

San Ramon Valley Cup TOURNAMENT RULES (7/8/08)

1. Tournament Information:

Name of Tournament: San Ramon Valley Cup
Name of Hosting League: San Ramon Soccer Club
Date of Tournament: July 19 & 20, 2008
Number of Teams: 80
Age Group(s): U11, U12, U13, U14, and U15
Note: Age group classification will be per the 2008-2009 season.
Classification: Division 1
Gender: Boys and Girls
Approved for teams: US Club and out of state.
League Website Address: www.sanramonsoccer.org

2. Tournament Director Information:

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3. Fees:

\$500 per team

Fees are payable in to ways:

1. Check made payable to: San Ramon Soccer Club – Valley Cup
2. Through credit card at the time of online registration (available through PayPal, <http://www.getann.com/createaccount.phtml?cpn=403979>)

The entry fee payment must be made at the time of registration or shortly thereafter.

4. Guest Player Policy:

Unlimited loan players will be permitted to a roster of 18. Only 18 players may appear on the game card prior to the game All teams that are not US Club Soccer members will need to submit travel papers to their local State Association.

5. Application Information and Deadline:

Tournament application deadline: May 12, 2008

Teams applying after the deadline may be considered only if there are any existing vacancies.

In the instance that the tournament fills all brackets prior to the application deadline, the tournament reserves the right to declare that it is full and closed to applications.

Notification of team acceptance or rejection will be sent to every timely applicant by May 15, 2008

A refund of the team's entry fee will be included in notices sent to rejected teams.

6. Refund Policy:

No refund after a team has been formally accepted.

7. Locations:

Headquarters Location:

- San Ramon Central Park

List all playing sites:

- San Ramon Central Park (CP1 – CP4)
- San Ramon Sports Park
 - Tiffany Roberts Turf Field
- Dublin Sports Grounds (3-6)

8. Mandatory Credentials Check-In

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon

Date: July 18th

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Each team is required to have their team credentials checked in at a mandatory pre-tournament check in. Teams failing to attend the mandatory check-in without prior approval of the tournament director will forfeit their games.

A reception will be held at the time of check-in.

You must bring the following documents to Team Check-in:

TEAMS FROM THE UNITED STATES

If you ARE A MEMBER of US Clubs you will need to bring:

1. US Club Soccer Player cards.
2. US Club Soccer medical releases.
3. US Club Soccer Tournament Roster
4. Your Hotel information if you are staying over (hotel name, # of rooms, check in and check out dates, hotel rate \$)
5. Emergency cell phone #'s for your team in case of rain, etc.

If you ARE NOT A MEMBER of US Clubs you will need to bring:

1. Approved travel papers from your State Association.
2. Approved travel roster from your State Association.
3. State Player Cards.
4. Medical Releases.
5. Your Hotel information if you are staying over (hotel name, # of rooms, check in and check out dates, hotel rate \$)
6. Emergency cell phone #'s for your team in case of rain, etc.

FOREIGN TEAMS

Players must present passports at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry in to the United States that is required by the United States. Teams are required to have and present player picture identification cards. Tournament rules require that the team have a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

9. Player Age and Eligibility

Boys and Girls U11 through U15 are eligible to participate in our tournaments. A maximum of 18 players on a roster, 18 players on a game card to be submitted prior to each game with the player cards to the referees. Game cards will be provided at team check-in. Unlimited guest players are allowed. No player may compete in the Tournament in two age groups in the same weekend. In those brackets containing more than one foreign team, the USYSA "Friendly Five School Boy Rule" shall apply.

10. Player Credentials

Player picture identification cards are to be present and available at all matches. Identification cards are required to be checked by the referee prior to each match. If cards are not available, special circumstances will be handled by the Tournament Director.

11. Length of Games (list each age group):

Age	Preliminary Games	Consolation/Championship Games
U11, U12	Two 25 minute halves	Two 30 minute halves
U13, U14	Two 30 minute halves	Two 35 minute halves
U15	Two 30 minute halves	Two 35 minute halves

In preliminary games, ties will stand. If a championship or consolation game is tied at the end of regulation play, two 5 minute overtime periods will be played. If still tied at the completion of the overtime periods, the game will be decided by penalty kicks as per FIFA laws of the game. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, overtime periods may be shortened or eliminated if the game has been significantly delayed at the start. The length of any game may be shortened to shorter but equal halves if the Tournament Committee deems it necessary due to field conditions, weather or darkness.

In case of inclement weather or field conditions, games may:

1. Be shortened
2. Go to F.I.F.A. penalty kicks
3. Be canceled

If the Tournament Director rules that during the preliminary round penalty kicks will be taken due to inclement weather or field conditions, the following rain rule will apply:

- Each team will take a maximum of five (5) penalty kicks.
- At the end of five (5) kicks the game will be scored as a 1-0 win for the team that has scored more penalty kicks, or a 0-0 tie if both teams are tied in penalty kicks at the end of five (5) kicks
- In the overall standings, 2 points will be given for the win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
- The 1-0 win in penalty kicks will not be counted for or against to determine the tie breaker for advancement
- If regular games have been played in the bracket and the Tournament Director has determined that other games go to penalty kicks due to inclement weather or field conditions, the regular games score will revert back to a 1-0 win or a 0-0 tie.

In the event of an unusual event that results in a significant loss of game time, the lost game time may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Directors. The rescheduling of the lost game time is subject to field availability. An example of an unusual event would be a major injury to a player, which prevented the use of the playing field. The Tournament defines a significant loss of game time as more than half of the game. An accumulation of time delays due to minor/moderate injuries to several players would not constitute an unusual event nor will these delays be considered lost game time. An accumulation of time delays resulting from the normal course of a game will not be considered lost game time.

There will be no refunds or reimbursements of tournament application fee for cancellation or forfeiture of games.

If, in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench or spectators, the offending team can be suspended from further play and forfeit that game and all remaining games. In this event, all previous points earned remain as played.

12. Mandatory Rest Periods

Teams must be given a minimum rest period of two hours between games. The rest period will commence when a team's match ends and will end when the team's subsequent match begins.

13. Substitutions:

Unlimited substitutions are allowed with referee approval in the following situations:

- Prior to a throw in for one's own team
- Prior to a goal kick by either team
- Prior to the restart of the game following a goal being scored by either team
- Prior to the restart of the game for the second half
- Prior to the beginning of an overtime period
- Prior to the restart of the game following an injured player being removed from the field (either team may sub)
- Prior to the restart of the game following a player being cautioned, the referee will give the coach the choice of substituting the cautioned player. (The player could re-enter at his/her team's next substitution opportunity.)

14. Ejections:

A player OR coach given a red card in a game shall be expelled from that game, and shall not be replaced in that game and are not permitted to play/coach in the next game, as a minimum. The Tournament Directors may give a further suspension for violent conduct. When a red card is given the player/coach should leave the immediate playing area. The coach must not participate in coaching a game that he/she has been suspended for, he/she must not sit on the bench or coach from the sideline at all. A player may sit on the bench during the suspended game, but not in uniform.

15. Format:

- 3 - Minimum games for each team in the tournament (forfeited games will count in game minimum.)
- 1 - Championship game
- 1 - Consolation game

Four Team Divisions — The top two finishers will play in the Championship game and the third and fourth place finishers will play in the Consolation game.

Six and Eight Team Divisions — The top team from each flight will play in the Championship game and the second place team in each flight will play in the Consolation game.

Ten and Twelve Team Divisions — The two flight winners with the most points will play in the Championship game and the remaining flight winner and the second place team with the highest points will play in the Consolation game.

Fourteen Team Division — The two flight winners with the highest points will play in the Championship game and the remaining two flight winners will play in the Consolation game.

16. Scoring System:

The following point system will be used to determine flight winners and wildcard teams during preliminary rounds:

- Two (2) points for each win
- One (1) point for each tie
- Zero (0) points for each loss

No points are deducted for accumulated red and yellow cards.

A forfeit will be scored as a 1 - 0 game. The 1-0 will not be counted as goals for or against to determine tie breaker for advancement.

Tie Breaking Procedure:

In the event of a tie on point totals, the below tie breaking system will apply.

1. Head to Head (where applicable).
2. Fewest goals allowed.
3. Most goals scored.
4. Coin Flip

If more than two teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie breaker rules listed above will be used until one team is eliminated (starting at step 2).

The remaining two teams will be compared beginning again with Step 1 of the Tie Breaker Rules (Head to Head) until 1 team is determined the winner.

ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND NO PROTEST OF THEIR OUTCOME IS ALLOWED

17. Awards:

Type of Awards:

- Team trophies for 1st Place
- Medals for 1st through 4th Place
- Participation pins for each player and coaches (2 per team)

18. Start Times and Forfeitures:

Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game in order to be checked in by referees or appointed tournament officials. Games will be started within 5 minutes of the designated start time. If a team

has not taken the field with a minimum of seven (7) players within the 5 minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team that has taken the field with at least seven (7) players. If neither team takes the field within the 5 minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team and the game will be declared a double forfeit.

The referee and/or Tournament Committee may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a team leaves the field during the game without the approval of the referee, the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and/or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans, or a team is deemed to be in gross violation of US Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer, or rules of this tournament.

19. Home Team:

The team listed first on the game schedule is the home team and shall have their choice of the side of the field. Conflicts in jersey color will be resolved by the home team being required to change jerseys. The referee will determine if there is a conflict in jersey colors or keeper jersey colors.

The home team will be responsible for providing the game card and the game ball if a tournament ball is not provided.

Games for U9 - U12 will use an official size #4 ball.

Games for U13 - U15 will be played with an official size #5 ball.

20. Game Card

The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the game card and roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same (Examples –The player changing his or her shirt, or the daily match report being changed). Individuals may not represent a team if not registered as an administrator/coach with the involved team(s).

AT THE END OF EACH GAME, A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MUST SIGN THE GAME CARD. The score indicated on the game card cannot be disputed after it is turned over to the Field Marshal.

21. Safety Equipment

All players are required to use shin guards at all times. No shin guards - No play! No protests will be accepted. No jewelry may be worn.

22. Casts

Players are not allowed to play in a hard cast. Players will be allowed to play in a soft cast, at the discretion of the Tournament Director/Referee.

23. Sportsmanship and Conduct:

Good sportsmanship is expected of all teams, officials and fans. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff, parents and affiliated spectators. **SRSC has a “NO TOLERANCE “ rule on its fields. If there is any abusive language/conduct by a player, coach or fan, the coach will automatically be issued a warning.** If there is a second incident by that individual, the tournament director will automatically be notified to issue either a final warning or stop the game. If the game is stopped due to poor sportsmanship/conduct, the game will be awarded to the other team. Coaches red cards will not be tolerated during this tournament. The tournament director may recommend that a team NOT be accepted to next year's tournament.

24. Injuries and Medical Assistance:

Any injuries **must be reported to a tournament official** so that an accident report form can be completed. A tournament official will call 911 for an injury at the coach's or parent's request.

25. Weather Conditions:

If deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee, games may be shortened or cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

26. Tournament Cancellation

If the tournament must be cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities or other circumstances deemed by Valley Cup Tournament Committee to be beyond our control, the tournament may retain up to 30% of the entry fee once the tournament's expenses are verified and approved by the SRS Board of Directors. No less than 70% of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams within 45 days of the approved tournament date.

27. Housing and Hotel Information:

The San Ramon Marriott Hotel is a Valley Cup sponsor and the Official Tournament Hotel. The Marriott Hotel has blocked a number of rooms for the Valley Cup teams at their numerous properties which include the Marriott Hotel, Marriott Courtyard and Marriott Residence Inn. However, individual teams must arrange hotel accommodations by contacting the Marriott Hotel at the link on the tournament home page. The Marriott Hotel will be happy to make your team arrangements.

28. Prohibitions:

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the sport fields or complexes. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the tournament and will not be invited to any future tournaments hosted by this league.

Use of tobacco products is prohibited at this tournament. Use of tobacco products on the grounds of any public school facility is a violation of California State Law. Local law also prohibits the use of tobacco at any city park.

Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to remove a dog from the area of the soccer field, or if after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to cease the use of tobacco products in the area of the soccer field.

All Portable Shelters (EZ ups, tents, etc.) must be secured with either stakes or sandbags.

29. Tournament Committee:

The tournament committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and any other pre-designated Tournament Officials.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH POLICY AS DEEMED NECESSARY IN REGARD TO PROBLEMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.