Permission to Travel Form for Out-of-state teams.**

Pre game check-in: Each team must check-in with the referee at least 30 minutes prior to each game at the assigned game field. The referee will hold pass cards until after the game. The pass cards will be returned when the proper post game paperwork has been signed and received by the referee. Red Carded players/team official must sit out the next tournament game or league game.

Inclement Weather

The tournament committee reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather:

- Reduce scheduled duration of a match
- Cancel a match

In the event of inclement weather forcing play to be halted and preventing the game from completing during the schedule time, the score shall stand if at least one-half of the game has been completed. The tournament director will have the final decision on field closure.

Laws of the Game

The tournament will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as modified by these rules.

The Ball

Tournament ball will be provided by home team and FIFA approved.

- Size 4 – U9, U10, U11, and U12
- Size 5 - U13, U14, U15, U17 and U19

Number of Players

The small sided games format adopted by MSYSA board of directors will be used for all appropriate age groups.

Age Group	Number of Players	Maximum Roster Size	Minimum player #
U09	6 v 6	11	4
U10	6 v 6	11	4
U11	8 v 8	14	6
U12	8 v 8	14	6
U13 to U16	11 v 11	18	7
U17 to U19	11v11	22 (only 18 play)	7

Uniform

- Players shall bring an alternate jersey to all games. In case of a conflict, home team will wear alternate jersey.
- All players **MUST** wear shin guards that are covered by their socks.
- Each player must wear an official uniform with a unique number on the back and must match the number on the game roster.
- Casts, splints, or body braces made of a hard substance must be covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than 1/2 inch thick, high density polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same thickness and similar physical properties to the protect the injury. Referee or Tournament Director must grant permission.

Duration of the Game

Age Group	Game Time
U09	2 - 25 minute halves
U10	2 - 25 minute halves
U11	2 - 25 minute halves
U12	2 - 25 minute halves
U13	2 - 30 minute halves
U14	2 - 30 minute halves
U15	2 - 30 minute halves
U17	2 - 30 minute halves
U19	2 - 30 minute halves

Game Clock

The game clock will not be stopped because of an injury to any player. Due to the time allowed for completion of all games, the clock runs continuously. There is no additional extra time added to any period.

Home Team

- 1) Team listed first on match schedule is "home" team.
- 2) Home team responsible to change jerseys if referee determines

TEAM PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS

Both teams, players and their coaches are on the same side of the field on their own half of the field. All other spectators will be on the opposite side line. No spectators will be allowed to view the game from behind the net.

Substitutions

Are unlimited and maybe made:

1. After a goal by either team
2. Before a goal kick for either team
3. Before a throw-in in your favor
4. At beginning of any period of play
5. After an injury by either team.

Scoring

Teams will play within their respective division. The teams will be ranked in order of points earned for wins and ties.

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

Note: Game cards will be collected and held by the referee after each game. Coaches must sign game cards to obtain their respective player pass card from the referee.

Forfeits

A maximum 5 minute grace period will be allowed after scheduled kick-off time before the game is awarded to an opponent. A forfeit will be recorded as a 3-0 score. A team that is responsible for a forfeit may not advance in the tournament.

Tie-Break for U13-U19

SCORING:

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

- 3 points for a win,
- 1 point for a tie.
- 0 points for a loss.
- 3 points for a forfeit, resulting in four (4) goals for the winning team.

In no case shall a team that has forfeited a game be declared a flight winner, or a wild card team. If an apparent flight winner forfeits a game, the team in the same flight with the next best record shall be named flight winner.

Ties will be allowed except for playoff games. **If two (2) teams are tied at the end of a playoff game, one (1) five (5) minute overtime period will be played. The winner will be decided on the first goal scored in the overtime, and the game is complete. If the game is still tied, penalty kicks will**

be taken according to FIFA rules to decide the game, at the field the game was played on or as designated by the Tournament Officials.

In the case of ties, to determine the flight winner or wild card berth, the following procedure will be used to determine team ranking at the end of the preliminary round of play:

1. Team with most wins.
2. Winner of head to head competition.
3. Highest goal difference, (goals for minus goals against, maximum four (4) goals per game.)
4. Least number of goals scored against.
5. Penalty kicks.

Only the second place team in a division can become a wild card team. In no case will a wild card team play a team from its own flight in a first round playoff game.

Rule Modifications for Small Sided Games

A) U9, U10, U11 and U12 Game Rules and Exceptions:

- 1) All players will receive participation awards.
- 2) MSYSA does not permit individual 1st Place trophies for U9-U12

B) 6v6 Modified Rules (U9-U10):

- 1) The offside rule is not enforced.
- 2) Goal kicks – FIFA rules.
- 3) The pass back rule is not enforced.
- 4) When the ball crosses a sideline, the game is restarted with a throw-in.
- 5) All players must be six (6) yards from all restarts.
- 6) All restarts are indirect except when a penalty kick has been awarded (FIFA rules).
- 7) Penalty kicks will be taken from the eight (8) yard line, centered in front of the goal.
- 8) Goalie cannot punt or throw the ball past the half way line or throw in is awarded to opposing team

C) 8v8 Modified Rules (U11-U12):

- 1) The offside rule is enforced.
- 2) Goal kicks – FIFA rules.
- 3) The pass back rule is enforced.
- 4) When the ball crosses a sideline, the game is restarted with a throw-in from that spot.
- 5) All players must be eight (8) yards from all restarts.
- 6) Fouls & Misconduct restarts may be direct or indirect. FIFA laws apply.
- 7) The start of play shall be from the center mark and all opponent players must be eight (8) yards from this mark on their side of the field.
- 8) Penalty kicks will be taken from the eight (8) yard line, centered in front of the goal.

Ejections – Red Card Policy

Players/Coaches/Mangers, etc. are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Laws of the Game.

- A player/coach/manager that is ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game.
- An ejected player may not be replaced. Therefore, the team will play short. If the ejection causes the team to play with less than the minimum required, the game will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit.

- The player pass card for the ejected individual will be retained by the referee and forwarded to the tournament registration tent.
- The Coach/Manager is responsible to pick up the pass card after the required number of games has been sat out.
- The Michigan Soccer Classic, in agreement with the USYSA Tournament Hosting Agreement, will take the following action:
 - The issuance of all red cards, yellow cards, and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or spectators will be recorded by our organization. This information shall be reported to the home State Association and home Club/League.
 - Any player/coach/manager etc. that receives a red card and does not sit out the required number of games during the Tournament must sit out the required number of games starting with their next League game.

Trophies

According to MSYSA rules, First Place teams U13 and older (championship teams) will be awarded individual trophies. All U12 and below players will be awarded participant medals. If the final cannot be played, first place will be determined by tie breaker rules.

Protest & Disputes

There will be no protests. All officiating decisions are final.

Disputes – all disputes for non referee decisions (e.g. Player eligibility issues, or disputes over tournament rules) will be handled by the Tournament Director or the Tournament Committee. All decisions are final, no appeals will be allowed.

Behavior

We reserve the right to remove any person who intentionally violates conduct rules. These include verbal or physical abuse of referees, volunteers, and/or spectators; plus the following posted rule signs: no animals, no alcohol, and no smoking on the Borden Park Complex. Animals and smoking will be permitted only in designated parking areas.

Hotel Arrangements

We have arranged a hotel reservation service for our out of town teams to make reservations. Please make sure to use this service to assure you get the best possible room rates. Please use our website at www.michigansoccerclassic.com

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