



23rd Annual NEYSO Groundhog Tournament

Tournament Dates

January 30th – 31st, 2010

Check-in required 1 hour before the team's first game on January 30th.

Location of Tournament

Games will be played at Specht Rd Soccer Complex in North San Antonio. Directions to the complex can be obtained from the NEYSO website at www.NEYSO.org

Tournament Directors

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Classification and Age Divisions

The 23rd Annual NEYSO Groundhog Soccer Tournament is sponsored by the Northeast Youth Soccer Organization. The tournament is for DIV (4), Academy, DIII (3) and DII (2) teams only. The tournament is an unrestricted tournament and is open to all teams associated with us soccer (including US Youth, SAY, AYSO, US Club). The tournament is open to boys & girls teams from U-5 through U-19.

To the extent practical, teams will be bracketed by sex, age, and level of play (in that order). Separate age groupings will be created, but NEYSO reserves the right to combine ages to create workable brackets. Questions, problems and preferences should be noted on the registration form or directed to the Tournament Director. Every effort will be made to accommodate any special requests.

Team Registration and Entry Fees

Team registration must be completed by completing the application and mailing it in to the address below along with a check or money order (payable to NEYSO) and preliminary roster. Team registration fees are as follows.

U5-U6 - \$125	U11-U12 - \$275
U7-U8 - \$150	U13-U19 - \$300
U9-U10 - \$250	

Team rosters are limited to **eight** for U5-U6 (4v4), **ten** for U7-U8 (6v6), **twelve** for U9-U12 (8v8), and **Eighteen** players for U13-U19 (11v11). Unlimited guest players are allowed for all levels. No SII, DI or premier players will be allowed to play as guest players.

Age requirements are per STYSA. A player may only play with one team in the tournament.

Mail Entry forms to:

Northeast Youth Soccer Organization
C/O Deneen Steiner
1706 Stargazer Pass
San Antonio, Texas 78260

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Check-In Information

All teams must provide the following at check-in: Each team should bring laminated player cards and completed medical release forms for each player, including guest players. These will be verified against the roster, and travel papers (for teams outside of STYSA) if applicable. If the forms submitted prior to check-in have been modified, a new copy must be provided for the Groundhog Soccer Tournament files. Teams are required to check-in at the fields at least 1 hour before your first game.

Game Information

All teams will be guaranteed to play at least three games. In round robin play, ties at the end of regulation time will stand. For semi-final and championship games, ties at the end of overtime periods will be broken by the taking of FIFA penalty kicks.

Game Times and Ball Size

Age Group	Ball Size	Round Robin Games length	Overtime Periods
U13 - U19	5	2 X 30 Minutes	2 X 10 minutes
U11-U12	4	2 X 25 Minutes	2 X 5 minutes
U9 - U10	4	2 X 20 Minutes	2 X 5 minutes
U7 - U8	3	2 X 20 Minutes	NONE
U5 - U6	3	2 X 15 minutes	NONE

Semi-Finals and Finals are regulation times by age group.

Teams must be at the scheduled game field and ready for inspection by the referee at least 15 minutes before the scheduled game time. Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the referee, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match. Each team must be prepared to present a game ball of appropriate size, weight, and pressure to the referee before the start of the game for his/her selection. All games will have a 5 minute half.

No players are permitted to have casts of any kind in the games.

Playing Conditions

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. In the event the tournament is cancelled, partial refunds will be given. Every effort will be made to complete the tournament. Once a game is started the decision will rest with the referee and Director of Referees. Games will be considered complete if one half has been played in full. The home team is listed first on the schedule and will be required to change uniforms in the event of a conflict. Both teams will occupy the same side of the field. Parents and spectators will occupy the opposite side.

Uniforms

The home team is encouraged to wear their white or light colored jersey and the visiting team is encouraged to wear their dark colored jersey, however in the event of a color conflict, the home team will change. All uniforms must have a number that matches the number listed on the game card. If you have a duplicate number, you must make the referee aware and be able to distinguish between the players with duplicate numbers. GK jerseys do not have to have a number, but if the GK comes on to the field as a field player, his jersey number must be listed on the card.

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Scoring

- 6 points for a win
- 3 points for a tie
- 1 point for a shut out
- 1 point for each goal up to 3

Forfeit will be scored as a 1-0 win. If a team forfeits more than one game, the team will be considered to have abandoned the tournament and the points from all of their games will not be counted in the standings.

Advancement

Specific advancement rules by bracket will be available at check in.

Tie breakers are as follows:

1. Results of head to head competition
2. Goal difference (total goals for minus total goals allowed) up to 5 per game
3. Total goals allowed
4. Penalty Kicks

Score Cards

All players with numbers should be listed on the game card in order to be eligible to play in the match. If a player is sitting out due to misconduct or illness, please note that on the game card and let the referee and opposing coach know. Feel free to use preprinted rosters that you can stick on the game card. Score cards must be checked at the conclusion of the game to verify the score and any cards issued. The referee must record the score and sign the card after each game. Both coaches should also sign the card. The winning team or home team in case of a tie will turn the game card in to the Tournament Headquarters. Game cards should be turned in no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game.

Discipline

A player receiving a red card must sit out the remainder of that game and the next game. A player receiving two red cards will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament. It is the coaches responsibility to sit an ineligible player, and let the referee and the opposing coach know the reason that the player is sitting out. Misconduct of teams, players, coaches, spectators, or supporters will not be tolerated on or off the field. Any of the above may be withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of the Tournament Director and reported to the Host State Association and the team's State/National Association. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters both on and off the fields.

Protest

All referee decisions are final. No protests allowed.

Awards

Awards will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams within each U9-U19 group immediately after the championship game. U5-U8 teams will receive participation awards.

Matters Not Provided For

USYSA and STYSA Administrative Rules books will govern any situation or questions on rules of competition not covered herein. Any matter not provided for in the Tournament rules or STYSA or USYSA rules shall be determined by the Tournament Directors, whose decisions shall be final.

Complex Restrictions

No pets of any kind allowed at the complex.

No glass containers or alcoholic beverages allowed at the complex.