



## North Metro Spring Tune Up Soccer Tournament

April 25<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

Schedules will be available on the NMSA website for each age group at [www.NorthMetroSoccer.org](http://www.NorthMetroSoccer.org) by April 19th.

**Note:** These schedules may change at any time due to scheduling needs; please check often.

### Final Team Check-in

All teams must check-in approximately 60 minutes prior to their first game, or earlier, at Tournament Headquarters, located in the Gazebo at the North Metro Hawk Ridge Soccer Complex.

Final Team Check-in times at Tournament Headquarters:

Date: Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> OR Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Check-in is required only prior to your first game (Tuesday or Wednesday). Either a coach or the team manager must check in the team. Players do not need to attend Final Check-in.

In preparation for registering your team on-site, please make sure you have the following:

1. One completed roster with player names in alphabetical order. An MYSA Competitive Match report is acceptable. This roster will be held at registration and not given to referees during the games.
2. If using player passes, please ensure that they are signed, have a photo on the back and are properly laminated in the same alphabetical order as the roster. Your Official Tournament Roster will be frozen at final team check-in and no changes will be made for the remainder of the tournament. We will be using Digital Player Passes and suggest having teams set up through Affinity before check-in [www.affinity-sports.com](http://www.affinity-sports.com).
3. Parent signed Medical release forms, also in alphabetical order to match roster. Form may be MYSA form or one from your club.

In preparation for game play please:

- Read the Rules and Regulations for Complex Rules, Tournament Rules, length of games, pairings and scoring and tie-breakers, etc.
- Please remind your families there are NO PETS/NO ANIMALS allowed on site at any time under any circumstances. Any animals on the complex will need to be removed. Not having animals in the complex is cleaner and safer for the kids.
- There is NO SMOKING or use of tobacco products of any kind allowed at any time any place within the boundaries of the Complex.

If you DO NOT find your team or have any questions, please email or call Antoine Ziegler at [tournament@northmetrosoccer.org](mailto:tournament@northmetrosoccer.org) or (612) 239-3316.

Looking forward to a great week of soccer in the North Metro.

Antoine Ziegler

## Introduction

The North Metro Soccer Association (NMSA) invites Girls and Boys Premier, Classic Club teams, League Select teams and Tournament teams to compete in the North Metro Spring Tune Up Soccer Tournament. We are pleased to host this exceptional regional tournament featuring teams from the Midwest. It is large enough that we can structure our brackets as single age divisions to insure competitive play at all levels, yet small enough that your team will feel welcome in our community.

## Tournament Sanctioning

The North Metro Soccer Association is in good standing with the tournament sanctioned by Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), a member of USYSA.

## Tournament Brackets – Updated for 2017 Tournaments

It is our desire to fill all brackets as shown below. However, NMSA reserves the right to combine age groups or playing levels as appropriate. All brackets will contain a **minimum of four and a maximum of sixteen teams**. Registration will be accepted in the order received, provided room exists in the bracket.

- In brackets of six teams - brackets will be created with three teams with a cross-over match.
- In brackets of eight teams - brackets will be created with 4 teams each.
- Brackets with odd numbers may play up an age; but at the same competitive level. C1 vs. C1, C2 vs. C2, etc.
- Each team will play a minimum of three games.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Anticipated Brackets</b>	<b>Players Per Side</b>	<b>Game Duration</b>
U9	Maroon, Gold & Rec Plus	6 v 6	2 x 25 min
U10	Maroon, Gold & Rec Plus	6 v 6	2 x 25 min
U11	C1, C2, C3	8 v 8	2 x 30 min
U12	C1, C2, C3	8 v 8	2 x 30 min

- Teams may apply to play in older age groups or higher playing levels than their USSF Sanctioning by indicating this desire on the application form. However, you must register at your MYSA designation and email a specific request.
- Teams may play down to a lower age level in the same classification provided that all players are age eligible. All Player Passes will be presented before each game.

- U9 and U10 teams may not play at U11 or above
- No Player may play for more than one team. All scores must be reported on the form provided by the referee coordinator.
- Teams may not change affiliation once they have registered and have been accepted for the tournament.

## Tournament Headquarters/Directors

Tournament Headquarters are located at the North Metro Hawk Ridge Soccer Complex Gazebo. The Tournament Director is Antoine Ziegler (612) 239-3316, [tournament@northmetrosoccer.org](mailto:tournament@northmetrosoccer.org). Each playing site will have a Site Coordinator with phone access to the Tournament Director, should questions arise.

## Check-in Requirements

Check-in staff will be available beginning at 4:00 PM on the Monday of the tournament through Thursday at 4:00 PM at the Tournament Headquarters. Coaches and Team Managers please register no later than one hour before your first schedule game at the Soccer Complex Gazebo. Your roster will be frozen at that time.

Player passes, Coaches passes, team roster and medical release forms must be presented at registration.

**Tournament Headquarters will be staffed through Thursday until approximately 4:00 PM.**

You may use your own club's medical forms or the MYSA liability/Medical Release form.

Out of state teams travel permission from their own state associations are due 15 days prior to the start of the tournament.

## Game Fields

Games will be played on quality soccer fields either at the North Metro Hawk Ridge Soccer Complex or an off site field if necessary. Teams will be notified of any off site locations. All directions are available [www.NorthMetroSoccer.org](http://www.NorthMetroSoccer.org) and at tournament check in. All areas being used are smoke free and drug free zones. Smoking or use of alcohol/drugs is strictly prohibited at any of the tournament sites. No animals are allowed at any tournament site at any time.

## Registration and Fees

Fees are non-refundable if games are cancelled for any reason. Tournament schedules, rules, field maps along with general information will be emailed one week prior to the start of the games.

## **Players and Roster**

- U9 – U10 team will be allowed to roster a maximum of 12 players
- U11 – U12 team will be allowed to roster a maximum of 14 players
- A player will only be allowed to play on one team.

## **Guest Players**

A maximum of five guest players is permitted per team. Guest players must be a USSF registered player with their state association and age eligible.

## **Awards**

Participation awards will be given to all players. All awards will be presented immediately following each team's last games.

## **SEVERE WEATHER & FIELD CONDITIONS POLICY**

Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten and/ or cancel games as deemed necessary while following MYSA weather policies. Lightning in the area or weather that could cause risk to participants may result in play being suspended. If a game is suspended, the following procedures will be implemented:

- Players and Spectators should move to vehicles or shelter upon a weather stoppage, but should not leave the area until games are declared complete as indicated below.
- If the Weather delay is shorter than 20 minutes, games will resume from the point of stoppage.

If the weather delay is longer than 30 minutes:

- All games in progress will be declared complete, with the score at the stoppage as the final score.
- Any games that were scheduled to begin during the weather delay will be cancelled and the score will be recorded as a 0 – 0 tie.

## **Health & Safety**

Players with plaster casts must be in compliance with MYSA safety guidelines. In the case of an emergency, the tournament will have emergency resources available. The tournament will

follow heat index guidelines. It is each team's responsibility to provide water, ice, and first aid. Each team must provide medical release forms for each player upon check-in.

## Medical Attention

- Every player participates at his or her own risk.
- Each team is responsible for their medical supplies and for the treatment of injuries.
- The field marshals will be in communication with the paramedics. However, each team should act immediately in cases of emergencies.
- Directions to hospitals and other clinics will be available.
- This tournament, held by the North Metro Soccer Association and sanctioned by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association, requires compliance with Minnesota Statute 121A.37 in accordance with the North Metro Soccer Association and MYSA 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* accessible by the following link:  
[www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)

## Rules of Play

FIFA rules modified by **MYSA** and as further modified in this document.  
Red Cards: Red cards will follow MYSA/USYSA Rules.

## Referees

A three-person referee system will be used for all games. Only USSF certified and currently registered referees will be used for center referees; club lines may be used in some cases. All referee decisions are final. Interested referees should contact our Referee Assignor; Merry Hilgers by email: [mnrefassigner@comcast.net](mailto:mnrefassigner@comcast.net).

**NO PROTEST WILL BE ENTERTAINED.**

## Games

Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of three games. The Tournament Committee will not be held liable for any "no show" team. Teams not showing for game will automatically lose the game and be deducted 3 points. 6 points will be awarded to the winning team. Teams listed first on the schedule are the home team and are responsible to provide a game ball and resolve any jersey color conflicts. Uniforms must be identical for all players. Sliders/ under shorts must be the same color as the shorts and above the knee. Both teams will occupy the

same side of the field and the spectators of both teams will occupy the opposite side of the field. Tournament officials will determine which sides the teams and spectators will occupy.

No team will be scheduled to play more than two games in one day unless necessary due to weather or playoffs. Each game will be played under FIFA rules as modified by MYSA and as further modified within this document. Games may start as early as 5:00 pm and as late as 7:00 pm on each weekday and as early as 8:00 am and as late as 7:00 pm on the weekend. MYSA teams must reschedule any league games that are in conflict with the tournament schedule. If games are behind schedule, tournament officials may reduce each half by five minutes to keep the tournament on schedule.

## **Points and Tiebreakers**

- Games ending in ties will remain ties.
- Highest number of points
  1. Win = 6
  2. Tie = 3
  3. Goals Scored (Maximum of 4 per match)
  4. Shutout = 1 (0 -0 tie equals 4 points)

## **Forfeits**

A grace period of 20 minutes beyond the scheduled kickoff time or the completion of the preceding game will be allowed before a forfeit is declared. Failure to complete a match or teams leaving the field during play will result in forfeiture. All forfeits will be reported to MYSA.

## **FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Please Contact**

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