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**APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES**

Name of Tournament or Games: **Virginian Elite Soccer Tournament**  
 Hosting Organization: **Springfield South Cnty Youth Club**  
 Website: **www.soccertournament.com**

President or Chief Officer of Hosting Organization: **Chris Spera**  
 Title: **President**  
 Address: **7075 Newington Rd., Suite G , LORTON VA 22079**  
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State Association or Affiliate: **Virginia Youth Soccer Association**  
 Location of Tournament or Games: **Springfield, VA**  
 Date(s) of Tournament or Games: **5/25/2019 - 5/27/2019** Team Entry Deadline: **4/15/2019**  
 Estimated Number of Teams: **600**

Address of Field (Tournament Headquarters): **Westfield Marriott Washington Dulles 14750 Conference Center Dr., Chantilly VA 20151**

Tournament or Games Director or Contact Person: **Dotty Talbott**  
 Address: **7075 Newington Rd., Suite G , Lorton VA 22079**  
 Telephone: **703-483-5700 (H) 703-483-5700 (W) (FAX)** Email: **director@soccertournament.com**

Age Groups Accepted	Type(s) of Team Accepted	Gender	Roster Size	# Guest Players Allowed	Length of Games	Ball Size	Awards	Min # of Games	Entry Fee
U09	J	F M	15	7	50	4	1st, 2nd	3	700
U10	J	F M	15	7	50	4	1st, 2nd	3	700
U11	J	F M	16	7	60	4	1st, 2nd	3	800
U12	J	F M	16	7	60	4	1st, 2nd	3	800
U13	J	F M	18	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	900
U14	J	F M	22	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	900
U15	J	F M	22	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	980
U16	J	F M	22	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	980
U17	J	F M	22	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	980
U18	J	F M	22	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	980
U19	J	F M	22	7	60	5	1st, 2nd	3	980

Teams will be invited from: **Foreign Teams (List Below), All US Youth Soccer State Associations, State Associations (List Below),**

\*\*Foreign Teams/State Associations/Affiliates/Other US Soccer Members: **US Club Forfeign Teams TBD**

President or Chief Officer of Hosting Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/15/19

**APPROVAL**

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STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE: VIRGINIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOC. Date: 2/17/19

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Executive Director



**US Youth Soccer  
TOURNAMENT OR GAMES HOSTING  
AGREEMENT**



In consideration of permission being granted to **Springfield South Cnty Youth Club**, to hold a tournament or games at **Springfield, VA**, on the dates of **5/25/2019** through **5/27/2019**, we agree to the following conditions:

1. **ABIDE BY RULES:** We shall abide by all statements made in our approved US Youth Soccer Application to Host A Tournament or Games, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, in the US Youth Soccer Travel and Tournament Policy and in this US Youth Soccer Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin.
2. **INVITATIONS:** The tournament or games approval form shall accompany all tournament or games invitations distributed us.
3. **PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 which names the State Association or Affiliate with which the Hosting Organization is a member, US Youth Soccer and their officers and directors as additional insureds. A copy of the certificate of insurance is attached issued by [Bolinger ].
4. **REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS:** We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide medical authorizations for each player in a form adequate for use at the site of the tournament or games. These authorizations shall be presented to the Hosting Organization at registration and kept at the field available for use by the team.
5. **ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES:** We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall, again, be published to all teams accepted prior to the start of the tournament/games.
6. **CREDENTIALS CHECKS:** We agree that we shall conduct credentials checks [ **at both registration and at the field prior to each game by a field marshal** ] to ensure that all players are registered with US Youth Soccer or US Soccer, properly rostered with their team, and participating in accordance with representations set forth on the US Youth Soccer Application to Host a Tournament or Games.
7. **USE OF US SOCCER REGISTERED REFEREES:** We agree that we shall, in accordance with US Soccer Bylaw 532, use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country), and shall use a one- or 3-referee system. We intend to use a 3-referee system for the following age groups: [ **U13 and Older** ]. There will be an adequate number of US Soccer registered referees available in the area during the tournament or game dates to cover the scheduled games. We have selected the following assignor to assign referees for the tournament or games (**NOTE: Effective, September 1, 2001, ONLY US Soccer certified assignors may be used.**):  
  
**Sharon Deplitch**  
E-mail: [sharon.deplitch@verizon.net](mailto:sharon.deplitch@verizon.net)
8. **USE OF FIELD MARSHALS - FIELD INSPECTION:** We agree that during the tournament or games each game field will have a field marshal assigned to it at all times; that the field marshal will be readily available and identifiable; that prior to the commencement of every game the field marshal will inspect the field to be sure that it is free from objects or conditions that may cause injury. If any condition exists which cannot be immediately corrected, it shall be

brought to the attention of the referee and the tournament /games director. The Director of Field Marshals is:

**Dotty Talbott**  
**7075 Newington Road, Unit G**  
**Lorton, VA 22079**  
 E-mail: [director@soccertournament.com](mailto:director@soccertournament.com)  
 Telephone: **703-483-5700**

**9. USE OF SPECTATOR LINES:** We agree to take appropriate steps including, where feasible, the use of spectator lines on each field to keep the spectators off the touch line.

**10. PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATION:** We agree to provide adequate communication by means of [ **cell phones, walkie talkies and land lines** ] between the game fields and the tournament/games headquarters. The Tournament Communications Director is:

**Dotty Talbott**  
**7075 Newington Road, Unit G**  
**Lorton, VA 22079**  
 E-mail: [director@soccertournament.com](mailto:director@soccertournament.com)  
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**11. AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE:** We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed.

**12. TOURNAMENT OR GAME RULES ? BEHAVIOR:** We agree that our tournament or game rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled, including specific provisions that?

- a. spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- b. indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
- c. indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games;
- d. record the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters and also report them immediately to the home State Association and the home club/league of the team; and
- e. state that the home State Association or Affiliate and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.

**13. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** We agree that our tournament or game rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament or games is cancelled by the hosting organization for any reason.

**14. POST TOURNAMENT OR GAMES REPORT:** We agree that we shall file a Post Tournament or Games Report with the State Association or Affiliate granting us permission to host this tournament or games within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. We understand that failure to file the report shall preclude the tournament/games host from receiving approval for any tournament/games for the following seasonal years until the report is filed. The Post Tournament or Games Report shall include the following information:

- a. the number of teams participating in each age group (boys and girls);
- b. if a champion is determined, the name of the champion for each group;
- c. the number of teams from each State Association, Affiliate, other Organization Member, or foreign country;
- d. if "Sportsmanship Awards" are given, the criteria for the award and to whom awards were given;
- e. the number of fields used for the tournament/games;
- f. the name of the sponsor, if any; and

g. the names and teams of all players issued red and yellow cards, and details of any other matters involving the improper or unsportsmanlike conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters. NOTE: Any incident of referee assault or referee abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, or game official, or other incidents of a serious nature, must be reported to the alleged offender's club or league and home State Association, Affiliate, or other Organization Member immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse.

Signature:  Date: 1/2/19

Hosting Organization President or Chief Officer

Signature:  Date: 12-10-18

Tournament or Games Director

Hosting Organization  
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**Chantilly, VA 20151**  
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## TEAM TYPES FORM

The Virginia Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (VYSA) has chosen to use only one of the team types recommended in the US Youth Soccer Travel and Tournament Policy Manual. VYSA uses US Youth Soccer Team Type J, and the VYSA team types listed below.

When completing an Application to Host a Tournament or Games, put J in the accepted team types box on the application form and check the appropriate type(s) of teams below that are eligible to play.

When completing an Application to Travel, put J in the Type of Team box on the application form and check the team type below that best matches your team.

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NAME OF TOURNAMENT OR NAME OF LEAGUE OR CLUB HOSTING FRIENDLY GAMES

NAME OF TEAM TRAVELING TO TOURNAMENT OR FRIENDLY GAMES

**CLUB TEAM** – A travel or competitive team composed of players who are listed on the team’s VYSA league roster.

**CLUB TEAM WITH GUEST PLAYERS** – A travel or competitive team composed of players who are listed on the team’s VYSA league roster plus...

7 Number of guest players that can be either Club or Recreational players. Recreational players must be allowed as club guest players.

**LEAGUE SELECT TEAM** – The official “Select Team” of a league whose players are chosen on a league-wide basis from club teams. (NOTE: A VYSA League Select Team roster must be approved by the VYSA State or Regional Registrar for **each** tournament.

**RECREATIONAL TEAM** – A team that participates in a recreational, house, or intramural program for a club, league or association

**RECREATIONAL TEAM WITH GUEST PLAYERS** – A team that participates in a recreational, house or intramural program for a club, league or association plus...

       Number of guest players that can only be Recreational players.

**RECREATIONAL ALL-STAR TEAM** – A team composed of players selected from more than one team that participates in a recreational, house, or intramural program for a club, league, or association.

**STATE SELECT TEAM** – The official “Select Team” of a State Association whose players are chosen on a statewide basis. In VYSA, these are the State Olympic Development Teams (ODP) which includes District ODP.

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## I. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Participation in the Virginian Soccer Tournament is open to accepted boys and girls teams composed of a maximum of fifteen (15) players for U-9 and U-10 age groups (playing 7v7), sixteen (16) players for U-11 and U-12 age groups (playing 9v9), eighteen (18) players for U-13, and twenty-two (22) players for U-14 through U-19 age groups meeting the age limit of the specified division. Players must have been born during, or subsequent to, the divisional year, as defined by US Soccer Guidelines; Player registration cards duly authorized by State/Provincial or National Association will be required as proof of age.

Age groups\*:

Under 19	Jan 1, 2000 - Dec 31, 2000
Under 18	Jan 1, 2001 - Dec 31, 2001
Under 17	Jan 1, 2002 - Dec 31, 2002
Under 16	Jan 1, 2003 - Dec 31, 2003
Under 15	Jan 1, 2004 - Dec 31, 2004
Under 14	Jan 1, 2005 - Dec 31, 2005
Under 13	Jan 1, 2006 - Dec 31, 2006
Under 12	Jan 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2007**
Under 11	Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2008 **
Under 10	Jan 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2009 **
Under 09	Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2010**

\*Combining of age groups will be done at the Tournament Committee's discretion, if needed.

\*\* The U-9 and U-10 age groups that play (7v7), the U-11 and U-12 age group that plays (9v9) will play on smaller fields.

- B. All teams accepted should be registered with a National State Association affiliated with the USYS/USSF or national equivalent and must present a valid State or Provincial roster. Teams that are members of organizations of the United States Soccer Federation but not members of US Youth Soccer (such as AYSO, SAY or US Club Soccer) DO NOT have to have a US Youth Soccer Permission to Travel form (although that team's organization may require that the team have permission). Such a team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials, however, along with current passes from its organization and a current team roster.
- C. A maximum of seven (7) guest players may be used on a Virginian Tournament Team Roster. However, a team using guest players must have no more than a maximum of fifteen (15) players for U-9 and U-10 age groups (playing 7v7), a maximum of sixteen (16) players for U-11 and U-12 age groups (playing 9v9), a maximum of eighteen (18) players for U-13 age groups, and a maximum of twenty-two (22) players for U-14 through U-19 age groups on said roster. Guest players must be current USYS/USSF or national equivalent players. Guest players may be recreational players provided they obtain certification comparable to a player registration card and obtain this certification from the same state official that grants player registration cards. US Club

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Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYS teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYS player pass cards.

- D. Teams that are not part of Region I (that are not US Club Soccer teams) must have a **Permission to Travel Form** signed by their association.

1. Region I Policy Regarding Application To Host A Tournament

Region I has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending USYS sanctioned tournaments in Region I. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region I teams to travel to tournaments within Region I.

The new policy states that any USYS State Association teams within Region I that is accepted into a tournament in Region I do not need permission to travel papers. Permission to Travel is not required in friendly games within Region I.

2. National State Associations in Region I:

Connecticut Jr. Soccer Assn  
Delaware Youth Soccer Assn  
Eastern New York Youth Soccer Assn  
Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Assn  
Soccer Maine  
Maryland Youth Soccer Assn  
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Assn  
New Hampshire Soccer Assn  
New Jersey Youth Soccer Assn  
New York State West Youth Soccer Assn  
Pennsylvania West State Soccer Assn  
Soccer Rhode Island  
Vermont Soccer Assn  
Virginia Youth Soccer Assn  
West Virginia Soccer Assn

- E. All teams requiring Hotel accommodations must (as a condition of acceptance) use the tournament housing service in order to be considered for tournament play. Teams that do NOT use the tournament housing service will be disqualified.
- F. Teams who withdraw after April 1, 2019 will forfeit their application fee.

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### II. TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

- A. Team check-in will be online and in-person at Tournament Headquarters.
- B. When submitting team check-in online, teams MUST submit their check-in forms no later than 5PM on May 17, 2019. No exceptions. Any teams requiring to check-in after this date, must go to the in-person check-in at the Tournament Headquarters hotel. Complete instructions are available on the tournament website for online check-in.
- C. Tournament Headquarters during the tournament will be at the Westfield Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Dr, Chantilly, VA 22151. Phone is (703) 818-0300.
- D. Rosters:
  - 1. All teams must provide 1 copy of their official state approved roster at tournament check-in.
  - 2. Players' names and jersey numbers MUST be listed on the Official Team Roster approved by The Virginian.
  - 3. Only players listed on the approved "Official Virginian Team Roster" at check-in may play in the tournament. There is a maximum of fifteen (15) players for age groups U-9 and U-10 (playing 7v7), a maximum of sixteen (16) players for age groups U-11 and U-12 (playing 9v9) and a maximum of eighteen (18) players for age group U-13. There is a maximum of twenty-two (22) players for U-14 through U-19. However, teams with 22 player rosters must designate the maximum 18 players that will be participating in each game. Only 18 players may be in uniform on the team bench.
  - 4. Each player can only be rostered to one team playing in the Virginian.
- E. Permission to Travel Forms:
  - 1. All required teams (as per Section 1D of these rules) must provide a copy of their team's Permission to Travel Form at Tournament Check-in.
- F. Individual Player Requirements:
  - 1. All players must have current:
    - a. Signed Medical Release forms or equivalent (does not need to be notarized)
    - i. Player Registration Cards: All USYA teams must have USYA player cards and all US Club Soccer teams must have US Club Soccer player cards.

### III. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.



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### At age group divisions U11 and younger

Whenever the ball strikes a player in the head, play is stopped. The proper restart depends upon whether the player deliberately played the ball with his or her head. If deliberate, the proper restart is an indirect free kick to the opposing team. If this occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed inadvertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.

### U9-10 Player Modifications

#### Build-Out Lines

The Build-Out Line is a line extending from touchline to touchline halfway between the penalty area and the center line. When the defending goalkeeper has the ball in hand or the defending team has been awarded a goal kick, the attacking team shall retreat behind the Build-Out Line until the ball is put back in play. Where a physical line is not present, the referee may mark the line with appropriate soft cones, pennies, or other markings placed off the field. The defending team is not required to wait until the attacking team retreats behind the Build-Out Line; indeed, some clubs will instruct their teams not to wait, choosing instead to force their players to play out of pressure. An attacking player shall not be deemed to be in an offside position if such player has not crossed the Build-Out Line at the time the ball is played.

#### No Punting/Dropkicks

If the goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense; if the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick will be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the offense occurred

## IV. DIVISIONS, SUB-DIVISIONS and FLIGHTS

- A. **Divisions:** The Virginian will make available four main divisions. For U-9 through U-19 age groups, the Virginia Cup will be the highest division followed by Premier Gold, Premier Silver and Premier Bronze. Divisions may be deleted, combined or added at the Tournament Committee's discretion.
- B. **Sub-divisions:** Each Division may be further divided into sub-divisions at the Tournament Committee's discretion.
- C. **Flights:** Flights are a subcategory of a Division or Sub-division.
- D. **Inter-Continental Cup (ICC):** These divisions will be created in each age group where needed and teams will play a showcase format of one game a day. Games in these divisions will have 40 minute halves.

## V. DURATIONS OF GAMES

- A. The duration of tournament games shall be in accordance with the following:

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Age Group	Ball Size	Preliminary Game Length	Semi-Final Game Length	Championship Game Length
ICC	5	80 minutes	NA	NA
U-19	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	80 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-18	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	80 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-17	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	80 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-16	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	80 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-15	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	80 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-14	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	70 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-13	5	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	70 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-12	4	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-11	4	60 minutes	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods	60 minutes, 2 10-min. overtime periods
U-10	4	50 minutes	50 minutes, 2 5-min. overtime periods	50 minutes, 2 5-min. overtime periods
U-09	4	50 minutes	50 minutes, 2 5-min. overtime periods	50 minutes, 2 5-min. overtime periods
All games will have a 5 minute half time period.				

- B. All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents. The referee is the official timekeeper and therefore all decisions regarding game duration are solely at the referee's discretion and shall not be protested. The referee may, at their discretion, give water breaks at the mid-point of each half if heat-related issues are a concern.

### VI. FIELD CHECK-IN TIME AND FIELD AND GAME EQUIPMENT

#### A. All Games

1. Check-in time is 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
2. Players' numbers MUST be listed on the Official Virginian Team Roster approved by the Virginian tournament staff. Players must wear numbers visible on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's Official Virginian Team Roster.
3. Players shall wear shin guards in accordance with FIFA laws.
4. No metal cleats will be allowed, and no jewelry will be allowed.

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5. Hard and soft casts are permitted with the approval of the referee.
  6. Where opposing team's uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. The designated home team is listed first on the schedule.
  7. The Virginian Elite Soccer Tournament will provide all game balls for the duration of the tournament.
  8. Players and coaches of both teams will take the same side of the field. All other spectators and supporters will take the opposite side, directly across from their team. Only three team officials are permitted on the sidelines with their players.
- B. U-9 through U-13 teams:** The following must be present at the field for check-in 30 minutes prior to a game and for the duration of the game:
1. Player registration cards
  2. Official Virginian Team Roster, as submitted at Tournament Check-in. This roster must be presented to Field Marshal during check-in 30 minutes prior to each game (roster will be returned after each inspection).
  3. Players' shirt numbers **MUST** match the number on the Team Roster approved by the Virginian tournament staff. If the numbers are not the same, the player is not allowed to play until the numbers match (i.e. change jersey, tape, etc.).
- C. U-14 through U-19:** The following must be present at the field for check-in 30 minutes prior to the game and for the duration of the game:
1. Player registration cards
  2. Official Virginian Team Roster as submitted at Tournament Check-in. This roster must be presented to Field Marshal during check-in 30 minutes prior to each game (roster will be returned after each inspection).
  3. **For teams using more than 18 player rosters:** Five copies of the Official Virginian Game Roster as submitted at Tournament Check-in will be needed. For each game, the maximum 18 players designated that will be participating. The players not participating will be lined through. This roster must be provided to the Field Marshal during check-in 30 minutes prior to each game and will not be returned to the team. The field marshal will submit this roster with the score card/game report. The remaining players (listed on the Official Virginian Team Roster but lined through on the Official Virginian Game Roster) may sit on the team bench side however; they may **NOT** be in uniform.
  4. Players' shirt numbers **MUST** match the number on the Team Roster approved by the Virginian tournament staff. If the numbers are not the same, the player is not allowed to play until the numbers match (i.e. change jersey, tape, etc.).

## VII. PROTESTS & DISPUTES

- A. There will be no protests allowed.
- B. All disputes for non-referee decisions are submitted thru the Site Coordinator in writing to the Tournament Committee (consisting of the Tournament Director, and other Virginian staff) at Tournament Headquarters for approval by the end of the day

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that the dispute occurred. All decisions by the Tournament Committee are final and may not be appealed.

- C. All protests & disputes for referee decisions are not allowed; decisions by referees may not be appealed.

### VIII. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitutions are unlimited with regard to the number of players and reentry. Substitutions may be made from mid-field with the CONSENT OF THE REFEREE at any stoppage of play. Players leaving the game should come off the field prior to new players entering the field.
- B. Under no circumstances may substitutions be made after the game has ended in a tie and FIFA penalty kicks will be required to determine a winner.

### IX. GAME AND SCORE REPORTING

- A. The Field Marshall will ensure that the score cards are properly completed, signatures obtained, and the scores recorded at the end of each game. **The team manager/or team representative from both teams must sign the score card at the conclusion of each game and, before leaving the field area, provide complete and accurate information on the team's players/officials receiving yellow/red cards during the game including their full name and shirt number, if applicable.**
- B. It is the responsibility of the Field Marshall to deliver the completed and signed Score Card to the appropriate Site Official (Division Coordinator/Site Coordinator) promptly at the conclusion of each game. The Site Official is responsible for reporting all match results, cautions, and ejections to the tournament headquarters. In case of a discrepancy, the Official Score Card, signed by the coaches and referee, prevails.

### X. CONDUCT

- A. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the LAW as well as the letter of the LAW. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and the surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Director.
- B. Players, coaches and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game. The referee should show the red card to the team official. If the referee does not, but asks the team official to leave the field, this is still considered an ejection from the game.
- C. It is the responsibility of the team's coach or the person acting in the coach's behalf to control the conduct of its parents and other spectators. Failure to do so may result in a warning to the coach or the person acting in the coach's behalf by the referee. If unacceptable conduct continues, the referee may eject the team's coach, or the person acting on the coach's behalf, from the game.
- D. In accordance with the USYSA Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and State/Provincial Association of the team involved as well as the US Youth Soccer National Office.

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- E. For foreign teams, the tournament committee will notify the US Soccer Federation of disciplinary action taken, and that the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to the team's provincial or national association.
- F. Artificial noise making devices are prohibited.
- G. Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and verbal abuse of anyone are not permitted at any of the field sites.

### **XI. POINTS, FLIGHT WINNERS, AND WILD CARD TEAMS**

A. In the preliminary games, each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win or a game forfeited to them, one (1) point for a tie, and no (0) points for a loss. At the end of the preliminary rounds, the flight winner will be the team with the most points in their flight. In the event of a tie within a flight, the following criteria will be used to determine the winner in this order:

1. Head to head competition (in the event of a tie among three (3) or more teams, this criterion will not be considered\*)
2. Most wins
3. Goal differential. In each preliminary game, goal differential points will be awarded (difference between goals for and goals against) to a maximum of five (5) goal differential points per game. (Example: A team winning 7-1 would receive the maximum 5 bonus points).
4. Least Goals Against.
5. FIFA penalty kicks (at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled playoff round games)

\* In the case of three-way ties, the tiebreaker sequence begins with "Most Wins" and proceeds, in order, down through the steps until the tie is broken and only one team remains. No steps are to be repeated or skipped.

B. If ties remain among teams, then FIFA penalty kick procedures will be used to determine a winner (at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled playoff round games). In the event that a wild card team must be selected for a semi-final game, the above procedure will be used across the entire division.

### **XII. SEMI-FINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**

- A. Winners of each flight advance into either the semi-final or championship game depending on the number of flights in a division.
- B. In Divisions of 3 flights, the winners of Flights B and C will play each other for semi-final match #1. The winner of Flight A will play the "Wild Card" team with the most points, excluding the flight winners. If the Wild Card team is also from flight "A", then the Wild Card team will play the winner of Flight B; and Flight Winners A and C will play the second semi-final game.
- C. Overtime will be played in case of a tie at the end of regulation time only in the semi-final and championship games. The winner (Champion) will be determined as follows:
  1. **U-11 through U-19:** A twenty (20) minute overtime is played (two 10 minute periods). If the score is still tied after twenty (20) minutes of overtime (two 10

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minute periods) then FIFA penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner. All players on the field must kick before any player may kick a second time.

2. **U-9 and U- 10:** A ten (10) minute overtime is played (two 5 minute periods) if the score is still tied after ten (10) minutes of overtime (two 5 minute periods), FIFA penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner. All players on the field must kick before any player may kick a second time.
- D. Trophies or awards are awarded only to the division winner (Champion) and runner-up team (Finalist). These are the two teams that play in the division's Championship game.

### XIII. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

- A. **A team shall be allowed a ten (10) minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is considered a forfeit. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team and if seven (7) players are present, the game will not be delayed. For the U9 and U10 age groups a minimum of six (6) players constitutes a team.** The site coordinator must get final approval from the Tournament Director or her representative at the Command Center before marking a team as forfeiting due to tardiness. Exceptions to this rule are at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- B. In no case shall a team, which forfeits a game be declared a flight winner or a wild card team. If an apparent flight winner forfeits a game, the team in that flight with the next best record shall be named the flight winner. In addition, in divisions where the second place team of one flight plays the first place team of another flight in the semi-final game, in no case shall a team which has forfeited a game be declared the second place team in a flight. The team with the next best record in the flight shall be declared the second place team and play in the semi-final game. If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game. The determination as to which team is the cause for the termination shall be at the sole discretion of the referee on the field and the decision may not be protested.
- C. A forfeit in the preliminary rounds shall be awarded as three (3) points for the win. Forfeits of a semi-final or championship game shall be recorded as 3-0 for the winning team.
- D. Any team forfeiting a championship game will not be entitled to individual trophies or team awards.
- E. Playing a "red-carded player" (a player receiving either a red card or two yellow cards in one game) in the game following the receipt of a red card is grounds for a forfeit.

### XIV. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director or official representative(s) will have the authority to:

- A. Relocate or reschedule any game(s);
- B. Change the duration of any game(s);
- C. Cancel any preliminary game(s);

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- D. Consider any game terminated by game or Tournament Officials after one half of play as official as of the time of termination (and the score stands at time of termination)
- E. Determine the format for advancement.

### **XV. GENERAL**

- A. The tournament will do its best to schedule three (3) games for each team. However, at the Tournament Director's discretion, the number of games may be reduced in which case the tournament is not liable for any expenses and no refunds for the tournament application fees will be given.
- B. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Virginia Youth Soccer Association, Inc., the Springfield, South County Youth Club Corporation, the Virginian Tournament Committee, or any of their official representatives be responsible for any expenses (including the Tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation whereby the Tournament or any game(s) is canceled in whole or part.
- C. The Tournament Committee's or their official representative's interpretation of the rules shall be final pertaining to this Tournament.
- D. No items, including raffle tickets, may be sold at Tournament Headquarters, playing fields, or surrounding areas for the duration of the tournament unless specifically sanctioned by the Virginian Tournament Committee.
- E. Photographs/film/video taken during the tournament may be posted on the tournament website.
- F. Refund policy will be determined within 60 days of the tournament; once all invoices are paid and the final budget is approved by the SYC Board.
- G. All referees are certified by the Federation.
- H. No smoking at any school or military base.