

**2019 Bluffton Soccer American Cup
U12, U15, Tournament Rules and Regulations**

Hosting Organization- Bluffton Soccer Club (BSC), BSC Director/President- Ron Koontz
Tournament Director- Ron Koontz – 419-348-4133 Dan Lee 419-358-4386
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Tournament Dates and Location- Our 12th annual Bluffton spring soccer tournament will be held on Sat., May 18th and Sun., May 19th. Games will be held predominantly at Bluffton University. This tournament is open to recreation teams only.

Tournament Entries and Registration Materials: must be mailed to the attention of: Ron Koontz
at Bluffton Soccer 7960 Rockport Rd Bluffton, OH 45817
Please mail in materials along with team deposit after reading the following Rules and Regulations.

Registration Deadline is April 20th, 2019+- At the registration deadline, all registration materials including team payment is due. Team fee is \$250 per team. Teams are due April 20th, 2019, \$150 of this fee is the non-refundable deposit. Teams who withdraw from the tournament within 2 weeks of the registration deadline, will receive a (\$ registration - \$100) return. Teams who withdraw from the tournament after the 2 week grace period will not be refunded.

Tournament Format- Teams who enter will participate in 2 preliminary rounds (2 game guarantee, could be more depending on #teams) on Saturday, May 18th. Sunday's (May 19th) matches will consist of the semi-final and championship rounds for each age group participating. Saturday matches will begin as early as 8am and may end as late as 7pm (depending on the number of teams entered). Sunday matches will begin as early as 8 am and may end as late as 7pm.

Tournament Eligibility, Registration, and Rostering Players-

This tournament is open to USYSA affiliated Recreational within the state of Ohio or proof of rec divisional play. All teams participating in the tournament must be currently registered through the OYSAN for the 2018-19 Spring Season, and **must have competed in a recreational or regional league.** A minimum of four teams is necessary for grouping.
Registration Materials must include the following:

- Tournament team Medical Release-Liability waiver form (completed by all of the players parents)
- A copy of the team's Official/Certified Spring Roster.
- (U12, U15) Tournament Team Fee
 - Players who are not on these rosters or who have an incomplete waiver form are not allowed to participate in the tournament.
 - Players are not allowed to be doubled rostered and guest players are allowed to participate in the sanctioned tournament with prior approval from the tournament director. (Teams may have 3 guests only (must have approval of Tournament Director))
 - Tournament Officials reserve the right to make all final decisions regarding team/player eligibility.

Divisions and Age Groups

This event is a recreational U12 , U15) Tournament for Boys/Girls. Girls may participate in the boys divisions but boys are not permitted to play in the girls division. Division requests can be made, but are not guaranteed and teams will be placed in the division based on the final decision of the tournament officials.

Players ages are based on new OYSAN birthdate rule unless specified by BSC.

*Please remember these must be players who are currently registered for the OYSAN or an affiliate of Spring 2019 season (guest players are allowed with prior permission and must have played in a registered state team.).

GAME FORMATS

Check in Procedures- All teams must check in 1 hour prior to their first match for the day of preliminary rounds. Teams in the final round matches on Sunday must check in ½ hour prior to their first match.

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Equipment and Uniform Details- All players are required to wear shin guards w/ stockings that can completely cover them. All jewelry must be removed from the players before stepping on the game field. Sweatshirts are allowed under the jersey, but no form of hooded shirts is allowed. Team jerseys must consist of the same color. Teams must also provide a white jersey/Pinnies to serve as an alternate (home teams will wear the white jersey). Numbers are not required on the jersey, but are suggested (please do not have multiples of the same number on different jerseys if possible). Goalkeepers must have an alternate colored jersey separate from their team and the opponent.

Game Ball Sizes- U12 – Size 4, U15 – Size 5

Match Duration- Matches will be 50 minutes for U12 (two 25 minute halves), 60 minutes for U15 (two 30 minute halves). Matches will have a 5 minute halftime period (halftime may be altered due to the time schedule of the games). **For those competing in recreational divisions, we ask that coaches ensure giving all of their player's equal participating time.**

* Clock is continuous unless there is a significant injury to a player. If play is stopped for more than 5 minutes, the game clock may be reset appropriately. No more than 5 minutes can be added back to the game clock.

Substitutions- Unlimited substitutions are allowed by the referee under the following guidelines:

- Before a throw in by the team awarded the throw in.
- Before a goal kick or kick-off by either team.
- After an injury that stops play.
- After a caution, (one for one) by both teams if the cautioned player is substituted.

Substitutions must all be made in the designated substitution box/area located at midfield between both team benches. The substitution area is enforced for players entering or stepping off the playing field during the game.

Field Size and Field Players-

Fields will be sized between 60-80 yds long by 45-55 yds wide for U12.

Fields will be sized between 100-120 yds long by 50-100 yds wide for U15.

Sideline Rules- Both teams participating will have benches on the same side of the field. Spectators must watch from the opposite sideline of the team benches. No spectators are allowed behind the Goal / Goal Line areas. 3 coaches are allowed per team, and coaches must remain in their team bench area. Coaching is not allowed from the spectator side of the field or behind the goal area. Managers and assistants are allowed on the team bench area, but are considered part of the 3 coach requirement.

Game Reports- Game reports will be handled by tournament officials.

Yellow Cards/Red Cards: Players/Coaches who receive either of the following will be reported and reports will be sent to the team's home league/association and will also be sent to the OYSAN.

Tournament Standings

Division winners will be determined on the following criteria:

3 points per win, 1 point per tie, 0 points per loss

Division Tie Breakers will be determined in the following order:

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1. Result of the head to head match
2. Goal Differential (limited to + or – 5 goals per game)
3. Fewest number of goals allowed
4. Highest number of goals scored
5. FIFA P-K elimination

(If necessary) wild card team scenario:

Team/s will be chosen by the following criteria-

- Non-group winner w/ the most points
- Non-group winner w/ the most wins.
- Non-group winner with highest goal differential (as described above)
- Fewest goals allowed
- Highest goals scored
- FIFA P-K elimination

Semi-Final Rounds:

If the semi-final round reaches overtime, one 5 minute period will be played. The team to kick-off will be determined by a coin toss. After this overtime, FIFA PK elimination will take place with ONLY the players who are on the field at the end of the overtime period.

Championship Round:

In the championship game, two 5 minute periods will be played in overtime. Kick off is determined by a coin toss.

After this overtime, FIFA PK elimination will take place with ONLY the players who are on the field at the end of the overtime period.

Other Tournament Rules:

Unless otherwise noted in these rules, all other rules will apply to the OYSAN.

There will be no protests. All decisions of the referee/tournament director/official are final.

Tournament officials reserve the right to make decisions based on matters pertaining to the tournament.

Weather Policy:

The Inclement Weather Plan will be as follows:

Event staff, teams, and spectators must all seek shelter away from the playing fields. The Tournament Director will make decisions on a game/tournament basis based on the severity of the weather.

Lightning Policy- If lightning and thunder is within the proximity of the playing areas, all play will be halted immediately and everyone must step off of the playing fields to seek shelter. If lightning/thunder has left within 30 minutes of the last lightning strike, play may resume.

Game Effect- Games may be called due to the severity of the weather. If one half of the game has been completed, the game is registered as final. If the game is halted in the 1st half a 0-0 tie is registered. The Tournament Director and Officials have the right to make all decisions final on resuming play or determining the games final/tied.

Tournament Effect- In the case of cancellation of the tournament due to bad weather, teams will be refunded based on the decision of tournament officials. If the entire tournament is cancelled, the registration fee of \$125 is non-refundable. However if your team has played two games no refund will be awarded.

Sportsmanship

We ask that all participants (including spectators) display great sportsmanship to all who are involved in the tournament (including officials). This tournament is designed as a recreational tournament in order to give all players and coaches a competitive yet positive experience. Teams who do not display good sportsmanship and instead decide to act inappropriately will be asked to leave the tournament. In the case of any team who is asked to leave the tournament no refund will be given, and teams may face a year suspension from the tournament.