# 2027 Jim Slater Memorial Indoor Soccer Tournament

## Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League

Tournament Rules

**Registration**:

- All teams must register for the tournament through GotSport. Only teams that have paid will be accepted and seeded. Teams are accepted and seeded on a first-paid, first-seeded basis. There are no exceptions.
    - The team registration fee is $450 per team.
- Waitlisted teams will not be charged until they are accepted. A waitlisted team will be accepted when one of the following occurs:
    - When another seeded team withdraws
    - When another division is opened because there will be enough teams to form a new one.
- Once your team has been accepted and seeded, there will be no refunds for withdrawal from the tournament unless the division the team is playing in is canceled for lack of fill. If that occurs, each team in the division canceled will receive a full refund, and a credit (amount TBD) for registration at one of our subsequent events.
- Weekly eMails will be sent out to all participants in the tournament with tournament status updates. These will be sent through GotSport and sent to all coaches and team managers.

**Check In and Players Passes:**

- Only registered players with valid player passes (USYS, US Club, etc.) will be allowed to participate. Teams should **submit their roster with the players that will be playing in the tournament to GotSport** as part of the check in process no later than 48 hours before the start of the tournament.
- Approved guest player release forms and medical release forms must be dropped off at the tournament desk thirty minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff of your first match.
    - A GotSport Team Roster with player photos (and player passes if roster with no photos) must be submitted to the tournament desk thirty minutes prior to kick off if a team did not submit their roster electronically in GotSport.
    - If a physical copy of the roster is not presented or the team did not submit their roster online, that team will forfeit their games and no refund will be provided.
- Players **are allowed** to play for more than one team within the same age bracket, as long as there are multiple flights within that age bracket. (Example would be BU11 gold flight and BU11 silver flight). If there is only one flight within an age bracket, a player **may not** play on more than one team within that age bracket.
- Players may be used as guest players to play on a team in a higher age bracket at any time throughout the day.
- A maximum of three (3) Guest players is allowed per team. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Requests must be made by 12:00pm ET on Friday before the tournament. No requests will be considered after that time

**Weather:**

- The tournament will be held in snow, rain, or shine. There will be no refunds for non-appearance due to the weather.

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- Updates on conditions will be emailed to coaches and managers as needed.

**Spectators:**

- There will be a $4 dollar admission charge payable at the door. Coaches, players, and youth spectators under the age of 12 are admitted free.
- Spectators are expected to use the low-rise stands to sit in or stand on the solid surface. No spectators are to stand on the green turf playing surface or behind the goal lines at the back of the dome.

**Laws of the Game/Tournament:**

- All rules are F.I.F.A. rules except where stated otherwise here.
- Number of Players
    - All age groups will play 7 v 7 (6 field players plus goalkeeper)
    - The maximum roster size for all age groups is sixteen players.
    - You can bring more than the max roster if you want to. You can suit only the max roster for any one game. Medals/Shirts are limited to max roster size.
    - Coaches are responsible to ensure that the proper number of players are on the field for the duration of the game. If a team is found to have played with more than the specified number of players for any duration of time, the game is subject to a 1-0 forfeit.
- Casts of any type and ALL jewelry are strictly prohibited. Long pants are allowed.
- Each team will play a maximum of four (4) matches. All matches are twenty-five (25) minutes in length with continuous clock (no stoppage time for any reason) and there are no halftime breaks.
- There will be a minimum of two (2) minutes between the matches.
- All matches will start and end with a horn by the Tournament's timekeeper.
- Coaches are responsible for having their team ready to play within one minute of the finish of the previous match.
- Teams absent at the start of a scheduled match will forfeit and be charged with a 0-1 loss with zero goals scored.
- Teams winning by forfeit will be awarded a 1-0 win (5 points).
- The home team is the team listed on the left side of the schedule. In the event of a conflict of colors, the **home team must change their jerseys**. **Please have your team bring both jerseys to wear.**
- Cleats are not allowed in the Hudson Valley Sports Dome.
- The visiting team (second team listed on the schedule) will kick off.
- Substitutions shall be unlimited and may be on the fly.
- Substitutes may not enter the field of play until the exiting player is off the field.
- The offside rule is not in effect. There is no build-out line.
- Balls over the touchline will result in a throw in.
- Penalty kicks:
    - U9 – U12 will be taken from the penalty spot
    - U13+ will be taken from the top of the penalty area

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- Balls hitting the ceiling or fixtures which are within the boundaries of the field of play are in play, and play will continue.
- Slide tackling is prohibited, will be considered Dangerous Play and will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team. However, players are **allowed to slide** if they are not challenging a player for the ball.
- Heading by any U9, U10 and/or U11 player will be considered Dangerous Play, and result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
- On all restarts, the opposing team must be at least five (5) yards from the ball.
- The decisions of the referee are not subject to appeal.
- A player or coach who receives a red card is automatically ejected from the remainder of the tournament, and the team must play short for the remainder of that match.
    - If a player receives a red card for a hand ball, that player is only suspended for the remainder of that game, and may play in the teams next scheduled match.
- Two (2) yellow cards to any player or coach during a match will result in a red card, and that player or coach is ejected from the entire tournament.
- A coach or player who has been ejected is not allowed in the stands or technical area for the remainder of the tournament. They must wait for their team in the concession area.

**Keeper Play:**

- After taking possession of the ball in the penalty area, a goalkeeper **may** play the ball over the midfield line.
- Goal kicks **may** be played over the midfield line.

**Tournament Scoring:**

- Scoring - For round robin and preliminary rounds, the ranking will be determined by the total number of points earned. The team with the highest number of points will be ranked first, second, and so forth. Points will be earned as follows:
    - Win = 3 points
    - Tie = 1 point
    - Loss = 0 points
    - Each goal (up to three goals) = 1 point
    - Shutout = 1 point
    - Each yellow card = -1 point
    - Each red card = -2 points
- The most points a team can score in a single match is 7.

**If teams are tied, ties will be broken in the order listed below:**

1. Winner of the head-to-head game. (If more than two teams are tied, this Tie Breaker is eliminated.)
2. Most Wins
3. Fewest goals against
4. Most Goal Differential

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5. Fewest Misconducts (cards)
6. Penalty shootout (each team takes 5 penalty shots)

In the case of a three-way tie, after a determination has been made with respect to first place, second place will then be determined by using the same order listed above, starting with the first tiebreaker for the remaining 2 teams.

**Four Team Divisions:**

If due to registrations it is necessary to create a division with four (4) teams, the following special rules will apply:

- Each team will play three (3) scheduled matches for points.
- After three (3) matches, the teams will be ranked using the point system above
- The third (3rd) and fourth (4th) place teams will play a consolation match, which may end in a tie.
- The first (1st) and second (2nd) place teams shall play a championship match. The winner of this match shall be the division champion regardless of points earned in the earlier matches. If, at the end of full time, the championship match is tied, the teams shall bypass overtime periods and go straight to kicks from the mark. All players shall be eligible to take kicks regardless of whether they were on the field of play at the end of the match. After five (5) kicks have been taken by both teams and no winner has emerged, Coin toss will be used to determine the winner.

**General Expectations:**

- The HVYSL Tournament Director shall have final say over anything not covered in these written rules.
- All participants and spectators will be expected to observe the game in progress from the stands or the adjacent concrete surface and not block entrances, exits, etc. No players, coaches or spectators are permitted to sit on the curb at the back of the dome behind the goal lines.
- Each team and player participating in the tournament does so as his/her own risk and agrees to accept all responsibility for any injuries. The Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League, its directors and officers and any tournament official, and the Hudson Valley Sports Dome accept no responsibility for any injuries.
- An EMT will be present for the entire tournament and will staff a First Aid Table.
- Additional information, material and/or corrections may be issued on tournament day.
- Smoking, outside food and outside drink are strictly prohibited throughout the facility.
- Coaches are responsible for team/spectator behavior. US Soccer Policy 531-9 Referee Abuse Prevention Policy is in effect.

***Rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament director. Any questions should be directed to the HVYSL tournament director at*** *JSantella@hvysl.org*