LERSC 4th Annual Summer Showdown Tournament

RULES

August 22, 2026 (Boys & Girls)
Greis Park
55 Wilbur St.
Lynbrook, NY 11563

Rules of the Game:

All tournament games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA unless modified herein. All calls are at the discretion of the referee and the decision of the referee is final. The LERSC Tournament/Event Directors reserve the right to decide all matters pertaining to this event including interpretation, review and revision of all rules contained herein. In all cases, the decision of the Directors is final. Coaches are responsible for all players and spectators associated with their respective teams and may be cautioned or ejected for abusive behavior (ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY STRICTLY ENFORCED). Only players, coaches and event staff will be permitted on the field and in player bench areas. All other spectators must remain within the designated spectator area.

Eligibility:

All players must be born in their age group or later.

U-18 Born on or after January 1, 2009
U-17 Born on or after January 1, 2010
U-16 Born on or after January 1, 2011
U-15 Born on or after January 1, 2012
U-14 Born on or after January 1, 2013
U-13 Born on or after January 1, 2014
U-12 Born on or after January 1, 2015
U-11 Born on or after January 1, 2016
U-10 Born on or after January 1, 2017
U-9 Born on or after January 1, 2018

Open to registered and insured intramural and/or travel teams of a participating and sanctioned US Soccer youth organization. Photocopies of birth certificates or player passes must be presented for all players, and players on a team must all have passes issued by the same governing body. No player will be permitted to play if they do not have a pass issued by the same governing body as the rest of the players. Each team must supply at check-in, a completed player roster that clearly shows each player's name and jersey number. A player may only play for one team during a session. Any players that are deemed to be ineligible to play will be prohibited from participation in any games during the entire tournament. Three guest players will be permitted per team, but only with proper forms completed, and only if they have a pass from the same governing body as the rest of the players on the team.

Registration:

ALL teams must have a representative present to register their team a half-hour before the session begins (not a half hour before team's first game). All documents required (See "Eligibility" section above) must be presented at that time, and no player will be permitted to play without proper documents.

Roster Size:
U9-U10 – Max 14
U11-U12 – Max 18
U13-U18 – Max 22

Dress Code:
The Tournament will comply with the Law IV of the Game (FIFA) as stated with the following exceptions:
1. All players must wear individually numbered jerseys. No duplicates will be permitted on a team.
2. Players wearing a hard orthopedic cast shall not be permitted to play in any tournament games.
3. No jewelry of any kind is to be worn (including earrings).
4. Where jersey colors are similar, the home team will change. (Each team must have an alternate set of jerseys).
5. Players must wear shin-guards, which must be covered by the socks

Game Format:

All games in the U-9 through U-10 age groups will consist of 2 halves of 15 minute each. All games in the U-11 through U-12 age groups will consist of 2 halves of 20 minute each. All games in the U-13 thru U-19 age groups will consist of 2 halves of 25 minute each. The intervals between halves will be 5 minutes. There will be no stoppage of the clock except for extended player injuries, at tournament officials discretion. There will be no playoffs, after each team in the bracket plays their three (3) games, the champion and runner-up will be given awards. Each team will be expected to be ready to play five (5) minutes before the start of each of their games. Tournament Committee reserves right to building/field placement based on tournament enrollment.

Position on Players & Spectators:

Each team's coaches and players will take position on the opposite side of the spectators during the time that the game is in progress. The team listed first on the schedule is the designated HOME team. No coach, player, or spectator will be permitted beyond the 18-yard line. No coach, player, or spectator will be permitted behind the goal line.

Substitutions:

Substitutions can be made without limit at the following times with the permission of the referee at the centerline:
- Either team scores a goal
- Throw-in for either team
- Either team's goal kick
- Halftime
- Other stoppages, such as free kicks, corner kicks.

Limited substitutions may be made for an injury with the referee's permission. In the case of play stoppage for an injury, teams may substitute on a one-for-one basis for the injured player only. If the injured player is replaced, the opposition may also substitute one player.

Forfeits:

If a team is not prepared to take the field at game time, they will forfeit the game and be charged with a 2-0 loss.

Point System:

Win =3 points,
Tie =1 points
Loss = 0 points

Tiebreakers:

The team with the most points in a group will win the bracket taking 1st place. In the event of a tie, the following system shall apply to determine the standings:
1) Winner of Head to Head competition (not used if more than two teams are tied)
2) Most Wins
3) Least Goals Against (max 3 considered)
4) Most Shutouts
5) Goal Differential (max 3 considered)
6) Running up Score. Any team that wins any game by a 5 or more goal differential shall lose a point. In the event both teams in a tiebreaker have won games by a 5 or more goal differential, if one team has won more games than the other by more than a 5 goal differential, that team shall lose in the tiebreaker to the team that has done so in fewer games.
7) Co-champions/runner-ups will be awarded if a tie still exists after all of the other tiebreakers.

Awards:
First and Second Place Awards will be given to the teams that finish with the most amount of points after each bracket.

Facility Rules:

Greis Park is a no smoking facility. Please make sure your players, coaches and spectators clean up after themselves, especially players upon leaving the bench after their game. The LERSC staff reserves the right to demand any player, coach or spectator exit the premises for any conduct that is deemed by LERSC to be improper.

Refund Policy: If circumstances beyond control of tournament management force event to be canceled, at least 70% of entry fee will be returned. No refunds for any other reason.

Good luck, thank you for your support, and have a great tournament!