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## **EAST WINDSOR PAL TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB**



# **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Blastoff Tournament Saturday May 14, 2011**

**East Windsor PAL Soccer Complex  
30 Airport Road, East Windsor NJ and Hightstown  
High School, Leshin Lane (Mercer County)**

**Boys and Girls Age Groups: U-8 thru U-13**

**Fees: \$295 per Team**

- ❖ **Smoking is prohibited on or by the fields. No pets are allowed on the facility. Alcoholic beverages and cooking fires are prohibited. Violations will lead to forfeiture of games.**
- ❖ **Full food stand and bathrooms available on the complex.**
- ❖ **The tournament committee, East Windsor Township, the East Windsor Regional School District, or the East Windsor Police Athletic League are not liable for any accidents or injuries occurred during the tournament.**

## **Tournament Rules**

- ❖ **Sanction, Eligibility and Registration:** This tournament is NJYS approved. All member clubs of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations are invited. Players must hold valid US Youth Soccer player passes. No select, tournament, or teams formed solely for the purpose of tournament play are allowed. No secondary player passes are allowed. Up to 3 guest players are allowed. Maximum roster size for U-8 to U-10 teams is 14 players, for Full-Sided teams U-11 to U-13 is 18 players.
- ❖ **Age group birthdays:** U13 8/1/97-7/31/98, U12 8/1/98-7/31/99, U11 8/1/99-7/31/00, U10 8/1/00-7/31/01, U9 8/1/01-7/31/02, U8 8/1/2002-7/31/2003

- ❖ **U 10 Teams May Not Play Up in Age, players born after 7/31/2003 are not eligible to play.**
- ❖ **Applications** are required by e-mail, regular mail or fax by **April 25, 2011**. All checks or money orders for team registration will be made out to **“East Windsor PAL Travel Soccer”**
- ❖ **Registration** will take place **Friday Night, May 13, 2011 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM** at the PAL 30 Airport Rd., Administration Building. Teams may register up to one hour prior to first game on Saturday **with prior approval** from the Tournament Administrator. League approved team rosters with jersey numbers, including guest players, notarized medical release forms, birth certificates, valid player passes, and permission to travel for out of state teams is required at registration time. Approved player passes, medical releases and birth certificates are required for guest players also. The **East Windsor PAL Travel Soccer Tournament Committee** will keep a copy of your validated state roster with guest players listed. All validated player passes must be presented to the Field Marshal at each game. Barring disciplinary action, passes will be returned after each game. **NO PASS, NO PLAY, NO WAY!!**
- ❖ **Refund of Entry fees:** If the tournament is cancelled for any reason prior to the start of the tournament, at least 80% of the team’s entry fees will be refunded. Reasons for cancellation may be weather, field availability, or the Tournament Committee decision. No refunds will be given to any teams, for any reason, if the team withdraws from the tournament after acceptance by the tournament.
- ❖ **The tournament committee** reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the Tournament. This includes rule interpretations, rule changes, and schedule changes. Committee decisions are final.
- ❖ **Golf Cart Policy:** Golf carts, if used during the tournament, may only be operated by persons holding a valid New Jersey Drivers License.
- ❖ **GAMES:** Each team is guaranteed two games normally consisting of two 25-minute halves. The winner in U11 and older Age Divisions games ending in a tie, will be determined by kicks from the penalty spot. Games are allotted 60 minute time slots; if a game starts late it may be shortened to end on time. Time will be kept on a running clock
- ❖ **Teams must report** to the Field Marshal on the appropriate filed 20 minutes prior to game time for player equipment check and the coin toss. **No player will be allowed to participate if wearing a cast of any type or other items deemed dangerous to the player or opposing players. Doctor’s notes will not be accepted for players wearing casts..** The home team for coin tosses and shirt color conflicts will be the team with the lowest numerical designation on the tournament Flights Chart, and will be required to change jerseys in the event of color conflicts. No jewelry, except as allowed by USSF.. Headgear with hard visors is only allowed at the discretion of the referee. All shirts must be matching and numbered. Full FIFA specified shin guards with socks covering are mandatory, and proper footwear will be checked.. The tournament committee may

alter the length of any game. Full-sided games will start with **7 Players present** (one of which must be a goalkeeper) and small-sided games will start with **6 Players present** (one of which must be a goalkeeper). No warm up time will be given on the field of play. If the required number of players are not present within 10 minutes of the scheduled start, the game will be determined a forfeit and the non-forfeiting team awarded a 3-0 win. All games in which an ineligible player participates will be forfeited, and the team subject to disqualification from the tournament.

❖ **GAME RULES:**

All games will be played under FIFA laws as modified for Youth by the USSF, USYS & NJYS, unless specifically modified by these tournament rules. Number 5 balls will be used for the U-13 Age Group; other Age Groups will use a size 4 ball. Fields will comply with the minimum or maximum sizes recommended by US Youth Soccer for competitive play. **Maximum Score** All teams are asked to display good sportsmanship and respect the spirit of the game by not outscoring their opponent by more than six goals. Scores of more than a six goal differential may be penalized in the tie-breaking formula..

- **SUBSTITUTIONS:** may only be made at the following times: Own throw in prior to a goal kick, at half time, following a goal. Players issued a caution (**Yellow card**) may be substituted at the coaches discretion (one for one) but no replacement player will be allowed on a **Red card** ejection. When play is stopped for an injured player to receive attention by Coaches and/or Trainers, the injured player **must** leave the field; the injured player may only return to the field with permission from the referee. The opposing team may substitute on a one for one basis on an injury. There will be no substitutes allowed for a dismissed (red-carded) player.

- ❖ **AWARDS:** All U-8 thru U-10 (8 vs. 8 games) players will receive Participation Awards. Standings and/or recording of scores will not be done and tie games will not go to kicks from the penalty spot. **For U-11 to U-13**, the 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. place teams will receive a Tournament Trophy.

All Players will receive a Tournament Patch. Exchange of Club patches, pins, etc. is strongly encouraged at the post game handshake.

- ❖ **STANDINGS:** All teams will play two games. Standings only apply to U-11 to U-13. Where teams are competing in a four team flight, the winners of the first games will play for the championship, the losers of the first games will compete in the consolation round. If the game is tied after regulation time, Kicks from the penalty spot will be taken on a different field set up for this purpose. For bonus points, the game will still be recorded as a tie. Winner of the “winners” game is the Champion. For U-11 and older Age Divisions with an odd number of teams in the fight, the following point system will be used to break ties in the standings after all games are

played and for award determination:

1. Win = 3 points
2. Tie = 1 point for each team
3. Loss = 0 points

**Note:** Forfeiture will be recorded as a 3-0 “Win” for the opposing team.

**Bonus Points:** If, after applying the point system described above, two or more teams are still tied in the standings “Bonus Points” will be applied as follows:

1. One (1) bonus point for a shutout (including 0-0 ties)
2. A maximum of (3) bonus points per game for goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed)
3. One (1) bonus point will be deducted for each goal over a differential of 6 (six) per game and rules 1 and 2 above will no longer apply.
4. Two (2) bonus points will be deducted for each Red card issued to a Player, Coach, Coaching Staff, or due to Team Parents or Spectators behavior.

Ties in the standings remaining after “Bonus Points” steps are applied will be broken as follows:

1. Results of head-to-head competition
2. Least goals allowed
3. Penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA rules

In case of a three-way tie, once a step is used to determine the tie-breaker, the process must continue to the next step and may not revert back.

- ❖ **REFEREES:** All referees will hold current USSF Registrations. There will be 3 referees for each game U-12 and above. U-11 will have 3 refs if available. All U-8 to U-10 (8 vs. 8) Games will be played on a small-sided field with one assigned referee who may use a club linesman from each team (at the discretion of the referee). **Referee decisions are final, No Protests** will be allowed for referee decisions, or for decisions of the **Tournament Committee**.
- ❖ **THIS IS A COURTEOUS PARENT TOURNAMENT. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF PLAYERS, COACHING STAFF, AND PARENTS.** Spectators, Parents and Coaches may be ejected for unruly behavior. Players or Coaching Staff awarded Red cards during game play will sit out the remainder of that game and the next if still scheduled. Unruly Parents will not be permitted to return to the fields. All Red cards will be reported to the appropriate State Association within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.
- ❖ **TEAM FIELD POSITION.** . Spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field from teams and coaches are not allowed behind the goal lines. No coaching will be allowed from the Parent/Spectator side of the field or behind the goals. Violators are subject to dismissal from the game area.
- ❖ **CONTACTS:**

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