



# **June 22 & 23**

Prairie Lakes Fields

515 E. Thacker St.

[DPParks.org/summerkickoff](http://DPParks.org/summerkickoff)

## **Tournament Registration**

Fee per team: \$400 [Four or more teams, \$320]

- Deadline for registration form and payment is June 14 by 5pm.
- Refunds:
  - 50% if requested by May 3.
  - NO refunds after May 3
- All teams must submit a roster & waiver form submitted by Friday, June 14 at 2pm.  
*Rosters can be emailed to [jc@dpparks.org](mailto:jc@dpparks.org).*
- Registration payment can be submitted by the following:
  - Via online at [DPParks.org/summerkickoff](http://DPParks.org/summerkickoff)
  - Prairie Lakes Community Center (515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines, 60016)

## **Tournament Divisions**

All teams are guaranteed 3 games. There will be a max of 8 teams per division. Tournament schedule will be structured as pool play. Should a division have less than 8 teams, a consolation structured bracket will be used to ensure the necessary three games.

### **Divisions [Boys & Girls]**

- U8
- U9
- U10
- U11
- U12
- U13
- U14
- U15

### **Check-In**

Team Check-In will be taking place in the blue tent out on the fields. All teams must check in prior to their first game to confirm their roster. To ensure players are in the proper age division, a copy of birth certificates or club player card is required at check in. All players will receive a wristband and must be worn throughout the tournament. If a wristband is not presented prior to the start of the game, the player will be ineligible.

### **Ball Size**

U 8–U12 divisions will use a #4 ball size. U13–U 15 will use a #5 ball size.

### **Team Captain**

A team captain (coach or parent) should be designated should any issues occur during the game or throughout the tournament. Any concerns during the game will be addressed between the referee and the team captain. The tournament director will be notified if need be.

### **Number of Players**

Keeping the kids active is the goal!

- U8–U10: 7 v 7 (Min of 5)  
U11–U12: 9 v 9 (Min of 7)  
U13–U15: 11 v 11 (Min of 9)
- A max of 15 players on a team roster
- The team roster is frozen once the tournament has begun.

### **Duration of Game**

Each game will consist of - 2 X 20 (U8–U10), 2 X 25 (U11–U12), 2 X 30 (U13–U15)

- One timeout per game.
- Coin toss will determine possession at the start of the game.

### **Field Dimensions**

The playing field will according to US Soccer guidelines.

### **Point System**

- Win= 3 points
- Tie= 1 point
- Lose= 0 points

### **Tournament Officiating**

Each soccer field will have a referee to ensure the following:

- All players are abiding by tournament rules
- Address any injuries
- Keep score
- Ensure the right teams are at the correct soccer field
- Monitoring behavior of teams and spectators.

### **Forfeits**

- If a team is not present after 5 minutes of the scheduled game time, a 3-0 win will be reported for the opposing team.
- Any team forfeiting two consecutive games will be disqualified and removed from the tournament.

### **Protests/Player challenge**

No protests are allowed. If a team is questioning the age of a player, the tournament director will make the final decision based on the information provided.

- If the player is found illegal, the team will forfeit all the games in which that player has played in.

### **Sportsmanship**

Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Should the referee report to the tournament director of any unsportsmanlike conduct (inappropriate language or unnecessary physical violence), it will lead to ejection for that person AND/OR team for the remainder of the tournament, without a refund. This is about having fun...LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY!

### **Clean-up**

Team should make sure that all food or drink items be picked up and thrown in the trash. Please respect the area for the teams that are coming after you. Excessive littering by teams will be addressed with the tournament director, and could affect future game eligibility.

### **Inclement Weather**

The tournament director reserves the right to reduce, shorten or re-schedule games due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances.

- Weather updates will be addressed using the RAINOUTLINE APP.
  - Search Des Plaines Park District
  - Choose Prairie Lakes Fields

## **Tournament Game Rules**

### **Uniforms/Equipment**

- All teams must be easily identified by having same color shirts or jersey. Both a light and dark colored jersey or shirt must be readily available.
- No jewelry of any kind will be allowed during game play.
- Sports glasses will be allowed. Metal frame glasses are not acceptable for game play.
- All players MUST wear shin guards. No exceptions.
- Metal spiked cleats are NOT allowed.

### **Substitutions**

- Substitutions are "on the fly" for all players.

### **Kick offs**

- The start of play will be from the midpoint on the centerline. The kick-off is an indirect kick and may be taken in any direction.

**Free Kicks**

- All dead ball kicks will be considered indirect

**Penalties**

- SLIDE TACKLING IS NOT ALLOWED
- Excessive Pushing or shoving will result in a yellow card by the referee, followed by a red card should the behavior continue
- Players cannot attack the ball once the goalie has the ball in hand. Yellow (warning) or red (ejection) cards will be issued accordingly
- There are NO offsides in U8–U10 divisions, only U11–U15

**Goalie**

- Goalies cannot score by punting, drop kicking or throwing the ball from one goal to the other. It must touch an offensive or defensive player prior to entering the opponents goal

**Tie Breakers**

- Should time expire, games may end in a tie.
- Tie Breakers will go as follows:
  - Head to Head
  - Goal differential
  - Goals allowed
  - Goals scored

**Overtime**

- For playoffs only:
  - 1st Overtime: One, 5-minute period.
  - 2nd Overtime: Golden Goal (Except Championship Game, then penalty kicks)
  - If a player is red carded during overtime, the team must continue to play shorthanded.

**Awards**

- Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each division.