



2018 MIDDLESEX YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Saturday, June 16th and Sunday, June 17th

Congratulations and welcome to the 2018 Middlesex League Commissioner's Cup and Championship Weekend. The tournament will be hosted by Woburn Youth Soccer and will be held at the **Joyce Middle School Soccer Complex**, 55 Locust St., Woburn, MA 01801 and the **Woburn High School WMHS Varsity Field** located at 88 Montvale Ave., Woburn, MA 01801.

The Commissioner's Cup qualifying teams for U10 D1-D5, U12 D3-D5 and U14 D3-D5 will compete in a three game round robin format on Saturday and Sunday.

The MTOC eligible divisions U12 D1 & D2 and U14 D1 & D2 will play semi-finals on Saturday and finals on Sunday. Remaining semi-finals and finals for GU16 D1 & D2, BU16 D1 & D2, GU18, BU18, GU19 & BU19 will be held on Saturday & Sunday.

Please note that all game schedules, team and game information are available on SportsManager. Please note that at this time some tie breaker, play in and semi-final games remain to be played prior to the start of the Tournament and those teams which qualify will be added to the SportsManager schedule as the game results are submitted.

All teams are to check in at least one half hour prior to the scheduled start of their first game of each day at the check in tent at the game location, Joyce Middle School Complex or at the WMHS. Two (2) copies of the approved game roster, complete with jersey numbers, as well as pass cards for all players and coaches are required at the time of check in. Note for U10 teams pass cards are required only for the coaching staff. All coaches must have their Mass Youth Identification with them as well.

The MYSL and Woburn Youth Soccer boards of directors request your attention and adherence to the rules of the tournament on the following pages to ensure a safe and enjoyable soccer weekend.

No Pets are allowed on school grounds!
No Barbequing allowed on site.

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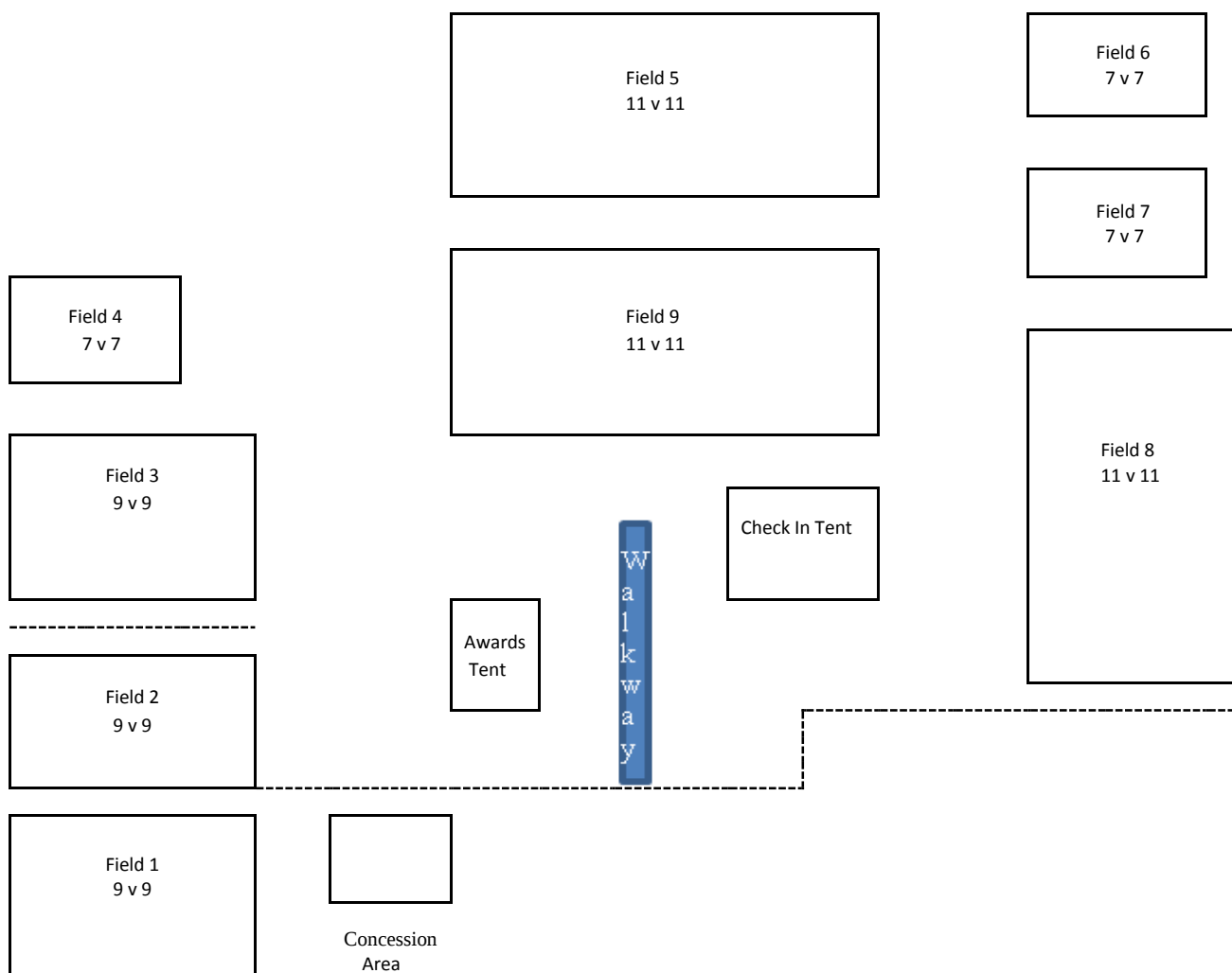
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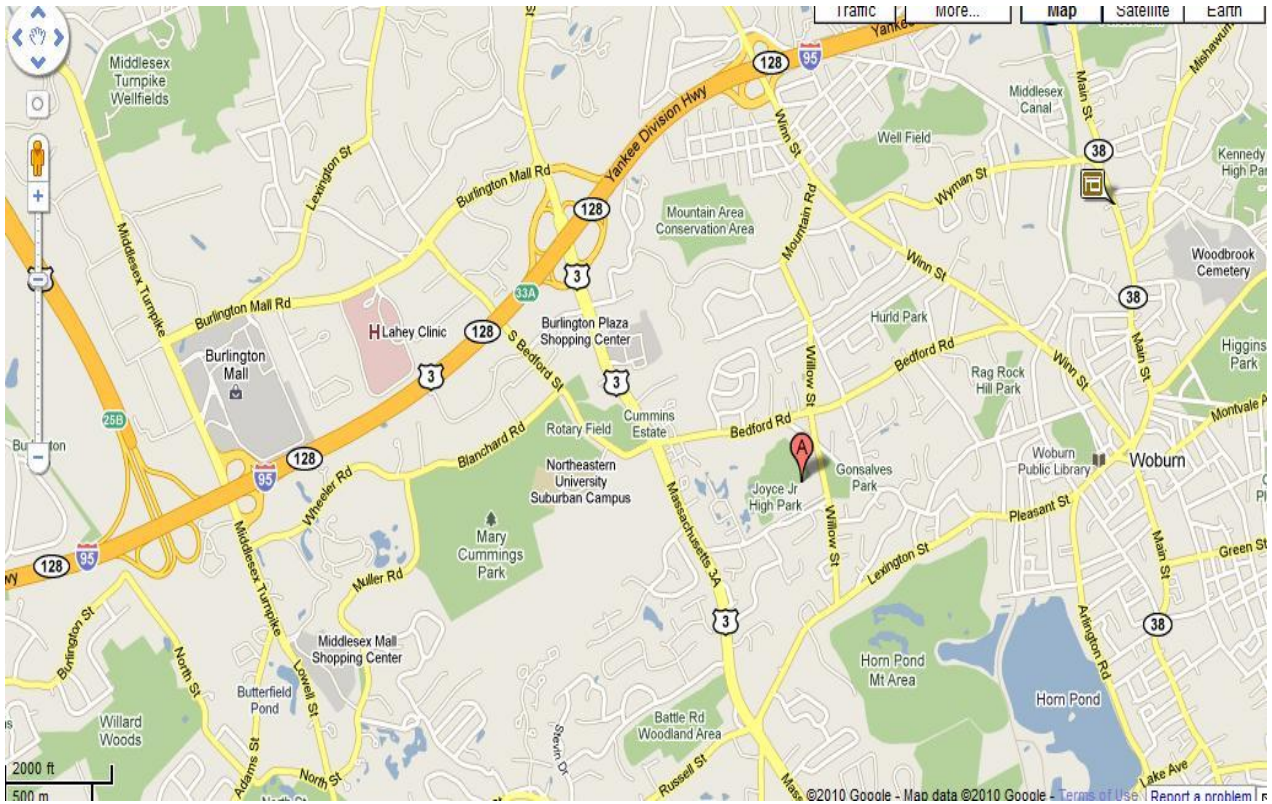
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Joyce Middle School Complex Field Layout

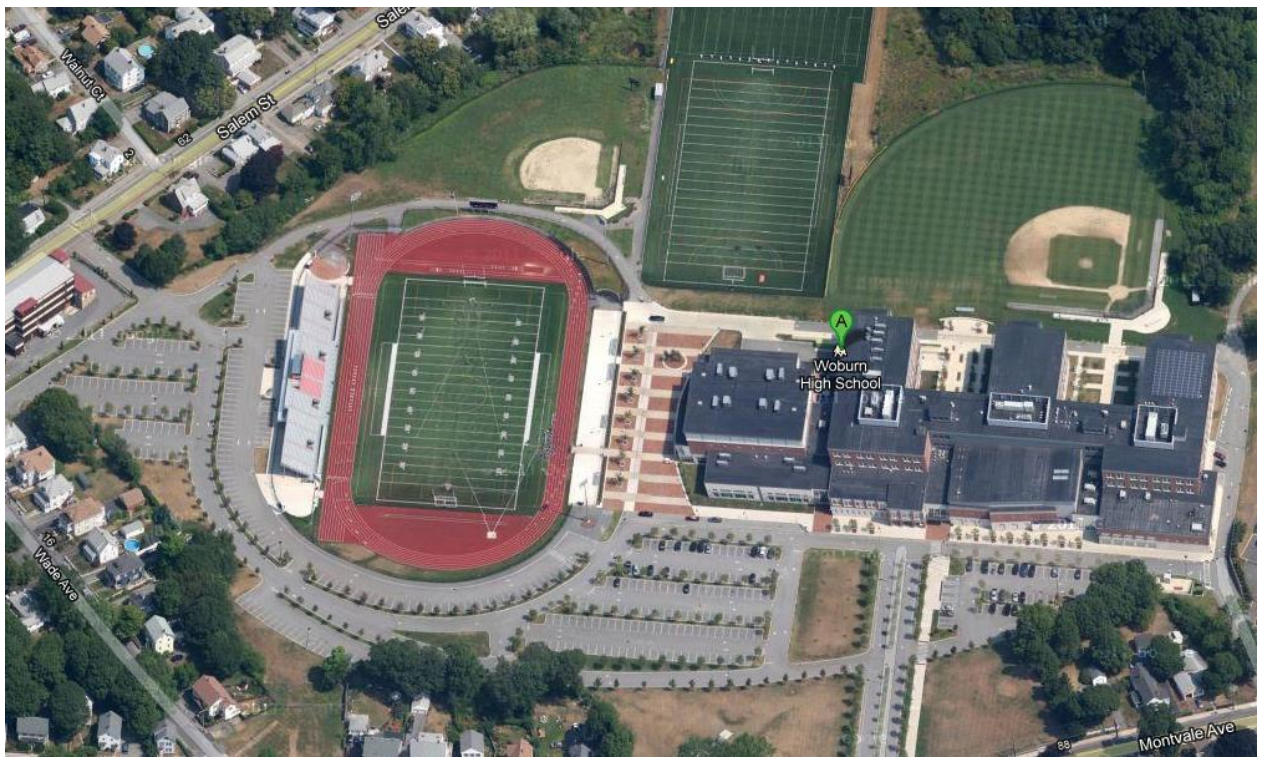
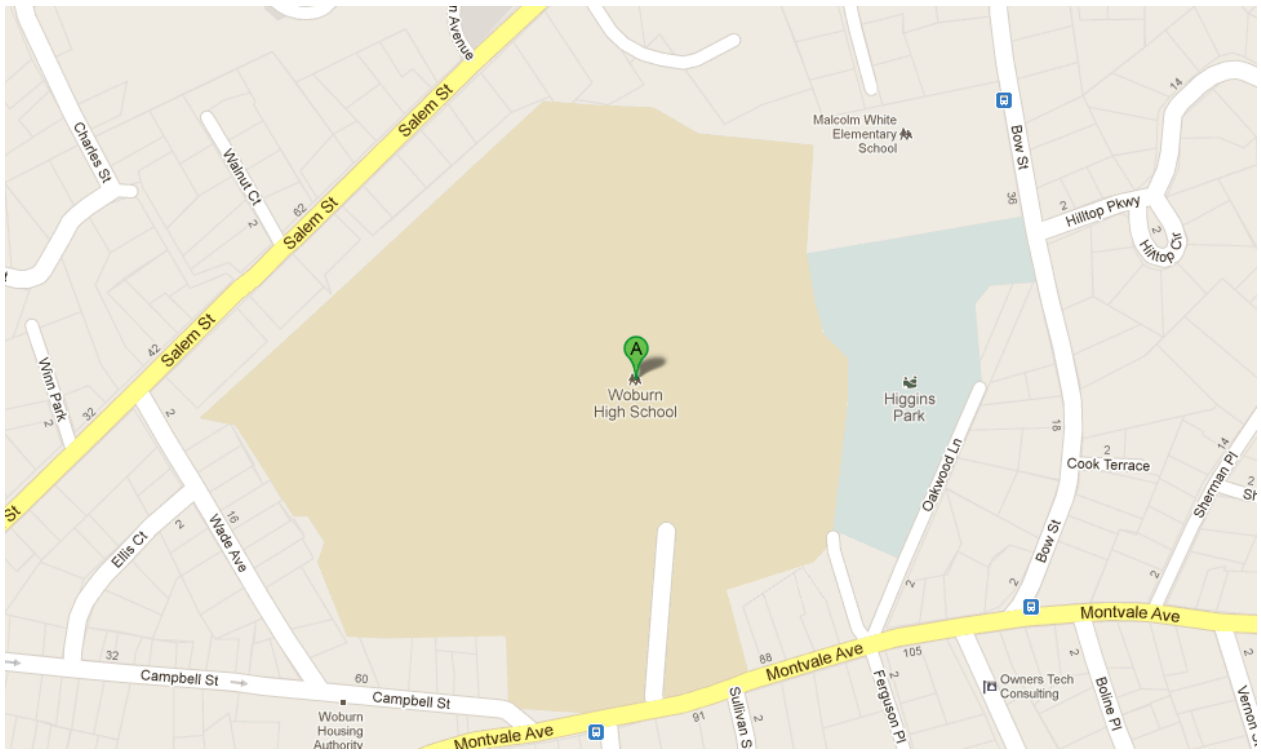


2018 COMMISSIONER'S CUP FIELD SITE

Joyce Middle School Soccer Complex



2018 COMMISSIONER'S CUP
Woburn Memorial High School Complex



From the Commissioner - Cheer! Do Not Jeer!

June 11, 2018

Fellow MYSL members,

Congratulations on a great season and welcome to the 2018 MYSL Commissioner's Cup Tournament.

This weekend is the culmination of your journey which began in late August of last year, through all of the practices, the fall developmental season, winter indoor activities, individual tournaments, playing with friends and family, kicking the ball around the backyard, and sometimes inside the house. It is a great accomplishment to get to this point and you should all be very proud of yourselves, as we are.

As many of you are aware, inappropriate conduct and outrageous behavior continues to be a problem for youth sports organizations. Please be reminded that MYSL has Zero Tolerance for this type of behavior between and from any combination of our players, coaches, parents, guardians and spectators involved with or in attendance at any MYSL event.

MYSL will not tolerate obscene or vulgar language, derogatory comments regarding race, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, aggressive behavior, sarcasm, harassment, taunting, verbal or physical threats during any MYSA event, from or toward anyone within its membership.

The role of the coach as role model for their players cannot be underestimated. The coach sets the tone for the team and it is their responsibility to maintain control, support the referees and to address and resolve any issues that may arise with their players, parents, guardians or spectators prior to, during and after the game, at the field and surrounding areas. Encourage the players and promote good sportsmanship!

We are all here to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which our children may develop their soccer skills and hopefully a love for the game. Our goal is to teach them to be part of a team and learn the values of respect, integrity and good sportsmanship. These are life lessons they will carry with them beyond the soccer field and MYSL. Most importantly, we want them to feel safe and to have fun.

To help promote these goals, we will have Field Marshalls who will monitor the behavior of the players, coaches and spectators throughout the tournament. We would like to recognize and reward those players and coaches who exhibit the best example of fair play and good sportsmanship and emphasize the importance of this behavior, win or lose, both on and off the field. The Field Marshalls will support the referees and provide input in determining one team from each age group, U10 through U19, to be nominated for the 2018 MYSL Commissioner's Cup Team Sportsmanship Award.

Thank you for your time regarding this very important issue.

Again, congratulations on your season and best of luck this weekend.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Antonucci Sr.

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Commissioner's Cup Director
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Coach, Player and Spectator Conduct

It is the responsibility of **ALL** coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and spectators (supporters) in all matches. Abusive, vulgar or obscene language, derogatory comments regarding race, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, aggressive behavior, violent play, violent conduct, fighting, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation and other behavior detrimental to the game will not be tolerated. A coach's responsibility for referee support and spectator control includes the times prior to, during and after the game at the field and surrounding areas. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for players, the referee and all other participants and spectators.

The persons responsible for a team and spectators will not address the referee at all during the play of the game.

Exceptions for persons responsible for a team (Coaches and Assistant Coaches)

During the game:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Making Substitutions.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

Exceptions for Spectators:

During the game:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

MYSL recommends that the referee deal with coach(es) and spectator(s) infractions in accordance with FIFA Law 5 of the Game.

If the referee abandons the match, directs a person to leave the area, or issues a caution; the referee shall send a misconduct report for review – see MYSL Rule 29. MYSL asks that the information provided by the referee in the misconduct report be sufficient and detailed to determine follow-up actions required by the Commissioners, Age Directors and/or Sportsmanship Committee.

Any player, coach or team official physically or verbally assaulting a referee will be suspended a minimum of one (1) year. If the incident is considered serious, the Commissioner and Sportsmanship Committee may impose an indefinite suspension.

Please see Middlesex Youth Soccer Rules Book 2017 – 2018 for the complete Rule 21 - Coach and Fan Conduct (Zero Tolerance Policy), Rule 22- Ejections and Rule 23- Player/Coach Infractions.

2018 Commissioner's Cup Rules

All Players and Coaches **must** check in a minimum of 30 minutes before their 1st game each day. Teams **must** have player (U12-U14) & coach pass cards and an approved 2018 spring roster. Players **must** present themselves dressed to play. The tournament officials will keep the roster. Coaches **must** also have an approved 2018 spring roster in their possession during all games.

- 1) All U-10 team players and coaches will receive Commissioner's Cup participation awards.
- 2) Awards will be presented to the U-12 & U-14 Commissioner's Cup Champion and Runner Up (Finalist) for division 3, 4 & 5.
- 3) Each team will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. Most points will be used to determine the cup Champion and Runner Up (Finalist).
- 4) There is a zero tolerance policy in place for this tournament regarding referees. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Let the officials do their job.
- 5) **No pets allowed!** People who bring pets to the field will be asked to leave the premises!
- 6) **Barbequing** (grilling) is not allowed on the premises.
- 7) Tents will be allowed in designated areas only.

The Commissioner's Cup Director will have the final say on any and all discrepancies that may occur.
Protests will not be entertained.

Post Season Eligibility Rules for MYSL

Post Season Eligibility

Four teams in each Division will be eligible for post season play in both the MYSL Championship Playoffs (MTOC Qualifier) or the MYSL Commissioners' Cup at the conclusion of the Spring Season, based on the final standings.

Eligibility

- i) A Division with a single bracket or section: top 4 finishers make the postseason
- ii) A Division with 2 brackets: top 2 finishers in each bracket
- iii) A Division with 3 brackets: winner of each bracket qualify for the postseason.

The 4th playoff spot will be determined by a playoff of the three 2nd place teams.

Rankings for play in games to determine who plays in which games follow the standard tie breaking procedures – points, then head-to-head (which doesn't apply in these cases), least goals allowed, tie breaker game. Once determined, the 2nd place team with the most points will have a bye. The other two 2nd place teams will play on the Monday following the last game of the season, weather permitting. The winner of that game will play the team with the bye on Wednesday of that week, weather permitting. Both of these dates are subject to change; your team must be available every day of the week following the end of the season.

- iv) A Division with 4 brackets: winner of each bracket qualifies for postseason.

Any variations of eligibility must be agreed upon by the Age Director, Vice President of Development and MYSL President, and clearly communicated to all the teams in that division at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the Tournament

MTOC Qualifier & Commissioner's Cup Eligibility Tie Breaker Rules:

The following are the rules for tie breakers in determining which team goes to the MTOC/Commissioner's Cup.

- head to head competition by points (if still tied)
- least goals allowed head to head (if still tied)
- goal differential head to head – maximum differential of 3 goals per game (if still tied)
- least goals allowed – all regular season games (if still tied)
- goal differential - all regular season games – maximum differential of 3 goals per game (if still tied)
- tie-breaker game

The Age Director will organize all tiebreaker and playoff games in order to determine a division champion. Tiebreaker and playoff games shall be played on neutral fields (whenever possible). The Age Director has complete authority in these matters and shall use his/her best judgment in complicated matters taking into account that tournament bound teams shall be determined at least three (3) days before the tournament starts.

Championship Playoffs for Divisions 1 and 2 (U12 and older):

The MYSL will hold playoffs among the top finishers in each division for U12 through U19 in Divisions 1 and 2. The winners of these playoffs will represent the MYSL in their respective age groups at MTOC. Additional teams may be included according to the eligibility rules established by the MYSL. Town Player Pass is not allowed for Championship Playoff games

Commissioner's Cup Tournament for U10, all divisions:

The MYSL will hold a Commissioner's Cup Tournament among the top finishers in each division. Additional teams may be included according to the eligibility rules established by the MYSL. The U10 tournament will be for enjoyment and fun – no champion will be crowned. Town Player Pass is not allowed for Commissioners' Cup games.

Commissioner's Cup Tournament for U12 and U14 Divisions 3, 4 and 5:

The MYSL will hold a Commissioner's Cup Tournament among the top finishers within Divisions 3, 4 and 5. Additional teams may be included according to the eligibility rules established by the MYSL. Town Player Pass is not allowed for Commissioners' Cup games.

2018 Commissioner's Cup Rules of Competition

U14 Division 3, 4 & 5 Match Rules

- Halves are 25 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Games need to be started on time. Teams should be warmed up ready to begin when the game ahead of them ends.
- Ties stand in all matches.
- All games are played with running time.
- Unlimited substitutions on throw-ins for both teams if the team in possession substitutes first, on goal kicks, and after a goal.
- An injured player must be replaced if the referee stops play due solely to the occurrence of serious injury or if the referee signals for the coach or medical personnel to enter the field to attend to the injury. The opposing team may have an equal substitution. Goalkeepers are exempt from this requirement.
- A player issued a yellow card MAY be substituted at the option of the coach.
- Sent-off players or dismissed team officials must leave the playing area and may not remain with their team.
- A player sent-off for serious foul play or violent conduct will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.
- Any coach who is dismissed from any match is disqualified for the remainder of Tournament.
- FIFA Laws of the Game and MYSL 11v11 playing rules are in force for anything else not mentioned above.

U12 Division 3, 4 & 5 8v8 Match Rules

- All of the above U14 rules apply.
- MYSL U12 Playing Rules.

U10 Match Rules – All Divisions

- All of the above U14 rules apply.
- Halves are 20 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- MYSL U10 Playing Rules.

Commissioner's Cup Tie Breaker Rules:

In determining final standings of Commissioner's Cup when teams are tied in points following the conclusion of their games, the following tie breakers rules will be used to determine the champion, in the following order:

- i. Head to head competition
- ii. Least goals allowed in all tournament games
- iii. Goal differential, maximum of 3 goals per game
- iv. If more than two teams are tied, the tie breaker rules will be used to determine a clear winner or eliminate one or more teams. If more than one team remains, the tie breaker rules will be applied again, starting from the top with the remaining teams to determine the clear winner.
- v. If teams are tied at the end of all the tie breaker rules, they will be declared tied for that position in the standings.

2018 MTOC Qualifying Rules of Competition

U18 & U19 Match Rules

- MYSL 11v11 Playing Rules are in effect.
- Halves are 45 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Games need to be started on time. Teams should be warmed up ready to begin at the designated time.
- A winner must be determined. Therefore, overtime, 15 min halves, and kicks from the penalty spot, if necessary, will be used. If overtime is needed, both halves will be played to completion. If the score is still tied, then teams will proceed immediately to kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA rules. All matches unfinished due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Cup Director whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.
- Sent-off players or dismissed team officials must leave the playing area and may not remain with their team.

U16 Division 1 & 2 Match Rules

- All of the above U18/19 rules apply.
- Halves are 40 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 15 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed.

U14 Division 1 & 2 Match Rules

- All of the above U18/19 rules apply.
- Halves are 35 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 10 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed.

U12 Division 1& 2 8v8 Match Rules

- All of the above U18/19 rules apply.
- Halves are 30 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 10 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed