

NIKE FRIENDSHIP CUP

2008 Rules of Competition

All matches shall be played in accordance with FIFA laws of the game with the following modifications:

Conduct

Good sportsmanship is the primary obligation of all the parties involved in this competition. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, parents, and spectators. Coaches and players will be held to the highest standard of conduct in a manner bringing credit to the game. Dissent and abuse of officials will not be permitted.

Any player or coach sent off the field (ejected) by the referee shall receive a one game suspension. A player or coach will receive a one game suspension upon accumulating five penalty points during the tournament.

Penalty points are assessed as follows:

Cautious	2 penalty points
Ejection	3 penalty points
Cautious and Ejection in same game	3 penalty points

Play

Game Lengths: 94', 95' (U13-U14) matches shall consist of two 35 minute halves
93' (U15) matches shall consist of two 40 minute halves
Halftime shall be 10 minutes long. Unlimited substitutions and reentries are allowed at any stoppage with the consent of the referee.

Games will start at the designated time. If a team does not show up within fifteen minutes of the designated time, the game shall be declared a forfeit.

The minimum number of players to start a game is seven (7). If the teams are present but not ready to start on time, the official will start the clock at the designated time and the actual time of play will be shortened accordingly.

All players are to be properly attired. The team listed first on the schedule is designated the home team and should have an alternate jersey in the event both teams have the same color of uniform.

Scoring

Game results standings will be kept based on the following:

WIN: 6 points	TIE: 3 points	FOR EACH GOAL SCORED UP TO 3: 1 Point
SHUTOUTS: 1 Point	LOSS: 0 points	

A tie in regulation play remains a tie. Ties in standings at the end of the three games will be broken as follows:

- 1- Results of head-to-head competition
- 2- Least number of goals allowed
- 3- Goal Differential- For
- 4- Goal Differential- Against
- 5- Coin Toss

NOTE: Some teams have a "##" sign after their name. The "##" sign indicates that this specific game is a non-counting game in the standings for the "##" sign team only.

Rosters/Credentials

Each team manager must present the credentials of the team to the tournament credential representative prior to participation in the NIKE Friendship Cup. Tournament credentials consist of a roster listing the full name, birth date, and uniform number of each player and the full name of each coach and the manager. Roster will be limited to eighteen players. Only rostered players may play. Playing a un-rostered player will result in a forfeiture of all games in the tournament.

Rules

The Judiciary Committee made up of the following individuals shall resolve interpretation of the rules, protests and any other issues:

Chair:	Jimmy Conway, OYSA Head Coach
	Erik Lyslo, OYSA ODP Coordinator
	Chuck Keers, OYSA Executive Director

All decisions made by the Judiciary Committee are final and may not be appealed.

Tournament Director: Erik Lyslo