

NCYSA U10 Academy Tournament Rules/Guidelines

Academy Pool: A player pool of (X) number of players, true U8-U10 that form teams and play matches with focus on technical development. No scoring, standings, wins/losses are recorded. Academy players may not be registered with any other level of play.

NCYSA Academy Rules

1. The rules and policies of NCYSA, and USYS are applicable for tournaments, in accordance with the NCYSA Academy Program Rules and USYS Modified Rules.
2. Players must be registered with NCYSA/USYS.
3. Only players that are true U8 thru U10 as per USYS Guidelines are eligible,
4. Tournament play should follow the USYS Modified Rules for small sided games.
5. Players who are enrolled in an Academy Program cannot participate on any Challenge, Recreational or Classic team as guest players.
6. It is recommended that players in match attendance should play a minimum of one half of each match and preferably more.

Tournament Registration for U10 NCYSA Academy

It is the responsibility of the Association to file the tournament application form for all Academy players to a tournament. The Association could be subjected to a per team entry fee that will be determined by the Tournament Host Association.

The following credentials must be presented and checked at tournament registration:

- NCYSA Official Academy Pool Match Roster (Red Stamped) It is strongly recommended by NCYSA not to provide the NCYSA Official Roster which includes all player information. This NCYSA Official Match Roster is generated by NCYSA and red stamped.
- Laminated Player Passes with pictures and signatures
- Notarized Medical Wavers

Tournament Play for U10 Academy

1. The official NCYSA Academy Pool Match Roster will be used as follows:
 - Presented before each scheduled game.
 - The maximum of 12 participating players should be highlighted on each official NCYSA Match roster.
 - NCYSA player passes will be presented to coincide with the roster.
 - Medical waiver forms should be at the field of play.
2. For a U10 Academy Division: Tournament division play is limited to Academy “teams” only. Academy teams will play in a separate division. No other “level of play” may be combined with Academy teams or their brackets.
3. It is recommended that Academy teams not participate in any elimination bracket, but could participate in a Festival format.
4. Matches will be in the format of Academy league play with NO published scores or standings.
5. Matches will have NO Champions or winners. It is up to the tournament’s discretion to provide “gifts” or “participation tokens” to all players from all teams. These items are recommended to be the same.
6. It is recommended that an Academy player may not play more than 100 minutes in one day.
7. Matches will be assigned one certified NCYSA referee (per USYS Rules). Referee fees will be the same as for age appropriate Challenge level teams.
8. Ball size: 4
Roster size: Maximum 12
Duration of the Match: Two 25 minute halves with half-time interval of 5 minutes
Offside: None
Substitutions: (Consistent with league play. See below.)
NCYSA EXCEPTION: THAT THE SUBSTITUTION POLICY FOR AGE GROUPS PLAYING SMALL-SIDED GAMES CONFORM TO FIFA, BUT WITH UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS, AS ADOPTED BY NCYSA. PASSED BY CHALLENGE COUNCIL 6/11/2005

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM THE NCYSA RULES, AS REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE EXCEPTION:

During Classic and Challenge games, players may be substituted only during a stoppage of the game (FIFA Law III, International Board decision #6, and Law *X paragraph [a] and [b], the number of substitutions shall be unlimited unless the rules of a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this association specifically determine otherwise.) Substitutions may be made, with the approval of the referee, at the following times: A) Prior to a throw-in, by the team in possession B) Prior to a goal kick, by either team C) After an injury, by either team D) At half-time
[taken from North Carolina Youth Soccer Association Rules: Section 7, Rule 5]