

Policy 7-400 – MONTANA CUP TOURNAMENT RULES

Rules for the Montana Cup Tournament:

- 1) The uniforms and players' apparel shall conform to the IFAB rules and MYSA league policies.
- 2) All other rules, except as stated in this section, shall conform to IFAB and MYSA league policies. irrespective of the different provisions for seasonal play. The time limits for periods shall match those set for each age division in league play. Substitutions will be in accord with US Youth Soccer rule 302, Section 2, which provides that substitutions may be made, with the referee's consent, at any stoppage of play.
- 3) The time limits for periods shall be in accord with the limits set for each age division in league play unless otherwise determined by MYSA.
- 4) All games except for the quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals may end in a tie. Finals, semifinals, and quarterfinals will be played to a winner using two complete overtime periods to be played after the end of regulation play. For 14U and under teams the overtime periods shall be 10 minutes each. For 15U and up teams, the overtime periods are 15 minutes each. If the game is still tied after two overtime periods, IFAB Law 10.3Penalties rules will apply to determine the winner. MYSA at its discretion may shorten or remove the overtime periods and go straight to penalties.
- 5) Points awarded for games prior to the semi-finals will be: 3 for a win; 1 for a tie; and 0 for a loss. A team will be awarded 3 points if there is a forfeit. These points will determine which teams advance to semi-finals or quarter finals.
- 6) A team forfeiting any game may not advance from pool play or to the next level, whichever is appropriate.
- 7) Tiebreaking system- more than two teams. In the case of a tie among more than two teams, the tiebreakers will be followed until a team advances rather than until a team is eliminated. Once one team advances, the tiebreaker will begin from the top again until the next team advances. The tiebreakers are to be used in this order:
 - a) Head-to-head competition;
 - b) Most wins;
 - c) Goals against (up to a maximum of 3 per games);
 - d) Goal differential (no more than three (3) goals for or against can be counted for any game and the number of goals against shall be subtracted from the number of goals for);
 - e) Goals for (up to a maximum of 3);
 - f) If still tied after application of the foregoing point and tie-breaker system, then the SYRA will flip a coin to determine which teams will advance.
- g) Tiebreaking System-two teams. In the event of a tie between two teams, the provisions of 7 (A) through (E) shall be used to determine which team advances. If the teams are still tied, then the SYRA will flip a coin to determine which team will advance.

2) NUMBER OF TEAMS, PARTICIPATION

MYSA at its discretion may create multiple brackets. If a multiple bracket system is used only the top bracket may be designated as MT Cup Champion.

f) Seeding for the Montana Cup Tournament shall be determined MYSA based on results from seasonal play.

g) The Classic division of the Montana Cup tournament shall be divided into three age divisions: u13 - u14, u15 - u16, and u17 - u19. Teams must participate within their age division (exception: a u14 or u16 team may elect to play up to the next age division with permission from MYSA).

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