



Tumwater Soccer Club

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45th ANNUAL TUMWATER KICK IN THE GRASS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

RULES FOR 2024 TOURNAMENT

Tournament Headquarters and Tournament Contact:

Tournament Headquarters are located at Capital Soccer Fields (2832 93rd Ave. SW, Olympia, WA 98512).

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Tournament Rules:

All games will be played under “WYSA Rules of Competition” and the “FIFA Laws of the Game”, except as otherwise modified by these “Tournament Rules” as stated within.

IGNORANCE OF THESE RULES WILL NOT BE AN EXCUSE OR CONSIDERED TO BE PROPER GROUNDS FOR ANY PROTEST.

Player Registration – Team Eligibility:

All players must be registered in a USYSA or USSF affiliated organization within their state.

The Kick in the Grass Tournament shall be open to youth teams in the U-10 through U-19 age groups as classified by WYSA for 2023-2024– with the following exception:

- **Teams playing in the Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club League (Division 1 or Division 2) who are in the top two tiers for their age group or are playing up an age group are not allowed to participate in the Kick in the Grass Tournament.**

Player limits are as shown in the table below. Exceptions to the maximum roster size may be granted by the tournament director prior to the tournament. Requests for maximum roster size exceptions must be made in writing. Limits on the number of players suited up still apply, even if an exception to the maximum roster size is granted.

	Maximum Number of Players		
	On The Roster	Suited Up For A Game	On the Field
U10	12	12	7
U11 & U12	14	14	9
U13 & U14	18	18	11
U15 Thru U19	22	18	11

Team Competition Level:

Teams are required to register for tournament competition at their current competition classification level or the competition classification level that will be obtained prior to competing in the tournament. If the competition classification level has not been determined, teams should register at the level that they anticipate playing at during the 2023-2024 soccer year.

Team Registration:

Each coach must submit a valid team roster during check-in at Tournament Headquarters at least 30 minutes prior to the team’s first scheduled match. Rosters will be accepted on WYSA, Association, Club, or official Kick in the Grass registration forms only. All rosters must contain player first and last names, date of birth, player status, primary and alternate jersey color and number, and must be signed by an Association, League, or Club Registrar. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Rosters submitted without a registrar’s signature, or that are incomplete, or on unapproved forms will be rejected. Once check-in has been completed, **NO PLAYERS WILL THEREAFTER BE ADDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

At check-in, coaches should be prepared to present proof of age either through player cards or birth certificates. Teams from outside the State of Washington must also submit an appropriate permission to travel form from their home state association.

No player may compete for more than one team during the tournament. Players will be allowed to “play up” in age and competition classification level, but not allowed to “play down” in age and competition classification level as defined by the 2023-2024 soccer year. The KITG tournament is adopting the US Soccer Federation mandated birth year chart for player development for the 2024 KITG Tournament (players age group based on calendar year). **Teams should pay special attention to the attached age chart to ensure that they are registering correctly.**

Teams will be bracketed to play against teams at the same competition level whenever possible.

Teams which cannot be accommodated in their age division and competition level will be notified in advance of their options. All teams will be given the option of “playing up” at a higher competition level when they cannot be bracketed in their preferred age division and competition level. Teams not choosing to “play up” or teams unable to be accepted because of a surplus or deficit of teams in an age division or competition level will be refunded their full entry fee. **Teams dropping out after the registration deadline (July 5th 2024) will receive no refund of their entry fee.**

Returned Checks: Teams whose check has been returned for insufficient funds will not be allowed to take the field until the registration fee has been paid in full (including bank charges incurred by the Tumwater Soccer Club) by either cash or money order.

Tournament Format:

The format of play will be four, five, six, or eight team brackets depending on the number of teams entered into each age division. **All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.**

Entries	Competition Format
4 Teams	Three-game round-robin preliminary round and the two teams with the highest point totals play for the championship.
5 Teams	Each team plays four games round-robin. The two teams with the highest point totals play for the championship.
6 Teams	Two three-team brackets with round-robin play within each bracket. Semifinal game #1 consists of 1 st place Bracket A vs. 2 nd place Bracket B and semifinal game #2 consists of 2 nd place Bracket A vs. 1 st place Bracket B. Winners of semifinal games advance to final. Third place teams in each bracket play a consolation game against each other.
8 Teams	Two four-team brackets with round-robin play within each bracket. Final consists of 1 st place Bracket A vs. 1 st place Bracket B (no semi-final game).

Age Brackets and Match Duration:

Age	*Birth date on/After Jan 1st	Preliminary	Finals	Overtime (Semi Finals and Championships Only)	Tie After Overtime
U-10	2014	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-11	2013	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-12	2012	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-13	2011	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-14	2010	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-15	2009	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-16	2008	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-17	2007	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-18	2006	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark
U-19	2005	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	(2) 10-Minute Periods	Kicks from the Mark

*Note: Age brackets are determined by the birth year.

All games shall consist of two, 30-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime period between halves. Preliminary games will not go into overtime periods - a tie will stand. Overtime periods apply only to semi-final and championship matches. The full overtime period shall be played, there is no Golden goal. Should a semi-final or championship match still be tied after 2, 10-minute overtime periods, the outcome shall be decided by kicks from the mark, per FIFA Laws of the Game.

Game Ball:

Game balls will be provided at the tournament. Size 4 balls will be used for the U10 through U12 age divisions and size 5 balls will be used for U13 through U19 age divisions.

Game Start:

A team not able to field the minimum number of players at the scheduled game time shall forfeit the match. For U10 teams the minimum number of players required to start play is five (5), for U11 and U12 teams the minimum number of players required to start play is six (6), and for U13 to U19 teams, the minimum number of players required to start play is seven (7). There is NO GRACE PERIOD.

Teams should be at their assigned field no less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

Playing Rules:

Each team must provide alternate contrasting jerseys. In case of color conflicts as determined by the referee, the home team as indicated on the tournament schedule shall change to the alternate jerseys.

All players on a team will have a unique jersey number. The number should be at least six (6) inches high and a contrasting color.

The home team as indicated on the tournament schedule gets the choice of sidelines.

The team with the higher preliminary round point total will be the home team in championship matches.

Substitutions: Free substitution is allowed. A player may be substituted at any stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.

The coach of the winning team will sign the official game score card with the Head Referee immediately following the match. In the case of a tie game, the coach of the team designated as the Home team will sign the official game score card. The Head Referee will report the score and turn in the game score card to the KITG Field Marshall at the venue. The Field Marshall will report the score to Tournament Headquarters immediately following the match and return the score card to Tournament Headquarters as soon as possible.

Tournament Scoring System:

- WIN** Six points, plus one point per goal up to three, plus one point for a shutout (MAX = 10 POINTS FOR A WIN)
- TIE** Three points, plus one point per goal up to three (MAX = 6 POINTS FOR A TIE) (0-0 TIE GAME = 4 POINTS, INCLUDING 1 FOR A SHUTOUT)
- LOSS** One point per goal up to three (MAX = 3 POINTS FOR A LOSS)
- FORFEIT** Score recorded as 1-0, score 6 for win, plus 1 point for goal, plus 1 point for shutout (MAX = 8 POINTS)

Bracket Ties:

Bracket ties in preliminary round will be broken as follows:

- 1st Least number of goals conceded
- 2nd Highest number of goals scored
- 3rd Coin Toss

Forfeitures:

A match may be declared a forfeit for the following events:

- ☒ Using ineligible players;
 - Having more players suited out for a game than is allowed for the age division.
 - Playing a player that is serving a yellow or red card suspension.
 - Playing unregistered or improperly registered players.
 - Playing a player that is playing for more than one team in the tournament.
- ☒ A team cannot field the minimum number of eligible players.
- ☒ The referee abandons a game.
- ☒ No registered assistant coach is present to assume coaching responsibilities if the head coach is ejected. No team will be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach in attendance.

A team which forfeits its first scheduled match may be removed from the tournament. A team which forfeits any game shall automatically become ineligible for the age bracket championship. A forfeited match stands as a played match. The score will be recorded as 1-0. The Kick in the Grass Tournament Judiciary Committee will take further action as it deems appropriate.

Misconduct:

Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and spectators for their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted on any field.

The referee shall send off players or coaches receiving two (2) yellow cards, or one (1) red card in a match from the field area. A player or coach receiving two (2) yellow cards during the tournament or a player or coach receiving one (1) red card or two (2) yellow cards during a match will automatically be disallowed from participation in their next scheduled match. Any player or coach issued a red card for violent behavior will be immediately suspended from further tournament

participation by removal from the field of play and not be allowed to be within 500 yards of any on-going game for the duration of the tournament. Further penalties may be levied at the discretion of the Tournament Judiciary Committee during a hearing held at Tournament Headquarters sixty (60) minutes after completion of the match in which the offense occurred. A full report regarding any card issuance will immediately be filed with WSYSA.

Appeals:

Any coach wishing to appeal a red card must do so in writing to the Tournament Judiciary Committee at Tournament Headquarters within sixty (60) minutes of the conclusion of the match. The Tournament Judiciary Committee will make a ruling in writing on the appeal within two (2) hours of acceptance and prior to the team's next scheduled match. Judicial appeals on yellow cards will not be heard. The Tournament Judiciary Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the penalties for any misconduct.

Protests:

NO PROTESTS OF REFEREE JUDGMENT OR DISCRETION CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

For protests to be considered, the following steps must be followed:

- Verbal notification of intent to protest must be given to the game referee immediately following the game and noted in the game report.
- Team protests must be submitted by the coach/manager in writing on an official Tournament Protest Form to the Tournament Judiciary Committee Chairman or Tournament Director at Tournament Headquarters within sixty (60) minutes after match completion accompanied by a cash fee of \$50. (Refundable if the protest is upheld.)

The Tournament Judiciary Committee will consider tournament protests promptly and a ruling will be issued within two (2) hours of consideration. **NO FURTHER APPEAL OF THEIR RULING WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Penalties:

Any infraction or violation of the Kick in the Grass Tournament rules may result in any of the following penalties by the Tournament Judiciary Committee:

- Ineligibility of a player, coach, or team for additional match play for the remainder of tournament play.
- Forfeiture of game(s).
- Return of tournament awards.
- Revocation of standing, including "champion" title.

Sideline Conduct:

Supporters of a team are required to sit on the same side of the playing field as their team's bench. Spectators and supporters are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship towards both teams and the game referees. Abusive behavior by a spectator will not be tolerated and tournament officials can require an unruly spectator to leave the tournament site.

Awards:

Individual medals will be awarded to players and up to (2) two coaches from the first and second place teams.

Sportsmanship Awards:

The Tumwater Soccer Club and Thurston County Youth Soccer Association believe that Sportsmanship in youth sports is very important. It is our view that above all we should maintain a respect for our competition, our players, the referees, and for the game. Furthermore, we believe that exemplary Sportsmanship should be recognized and awarded. Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded to one team in each of the following groups: Girls U-10 through U-14; Girls U-15 through U-19; Boys U-10 through U-14; and Boys U-15 through U-19.

Teams will be evaluated by tournament officials for sportsmanship. Teams will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

1. Does the Coach provide appropriate direction and treat his/her players with respect during the game?
Does the coach provide positive encouragement to his/her players? Are the players allowed to play without constant direction from the coach(s)?
2. Does the Coach treat the Referee with respect during the game?
Did the Coach continually question Referee's calls? Did the Coach interact with the Referee in a positive manner?
3. Does the Coach encourage good Sportsmanship by his/her players during the game and address undesirable behavior by his/her players on the field?
Did the Coach take steps to correct undesirable behavior (if any) by his/her players?
4. Did the Team play in a manner that follows the Laws of the Game and adheres to the spirit of the game?
5. Did the Players exhibit good Sportsmanship during the game?
Did the players respect the calls made by the referee.
6. Did the Team's Sideline (Spectators and Players) exhibit good Sportsmanship during the game?
Were the parents and other spectators respectful of the players on the field and the Referee?
Was the sideline encouraging to the players of both teams? Did the sideline cheer and not coach from the sidelines?

Facility Use:

All games scheduled for the Kick in the Grass Tournament will be played at Tumwater School District, Capital Soccer Fields Complex, or City of Tumwater facilities. THE USE OF TOBACCO, SMOKING, DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS BY TEAM COACHES, MANAGERS, PLAYERS, PARENTS OR SPECTATORS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ALL FACILITIES. PETS OF ALL TYPES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ALL FACILITIES. All teams are asked to properly dispose of their litter

immediately upon exiting the field. Use of other facilities within the Tumwater/Olympia/Lacey area will be considered based on field availability.

Association Approval _____
Name Title Date

***THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE
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Kick in the Grass Age Group Definitions

Use the birth date of your oldest player to determine the correct age group to register your team.

WYSA PLAYER AGE GROUP DEFINITIONS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON Based on Birth Year

<i>Month Of</i>	<i>YEAR OF BIRTH</i>													
<i>Birth</i>	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
January	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
February	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
March	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
April	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
May	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
June	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
July	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
August	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
September	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
October	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
November	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19
December	U-06	U-07	U-08	U-09	U-10	U-11	U-12	U-13	U-14	U-15	U-16	U-17	U-18	U-19