

# **Tournament Scoring & Rules - GIRLS**

## **Sand Storm 2019**

All participants are expected to read the official **rules** prior to arriving onsite

### **TOURNAMENT (POOL PLAY) GAME FORMAT**

- 5 full field, 45 minute games (weather permitting) in a championship format
- 22.5 minute running halves, 5 minute running halftime
- No timeouts
- Central horn regulates time for regular tournament games (ie-pool play)
- Teams change field direction for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half
- 2019 USL rules enforced, including equipment
- During stopped play for an injury, time will remain running

### **PLAYOFF GAME FORMAT**

- 12 minute running halves, 2 minute running halftime
- Playoff time is kept on the field
- During stopped play for an injury, time will stop
- If there is a tie at the end of a playoff game, teams defend the same goal they defended in the first half. A one 1 minute rest period is allotted and then sudden victory will begin. First team to score wins.

### **RULE SPECIFICATIONS**

- 2019 NFHS/USL rules in effect for high school, including:
  - Specific allowances for restarting play with a self-start
  - Clearing the penalty zone when a major foul by a defensive player occurs in the 8-meter arc
- 2019 USL rules in effect for middle school excluding
  - Self -start (middle school divisions will **NOT** use self-start)
  - Clearing the penalty zone when a major foul by a defensive player occurs in the -meter arc
  - Checking (middle school divisions will use **FULL** checking rules)
- Penalty time will be kept at the field table by the field marshal
- Officials may inspect sticks and equipment
- Officials have the right to eject any player, coach or spectator from the field
- Full checking in effect at all levels
- If the horn sounds indicating the end of the half or game and a free position is being awarded in the 8m the game will continue until the scoring play is over.

### **TIE BREAKER PLAYOFF STANDINGS**

For playoff standings, the following sequence will determine tie breaker:

1. Head-to-head (if only two teams are tied)
2. Most wins
3. Least goals allowed
4. Net goal differential (capped at 7 per game)
5. Coin toss (1<sup>st</sup> team alphabetically calls the flip)

### **SCORING POLICY**

- A field marshal is assigned to each field to keep score. Coaches of both teams and the on-field officials are to confirm the score at halftime and again at the conclusion of the game. Once confirmed, the field marshal is responsible for reporting scores to the site headquarters.

### **ROSTERS/WAIVERS/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- Rosters are required to be submitted by the set deadline before each tournament and a player may only participate on that team for the duration of the tournament
- Only currently registered players who agree and complete the "Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity and Parental Consent AGREEMENT," may participate in tournament games. Synapse Sports will notify a coach if a player did not properly complete the waiver.

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- Teams may not move or transfer players between teams within or outside the club regardless of eligibility; i.e. players cannot play for more than one team
- Players may play up, but never down a High School graduation year division
- Official rosters are kept in the scoring tent. All roster inquiries should be brought to the scoring tent.
- Violations to roster/waiver/player eligibility rules will result in team forfeiting playoff status.

### **YELLOW/RED CARD AND PENALTY POLICY**

- If a player receives 2 yellow cards, the player must sit out for the remainder of that game, but may participate in the next tournament game for their team
- If a player receives 1 red card, the player must sit out for the remainder of that game. The Head Official and Tournament Director will determine if the player will be permitted to play in any remaining games.
- If a team accumulates 4 or more cards in one game, they have to play a player down for the remainder of the game
- If a penalty is deemed as vicious, intentional or hateful, officials have the right to request tournament dismissal. The Tournament Director & Head Official will decide the level of penalty.

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCT**

- Athletic trainers are available onsite for emergencies and tournament injuries only. Athletic trainers are not permitted to tape prior injuries.
- Only the head coaches are permitted to address the officials. Coaches are expected to do so in a courteous manner. Please treat all officials, opponents, spectators and tournament staff with the same respect that you would like to be shown.
- This tournament is a hate-free environment. There will be zero tolerance for racist, homophobic, sexist or derogatory language of any kind. This includes on the field, off the field, in the stands, players, coaches and spectators. If this type of language is heard, that person will be issued a "Purple Card" and asked to leave the tournament immediately.
- Verbal abuse of officials and staff from players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated. Flagrant violations may result in a team disqualification at the tournament director's discretion; no refunds will be given to any team that is dismissed.

### **WEATHER/SAFETY POLICY**

- Synapse Sports reserves the right to cancel, shorten, convert format (no playoffs) or reschedule tournament games due to inclement weather, poor field conditions, or player and fan safety concerns. No refunds will be granted if these actions are necessary.

### **THUNDER/LIGHTNING POLICY**

- If lightning is observed, the staff will suspend play immediately. Players and fans will be asked to leave the fields. Play will be allowed to resume 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning is observed.
- Games will re-start in real time for whatever is scheduled when they resume

### **REFUNDS**

- No team will receive a full refund.
- No refund of any kind for a team that registered and withdraws after the final payment deadline, November 30, 2018
- No refunds will be issued if the tournament is cancelled or shortened for any reason, including inclement weather or any other force majeure

### **DISPUTES**

- Disputes of any nature are settled by the Tournament Directors and are final