

KOHL'S AMERICAN CUP 2009 RULES – Rio Valley Youth Soccer

March 14-15, 2009 • Harlingen Soccer Complex • 4515 E. Harrison

Tournament Overview: The Kohl's American Cup is designed to provide recreational players an opportunity to "celebrate" soccer. Games are being played for the fun of the game and with that attitude in mind, no scores or standings will be kept for U8 and younger age groups. All players will receive a participation award and, hopefully, have an enjoyable soccer experience. Teams will be scheduled to play two games Saturday and Sunday at various times during the day with rest periods between games. An Interactive Game Area will be available for players to test their skills and have fun during these rest periods.

Roster / Team Sizes / Fees:

Age Groups	Max Roster Size Including Guest	# Of Guest Players Allowed	Team Fees	Playing Format	Length of Each Halves
U-5 and U-6	6	2	\$ 50.00	3 v 3	12 minute halves
U-7 and U-8	8	3	\$ 75.00	4 v 4	15 minute halves
U-9 and U10	12	3	\$ 100.00	8 v 8	20 minute halves
U11 and U12	18	4	\$ 125.00	11 v 11	25 minute halves

Eligibility: All players must be registered with a STYSA Member Association and have a valid laminated STYSA player ID card with a photo. The coach and assistant coach must have a valid laminated Adult Participation Pass (KidSafe Pass) as required by STYSA rules. All participating players must be listed on the roster, a copy of which must be provided to tournament headquarters at the time of check-in.

Play Time: STYSA rules require a coach make every effort to play each player at least one half of each game.

Equipment: All players on a team shall wear shirt, shorts and socks of a similar color. Numbers on the shirts are recommended. In the event of a color conflict, the home team (listed first on the schedule) is required to change. All players will wear shin guards that are commercially produced and specifically designed to provide protection to the shins. No player will be allowed to play with a hard cast (padded or otherwise).

Awards: Each player on the team will receive a participation award at the conclusion of their final game of the day. First and Second Place Medals will be given out to U9 and older teams.

Rules for 3v3:

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 3, Maximum Roster Size of 6 including Guest Players
- No goalkeepers
- No offside
- All kicks and restarts are indirect - **No direct or penalty kicks**
- All fouls will be penalized with indirect kicks. Instead of throw-ins, kick-ins will be utilized to restart from the touchline.
- Goal kicks may occur from anywhere on the goal line
- Corner kicks are indirect free kicks
- Opponents must be 3 yards from an indirect kick or corner kick
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

Rules for 4v4:

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 4, Maximum Roster Size of 8 including Guest Players
- No goalkeepers
- No offside
- All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks. Instead of throw-ins, kick-ins will be utilized to restart from the touchline.
- Goal kicks may occur from anywhere on the goal line
- Corner kicks are indirect free kicks
- Opponents must be 5 yards from the point of taking an direct kick or corner kick
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

Rules for 8v8 and 11v11:

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 8 for U9/10 and 11 for U11 and older
- Goalkeepers will be permitted, Off-sides, Direct and Indirect Fouls called according to FIFA and/or STYSA Rules.
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

The complete STYSA General Rules of Play are located on the STYSA website at http://www.stxsoccer.org/publications/handbook/GeneralRules_200607.pdf