



# Midwest City Soccer Club

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## 2023 Patriot Cup Tournament Rules

**I. Location:** The Patriot Cup Tournament will be played on September 29-30, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at the Midwest City Soccer Club (1799 National Blvd.)  
*Directions:* I-40 to Douglas Blvd exit. North to 15<sup>th</sup> Street. West ¼ mile to Century Blvd. North to complex on right.

**II. Information:** Midwest City Soccer Club Website address: [www.mwccsoccer.org](http://www.mwccsoccer.org).  
Tournament Director, Quan Tran, cell (405) 370-3000, [coaching@mwccsoccer.org](mailto:coaching@mwccsoccer.org)

**III. Club Rules:**

- \* NO PETS
- \* NO FIREARMS
- \* NO TOBACCO/SMOKING/VAPING
- \* NO ALCOHOL
- \* NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- \* NO HORNS, KAZOOS, LOUD NOISE MAKERS, ETC.
- \* NO PARKING ON THE GRASS UNLESS MARKED FOR USE
- \* EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP TRASH ON THEIR SIDELINE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR GAME

**IV. Classification and Age Divisions:**

- U5/U6 Recreational (4/Sided)
- U7/U8 Recreational & Academy (4/Sided)
- U9/U10 Recreational & Academy (7/Sided)
- Under 11-12 Recreational & Competitive S2/S3 (9/Sided)
- Under 13-19 Recreational & Competitive S2/S3 (11/sided)

Age group is determined by the oldest player on the official roster. Duly registered and in “good standing” Recreational/Academy/Competitive teams only. **Maximum of 2 guest players for U5-U10 and 3 guest players for U11-U19 will be allowed.** This is an unrestricted tournament. Any USYS or US Club teams allowed. Age groups will be as listed by USYS with the Age pure matrix. Players and/or teams will be permitted to play up an age division.

**V. Entry Fees: Referee fees are included**

- Team Fees:
- 5U/8U = \$200
- 9U/10U \$350
- 11U/12U = \$450
- 13U through 19U = \$550.00

**VI. Team Registration: Entry Deadline – September 8th, 2023**

- A.** All team applications for the tournament must be completed and received by the deadline. All tournament participants must abide by the Oklahoma Soccer Association's and USYS's policies, rules and regulations and are subject to their disciplinary actions.
- B.** Registration will only be accepted online. Registration link is located on our website [www.mwccsoccer.org](http://www.mwccsoccer.org)
- C.** Applications received after deadline will be placed on a waiting list. **Only those applications that have been completed online and payment completed will be considered.** The MWCSC Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or deny any team's application for any reason.
- D.** Teams withdrawing after the entry deadline will forfeit their entry fee. Tournament entry fees are not refundable in the event of a no-show. If a team withdraws from the tournament before the registration deadline, a 50% administration fee will be withheld from the refund.
- E.** Any teams wanting to participate in the tournament that are not USYS members will be required to provide proof of medical & liability insurance.

**Online check-in is preferred.** Teams will need to upload documents to the team's tournament registration account by Friday September 29th, 2023, at noon. Need help? Email [operations@mwccsoccer.org](mailto:operations@mwccsoccer.org).

In-person check-in will be available at the MWCSC Clubhouse on Friday September 29th, 2023, any time between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Out-of-town teams that cannot check in online, may check in 1 hour prior to their first game.

Required paperwork for Check in:

- \*Copy of Official Team Roster
- \*Player Passes (U11 and above)
- \*Medical Release Forms

F. Coaches are required to check posted game times Friday September 29th, 2023 for possible revision in the schedule. If revisions are made, we will make every effort to notify coaches in advance).

VII. Game Information

- A. Games will be played beginning Friday evening and continue through Sunday.
- B. Coaches having more than one team in the tournament may email special requests to coaching@mwcsoccer.org. Although we will make every effort to accommodate these coaches, there are no guarantees against conflicts.
- C. Teams **MUST** be available to play **ANY TIME, ANY DAY**, during all three days of the tournament. Out-of-town teams will not be scheduled on Friday evening.
- D. All teams will be seeded by the Tournament Seeding Committee and placed into brackets in each division. Seeding will be based upon the Fall League and Tournament records and other information available to the Committee.

VIII. Home Team, Uniform Requirements & Team Benches

- A. The first team listed on the schedule will be home team, which will be assigned to the North or West side of the field (determined by the direction of the field).
- B. Teams must be at the game site fifteen (15) minutes before game time and be ready for inspection by the referee. Games must start on time, no grace periods, no warm-up on field unless time permits.
- C. Teams will be required to have alternate jerseys or t-shirts available. Numbers will be required on ALL jerseys or t-shirts. Home team will wear light jerseys. If a color conflict occurs, the home team will need to change jerseys.
- D. All players will be required to wear shin guards.
- E. Players may not wear jewelry of any kind.
- F. Casts must be wrapped with sufficient padding to reduce chance of injuries and approved by the referee prior to start of each game.
- G. All teams will have players and coaches on one side of the field with parents on the opposite side of the field.

IX. Participants and Roster Size

Recreational/Academy – U5-U8	(4v4)	8 Maximum Players on Roster (including guest players)
Recreational/Academy – U9/U10	(7v7)	12 Maximum Players on Roster (including guest players)
Recreational/Competitive – 11/12	(9v9)	16 Maximum Players on Roster (including guest players)
Recreational/Competitive- U13– U19	(11v11)	22 Maximum Players on Roster (including guest players)

- A. **FAILURE TO MEET THE MINIMUM PLAYER REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GAME.**
- B. Each team is responsible for picking up their trash after each game. Please leave the fields in the same condition as when you arrived.
- C. No alcoholic beverages, smoking, vaping, or pets are permitted at any time on the tournament premises including the field of play, spectator areas and parking facilities.
- D. No noise makers such as kazoos, bongos, drums, vuvuzelas, etc. allowed.
- E. All spectators shall park in paved and/or designated areas. Any vehicle in violation of this rule will be towed at the owner’s expense.
- F. Handicapped parking spaces are reserved for vehicles with a displayed permit only. All others will be towed at the owner’s expense.

X. Tournament Format Pool play – 3 game guarantee, weather permitting.

A. Length of Game & Ball Sizes

<u>Age Division</u>	<u>Duration of Games</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U5-U8	4 x 10 Minute Quarters/5 Minute Breaks	3
U9/U10	25 Minute Halves	4
U11 – U12	30 Minute Halves	4
U13 – U14	30 Minute Halves	5
U15 – U19	35 Minute Halves	5

**THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE GAME BALL.**

- B. Preliminary games may end in a tie. If a quarter-final, semi-final or final game ends in a tie, there will be two (2) 5 minute sudden death overtime periods (Golden Goal rule – first team to score wins). If at the end of the second overtime period a winner has not been determined, then a shootout will occur from the penalty spot to determine the winner according to IFAB/FIFA regulations. If a shootout is needed for U5-U8, shot shall be taken from the center mark of the field with no defender in goal.
- C. A game will be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play at the designated time of the match.

- D. A game will be considered complete if terminated by the officiating referee anytime in the second half of play. Possible reasons for calling a match would be inclement weather or disciplinary problems during the match.
- E. If the referee assigned for your match does not show, report this immediately to a tournament official. If one or both assistant referees (AR) are not available for a match, one or both teams may be required to provide a team linesman for the match.
- F. **Important: Opposing coaches will NOT be required to sign the referee's game report forms, we will verify the match report with the full referee crew and their report will be counted as final.**

## **XII. Scoring System**

- A. Team Standings and Tie Breakers:  
Team standings will be based on the following point system  
**Win** – 3 points  
**Tie** – 1 point  
**Loss** – 0 points  
**Forfeit** – Will be scored as a 5-0 win
- B. If a match has been terminated because of disciplinary problems with a team, the offending team will receive zero points for that match and will be subject to removal from the tournament if the situation warrants. The opposing team will receive a 5-0 forfeit.
- C. After preliminary games, the teams with the highest total points will advance to either quarter-final, semi-final, or finals play.
- D. In the first round of the quarter-finals/semi-finals, if the predetermined pairings result in two opponents from the same bracket, the Tournament Directors may realign the pairings.
- E. The following tie breaker procedures will be used to determine the team which will advance in the case of teams tied with the same total points after preliminary games have been played:
  - 1. Tie Breaker and Wild Card Criteria:
    - a. Head to Head advances
    - b. Goal differential (max +/- 5 goal differential per game)
    - c. Fewest goals allowed (max of 5 goals per game)
    - d. Most shutouts
    - e. Team with the most goals scored advances (max of 5 goals per game)
    - f. Shoot-out (FIFA penalty kicks)(U5-U8 shoot-out will be taken from center mark with no goalkeeper)

## **XIII. Substitutions**

- Substitutions may be made only with the referee's permission.
- \* U5-U12 Unlimited at any stoppage of play
  - \* U13 through U19 may make substitutions following:
    - a. Prior to a throw in by your team
    - b. Prior to a Goal Kick by either team
    - c. After a goal by either team
    - d. At half time, quarters, and at the beginning of overtime periods.
    - e. After an injury, by either team when the referee stops play.
    - f. When the referee stops play to caution a player, only that player may be substituted, prior to restart of the game.

## **XIV. Rules of Competition**

All matches will be played in accordance with the Midwest City Soccer Club/Oklahoma Soccer Association Rules of Competition. These rules can be found on our website at: <http://www.mwcsoccer.org>. Please ensure that you review the rules for your age division to avoid any misunderstandings.

- A. **U5-U8: No Goalkeeper** (cannot post defender in designated goal box). All fouls are indirect free kick with opponent a minimum of 4 yards away. If an infraction occurs within the goal box, an indirect free kick will be taken on the line of the goal box closest to the point of the infraction. Defending team may place a **maximum** of 2 players on the goal line between the goal posts to defend against the free kick. Second chances will be given on throw-ins if a player commits a foul on the first attempt
- B. **U9/U10 will play with a build out line and offsides enforced from build out line.**
- C. Slide tackling is prohibited below the 9U age division (A slide tackle must contain both components of a slide and a tackle to be considered)
- D. Intentional headers will not be allowed for recreational 12U or below nor competitive U11 and below.

## **XV. Awards**

Awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each division.

## **XVI. Protests:**

Any protest will be ruled by the Tournament Director. Protest must be in writing and signed. It must be submitted within one hour of the games end and be accompanied by a \$100 deposit, refundable if the protest is ruled in your favor.

REFEREE'S DECISIONS, ISSUANCE OF A YELLOW OR RED CARD OR EJECTION OF A COACH OR PLAYER(S) WILL NOT BE REVIEWED OR OVERTURNED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**XVII. Team Discipline**

- A. A referee has complete authority of the match to which they have been assigned. Their authority covers before, during and after match play. No dissent of their authority will be tolerated during this tournament.
- B. **Oklahoma State law prohibits the assault of a referee (physical or verbal)**. The law provides a **\$10,000 fine** against the individual committing the offense. Any individual assaulting a referee, coach, spectator or tournament officials(s) will be turned over to the proper authorities and charges will be filed. Referee assault shall be handled per USSF Rule 1108.
- C. Any player that has been issued three (3) yellow cards during the tournament will be required to sit out the next scheduled match after the third card has been issued.
- D. Any player that has been issued a red card will be required to sit out the next scheduled match. A second red card issued to the same player is an automatic expulsion from the tournament.
- E. A coach that has been ejected during a match will be suspended for the next scheduled game. If a coach violates this requirement, then his/her team will immediately forfeit their right to participate in the tournament and will be removed, forfeiting the remainder of their scheduled games.
- F. Coaches will be responsible for insuring that the conduct of their players and spectators does not become unruly. The excitement of tournament competition becomes intense. This excitement can sometimes cause words between spectators, players and coaches. We will not allow this situation to occur in this tournament. If a coach fails to cooperate in stopping this situation as it occurs, then the tournament officials may remove the team(s) involved in the incident from further participation in this tournament. A coach is also responsible for pre-game and post-game activities.

**XVIII. Weather & Refund Policies:**

- A. In the event of severe weather, the Tournament Director shall have the absolute authority to change the schedule, location of any game, change the duration of any match; including quarter-final, semi-finals and finals, or cancel any preliminary matches having no bearing on the outcome of the round. Should the tournament be canceled prior to the start of the first game, a refund will be issued, less a 50% administrative fee. After the tournament is started, the tournament committee reserves the right to determine the amount of refund of the entry fee, if any, based on the number of games played. No refunds will be issued after the third pool-play game is started.
- B. **There will be no rain-out date.**
- C. If the tournament cannot be finished due the weather, winners may be determined by shoot-out under IFAB/FIFA regulations.
- D. If inclement weather occurs during the tournament, please contact our tournament site directors for rescheduling information. If for some reason you are unable to contact our site directors, please check the Midwest City Soccer Club Facebook or view our website at [www.mwcsoccer.org](http://www.mwcsoccer.org).

**XIX. Matters Not Provided:**

THE DECISION OF OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS IS FINAL IN ALL MATTERS. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR COMPLAINT IN PERSON OR IN WRITING TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. OUR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU AT OUR FIELDS IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.