



# ACADEMY AFFILIATE FRIENDLIES

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## 2018 Academy Affiliate Friendlies Tournament Rules

**Rules of Play:** The rules of the Academy Affiliate Friendlies (AAF) shall be in accordance with USSF and FIFA Laws of the Game, except as modified and approved herein.

**Age Groups:** The AAF will be open for teams ranging from U9 to U19. Teams falling outside that age range will have to get permission from tournament organizers to be included.

Please note: Players will be permitted to play on their own team and to “play up” within the same club. For example, a U12 player may also play for the U13 team of the same club.

### **Game Size and Duration:**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Duration</u>
U9 to U10:	7v7	25-minute halves, 5-minute halftime
U11 to U12:	9v9	30-minute halves, 5-minute halftime
U13 and 19:	11v11	35-minute halves, 5-minute halftime

**Team Check-In:** Each team must check in at tournament central prior to their first match of the AAF.

**Jerseys:** Home team is the team listed first on the official schedule. Home team will wear white or “light” -colored jerseys. Each team must have numbered alternate jerseys available. Violators will be removed from the field and not allowed back on the field of play until player’s equipment is corrected.

**Color Conflict:** In cases where the referee deems there to be a color conflict the visiting team (listed second on the official schedule) will be responsible for changing their uniforms.

**Casts or Orthopedic Braces:** Both casts and braces must be approved by the referee to ensure that they are not dangerous to any of the players on the field.

**Substitutions:** The team in possession may substitute at any time after any “dead ball” situation (corner kicks, free-kicks, throw-ins, etc). However, teams not in possession of the ball can only substitute provided that the team in possession is also substituting.

Free substituting is allowed for both teams at the restart after a goal, goal kicks, and at half time. The substitutes must be at the centerline ready to enter before the referee will allow the substitution to take place. The referee has the authority not to allow the substitution if he/she believes that the procedure will stop the flow of the game or is being used as tactical time wasting ploy.



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**Team Benches:** Both teams will be situated on the same side and the spectators will be on the opposite side of the field.

**Sideline Expectations:** Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of the "Laws of the Game". The tournament directors have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament grounds for conduct abuse, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by other authority.

**Inclement Weather:** Tournament organizers will make the final decision on whether an AAF match will be cancelled or postponed because of severe weather conditions. If a match isn't able to be played as scheduled, then all efforts will be made to find a time to reschedule the match before the end of the weekend.

**Cancellations/ Refunds:** In the event that a team needs to withdraw their registration, tournament officials will offer a full refund (minus a \$50 cancellation fee) if the team cancels with 14 or more days' notice. Withdrawals less than two weeks before the start of the tournament will warrant a 50% refund. In the event that the entire tournament is forced to be cancelled, all registered teams will receive a 95% refund.

**Saturday Game Times:**

- TBD
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

**Sunday Game Times:**

- TBD
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD