



2021 St. Croix Cup  
Tournament Rules

Eligible Age Divisions: Description in Competitive order

Boys/Girls	9U-10U	Tier 1 and Tier 2
Boys/Girls	11U-14U	Gold, Silver, Bronze
Boys/Girls	15U-17U	Silver & Bronze

**Guidelines:**

*General*

- The tournament is open to USYS and USCS competitive teams including tournament-only teams.
- Teams will be placed in brackets at the discretion of the tournament director with the intention of placing them with teams at a similar skill level. Consideration will be given to the coach's suggestions for placement.
- Registration fees are \$350 for 9U-10U; \$425 for 11U-12U; and \$475 for 13U-17U.

*Venues*

- Lucy Winton Bell soccer fields at 15601 Hudson Road S., Lakeland, MN.
- Stillwater Area High School turf at 5701 Stillwater Blvd. N., Stillwater, MN.

*9U and 10U*

- Heading is not permitted and shall be penalized with an indirect free kick to the opposing team
- Build out lines will be enforced at 9U-10U.
- Standings are not kept.
- Scores will not be posted.
- No play-off rounds.
- No champions declared.
- Participation awards will be presented to all 9U-10U players.

*11U Through 17U*

- Heading is not permitted at 11U and shall be penalized with an indirect free kick to the opposing team
- Teams may not play down an age level from their league play even if all players are age-eligible.
- Standings and results to be posted at the tournament headquarters tent, [www.stcroixsoccer.org](http://www.stcroixsoccer.org) and the St. Croix Soccer app (available at the App Store and Google Play).
- Individual medals will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners.



### **Games:**

The St. Croix Cup is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, June 4th -Sunday, 6th 2021.

- Friday from 4pm-8pm
- Saturday from 7:30am-8pm
- Sunday from 7:30am-8pm

Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of 3 games total, but not more than 2 games in one day. Each game will be played under FIFA rules as modified by MYSA & TCSL and as further modified in this document. Teams must immediately reschedule league games that potentially conflict with the tournament games.

### **Game Duration**

- 9U-10U games will have two 25 minute halves.
- 11U-12U games will have two 30 minute halves.
- 13U-17U games will have two 35 minute halves.

### **Brackets:**

- 9U-10U - all teams will play three games.
- 11U and older:
  - Groups with 4 teams – one pool will be created; teams will play three games, First and Second place winners will be determined on points (no championship game).
  - All other groups - teams will play three games each, top two teams determined by points will advance to finals
- Age groups or competition levels may be consolidated to optimize brackets at tournament director's discretion.
- Games for groups not mentioned above will be scheduled at the discretion of the tournament director.

### **Check-in Procedure:**

\*\*Please check in at tournament headquarters (cream and green building in the middle of the soccer fields) minimum of one hour prior to your first scheduled game. We will be at the field on Friday starting at 2pm if early check-in is desired. No tournament check-in will be available at the High School. Online check-in will be available with instructions and requirements during the registration process.

Check-in should be done one hour prior to the team's first game at the Lucy Winton Bell Headquarters only. The following items are needed for check in:

#### **MYSA – Affinity teams need to bring:**

- 1) 2 copies of tournament photo roster or laminated passes and official roster
- 2) Medical release forms for each player to be verified at check in. (medical forms are for review and will be returned to team)
- 3) Out of state teams also need to provide proof of permission to travel from their state association.

#### **US Club or non-Affinity teams need to bring:**

- 1) 2 copies of official photo roster or laminated passes and official roster
- 2) Medical release forms for each player to be verified at check in. (medical forms are for review and will be returned to team)
- 3) Out of state teams also need to provide proof of permission to travel from their state association if not using US Club passes.



### Rosters:

- 9U-10U teams – 7v7 rosters up to a maximum of 14 players allowed.
- 11U-12U teams – 9v9 rosters up to a maximum of 16 players allowed.
- 13U-15U teams – rosters up to a maximum of 18 players allowed
- 16U-17U teams – rosters up to a maximum of 22 players allowed (only 18 can dress for one game).
- Each player will be allowed to play on **only one team during the tournament**.
- A team roster and player passes (or digital equivalent) must be presented at Tournament Headquarters prior to the team's first game. All rosters are frozen at check-in.
- No pass, no play, no exception.
- Guest players are allowed from within the same club. Eligible guest players are registered within the same age group or younger. A maximum of 6 guest players per team is allowed and they are to be so designated on the roster.

### Points and Tiebreakers:

- Games ending in ties will remain ties in preliminary rounds.
- To determine which teams will advance from pool play to a championship round, the following procedures will be used in sequence:
  - Highest number of points; 10 points maximum per game
  - Win = 6 points
  - Tie = 3 points
  - 1 point for each goal, maximum of three per game
  - 1 point for a shutout (example: 0-0 ties equals 4 points)
  - Winner of head to head competition; does not apply if more than two teams are tied.
  - Winner of most games.
  - Goal differential; goals scored minus goals against, up to a maximum differential of 3 goals per game.
  - Fewest goals allowed.
  - Kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures in USSF Laws of the Game. The time and location will be determined by the tournament director with consideration given to the schedules of the tied teams.
  - A forfeiture in play will result in a 3-0 score and 10 points for the winner.
- Elimination round and Championship games that cannot end in a tie:
  - Determined by sudden-death overtime play consisting of two 5-minute periods.
  - In between, teams will switch goals with no intermission.
  - If the game is still tied at the end of the two 5- minute overtime periods, it will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark beginning with a best-of-five series of alternating kicks, then sudden-death rounds of kicks. If necessary, the referee or Tournament Director may move the shootout to an alternate location or time.



### **Referees and Conduct:**

- A three-person system will be used for 11U-17U play. A one-person system is allowed for 9U-10U play. Only USSF certified and registered referees will be used for center referees, substitute line judges may be used as necessary. All referee decisions are final and no protests are allowed.
- Red cards issued during the tournament will follow MYSA & TCSL policies and rules with the addition of a loss of a game point for that player's team. The player will be ejected and the team will play short-sided for the remainder of the game.
- The conduct of pass carrying adults (coaches and managers) during the tournament will follow MYSA & TCSL policies and rules, with misconduct potentially resulting in a referee requesting that the individual(s) leave the vicinity of the field before the play continues, exclusion from the premises, retention of pass by tournament officials for reporting purposes, and further disciplinary action through the MYSA & TCSL.
- Misconduct by spectators may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the field of play, exclusion from the grounds, and may also be reported to the MYSA & TCSL for additional review or sanctions.

### **Weather/Other Emergencies:**

- All weather situations will follow MYSA & TCSL weather policy.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel games as necessary, if lightning or weather poses a danger to participants, spectators and officials.
- If games are stopped and cannot be restarted, score at stoppage point will be the final score.
- Games unable to start because of weather will be scored as 0-0 ties.
- In case of medical emergency, tournament officials will implement a medical response as necessary.
- It is each team's responsibility to provide water, ice and basic first aid to their players.
- Fee refunds are solely at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

### **Concussion Policy:**

Tournament officials and all participating adult team affiliates will abide by the SCSC and MYSA & TCSL Concussion Policies in accordance with Minnesota State Law as follows:

- This tournament, held by the St. Croix Soccer Club and sanctioned by US Club Soccer, requires compliance with Minnesota Statute 121A.37 in accordance with the SCSC and US Club Soccer Concussion Policies.

All participating coaches and referees are required to take concussion training. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a free online course entitled *Concussion Training for Coaches (and referees)*, accessible by the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>

US Club Soccer policies are available at: <https://www.usclubsoccer.org/head-injuries>

Minnesota statute are available here - [Policy](#)

A copy of the St. Croix Cup Concussion Procedure will be given to each team at check-in, the team representative completing the check-in is encouraged to share this information with the rest of their team.

### **Tournament Headquarters, Game Fields and Director:**

The Tournament Headquarters will be at Lucy Winton Bell soccer fields at 15601 Hudson Road S., Lakeland, MN.

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