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The Roadrunner Invitational 2026

August 15th & 16th

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REGISTRATION

Upon registering for 'The Roadrunner Invitational' 2026 Tournament, sending payment, and being accepted, absolutely NO refunds will be issued. Payment must be made by credit card only, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Tournament Director. Teams will receive an email once accepted.

CHECK-IN

Check-in will be conducted on Wednesday 12th August. All teams must email a copy of their State approved Tournament roster to the following email address - callumralph@athleticsoccerclub.org. ALL teams must also bring the following items to the fields with them, failure to do so will result in all of their games being forfeit, and the team will be removed from the Tournament.

- [Current Seasonal year \(2026/27\) Laminated player/coach pass cards. PDF print-out version also accepted.](#)
- Current Seasonal year (2026/27) membership/medical release forms for each player and guest player. PDF print-out version also accepted.
- [A completed and signed copy of the 'Coach and Team conduct form' \(see attached\).](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are utilizing Guest players, please make sure they are ON your roster that you send on Wednesday, AND that you have their laminated Player Card!



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TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Eligible players are those who are properly registered with AYSO, USYS, US Club Soccer, or SAY. Their complete name and date of birth will be on the team's roster form provided at the Tournament check-in. All teams must provide a validated roster, as issued in the manner approved by the team's State Association. Each team may have a maximum of 3 guest players. Coaches must provide current and valid Coach/Player cards approved by the team's State association for each player, guest player, and team official listed on the approved roster. Each player must be registered for the 2026/27 playing season. The roster must include the team information, the valid seasonal year, the player's name, and the player's verified birthdate as required by rule 204 of US Youth Soccer 'policy on players & player rules'. Out-of-State (but not from USYS region IV) teams will also be required to provide a copy of their State association's 'Travel sanction documentation' (if applicable). Any guest players must be registered with their respective organizations. Teams using ineligible players will forfeit all of their matches. No roster changes or any player additions will be allowed after a team has checked-in.

MEDICAL RELEASES

An authorization properly executed with original signatures to allow emergency medical treatment of each player must be present with the Head Coach for the duration of the Tournament.



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RULES OF COMPETITION

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IFAB laws except as modified and stated in this rules package. Any disputes will be settled by the Tournament Director. Tournament rules may be modified under extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Tournament director. No protests will be accepted or considered.

The Build out line will be used in 7v7 matches (U9/U10). All Coaches are encouraged to learn this rule before the start of play. Referee's will enforce the build out line and failure to adhere to the rules, players and coaches may be cautioned by the referee.

There will be absolutely no heading of the ball for all players U11 and below. If a player has deemed to have headed the ball deliberately, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. If there is a U11 team 'playing-up' into the U12 bracket and they are playing against a U12 team, both teams will follow the no-heading rule. Referees shall make the coaches of both teams aware prior to a U11 vs U12 game that there will be NO heading.

Substitutions may be made at ANY stoppage in play with the referee's permission. Players must enter the field from the half-way line and all substituted players should leave the field from the nearest touchline. All players entering the field of play must wait to step on until the player they are replacing has left the field of play. Referees are encouraged not to allow substitutions for the team out-of-possession if the team in-possession has a corner, or if they have elected to take a free- kick/throw-in quickly.

Players MUST have a number printed on the back of their jersey! If a situation arises that a player has no number, the referee will contact Tournament Staff and that player WILL NOT be able to play until the Tournament Staff meets with the Coach. The Tournament Staff will then let the Referee know if that player is able to participate in the game.



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RULES OF COMPETITION CONT.

The home team is the first team listed in the schedule. The home team is required to provide a properly inflated match ball of appropriate size. They are also required to change jersey should there be a color conflict. The away team is the second team listed in the schedule. The Home team shall wear a light colored jersey and socks. The Away team shall wear a dark colored jersey and socks. As hosts of the Tournament, ALL ATHLETIC SC teams are considered as the 'home team' and will have both home (white) and away (blue) jerseys. Discussions and agreements can be made between opposing Coaches to determine what color teams wear prior to the match.

Teams must be checked-in by the referee before each match. Coaches will present their laminated Coach/Player cards. Teams that fail to check in within 10 minutes after their scheduled kick-off time may forfeit that match. To start and finish a match, U9/U10 teams must have at least 5 players present. U11/U12 teams must have at least 6 players present, and U13+ must have 7 players present. The Tournament Director will make the final decision before declaring a forfeit.

A player that receives a red card or two yellow cards resulting in a red in the same match shall be expelled from that match and must leave the field of play immediately. They must remove their game jersey and wear a conspicuously different shirt and stay sitting on the bench for the remainder of the game to the satisfaction of the referee. That player will be expelled from the team's next game. The same rules apply to coaches however the expelled coach must leave the immediate vicinity of the playing field to the satisfaction of the referee. The coach will miss the team's next game. Should a player or coach be found participating in a game they are expelled from, they will forfeit the match, and the team will be removed from the Tournament. The referee will inform the Tournament Director and Referee Assignor of the team, player name, and player number of the expelled player/coach.



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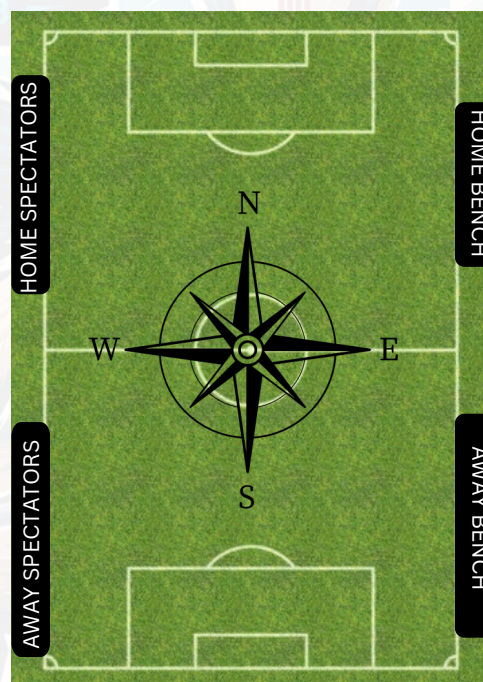
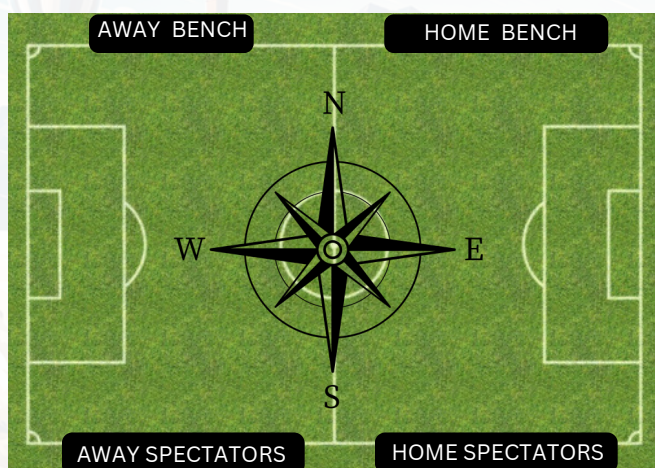
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FIELD LAYOUT

Teams (coaches and players) shall occupy the same side of the field. ALL spectators shall occupy the opposite side of the field. The home team bench should be located on the East or North side of the field, and the visiting team on the West or South. Spectators should be located directly across from their teams' benches. No spectators shall be allowed behind the goal lines, or on the same sideline as the teams' benches. See layout examples below:



There should be a 10 - Yard buffer each side of the half-way line on the teams' side. This will help officials recognize substitutions waiting to enter the field of play. There should also be a 5-yard clearance in-between the sideline and spectators on the spectator side. If there is any confusion, conflict, and/or misinterpretation of the field set-up, the referee crew shall contact Tournament field marshals and/or Tournament officials promptly.



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RULES AND SCORING

Division	Max Roster	Guest Players	Match Duration	Players on Field
U9/U10	12	3	2 x 20 Min Halves	7v7
U11/U12	16	3	2 x 25 Min Halves	9v9
U13/U14	22	3	2 x 30 Min Halves	11v11
U15	22	3	2 x 35 Min Halves	11v11

All age groups will have a 5 minute half-time. U13+ age groups may have 22 players on the roster but only 18 players may participate in the match. Coaches will clearly indicate which players will and will not be participating to the referee crew.

- Three (3) points awarded for a win
- One (1) point awarded for a tie
- One (1) point awarded for a no-result (a match ended in the first half due to weather or other reasons).
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- Three (3) points for a forfeit win (scored as a 3-0 win)
- Negative two (-2) points for a forfeit loss (scored as a 3-0 loss)
- **Negative one (-1) point for EACH red card issued to a team (player or coach)**

The game report will be completed by the center referee and turned in to the referee assigner/co-ordinator at the tournament HQ. If you believe your teams posted match score is incorrect, the team's head coach must contact the tournament HQ as soon as the supposed error is discovered.



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RULES AND SCORING CONT.

Tie-breakers

- Head to Head result
- Goal differential (no limit)
- Most goals for (no limit)
- Least goals against (no limit)
- Fair-play tiebreaker (least amount of card points awarded. 1 point - yellow, 2 points - red)
- Penalty Kicks

Consolation and Finals

If a consolation game or final is tied at the end of regulation, 2 x 5-minute halves of **Golden Goal** will be played. The first team to score will win the game. If a team scores in the first half, the second half will NOT be played. If the game remains tied upon conclusion of extra-time, the match will be determined by penalty kicks.

ANY player on the roster is allowed to participate in the penalty kicks! This includes players were on the bench or substituted at the end of the Golden Goal period. Coaches must provide the referee with number/name of players taking the kicks in order.



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DIVISION BREAKDOWN

Division Size	Group Structure and Breakdown
3 Teams	Each team will play each other twice (4 games/team). The top team in the group at the end of all games will be declared as the winner and awarded the Gold medal. The 2 nd placed team in the group at the end of all games will be declared the runner-up and awarded the Silver medal.
4 Teams	Each team will play each other once (3 games/team). The top 2 teams will then play in the championship game to determine overall 1 st /2 nd . The winners will be awarded the Gold medal, and the losers awarded the Silver medal. 3 rd /4 th place in the group will play in the consolation match to determine overall 3 rd /4 th place.
5 Teams	Each team will play each other once (4 games/team). At the end of all games, the team that is top of the group will be declared as the winner and awarded the Gold medal. The team that is 2 nd in the group at the end of all games will be declared as the runner-up and awarded the Silver medal.
6 Teams	Teams will be allocated to play 3 opponents at random in Group play. Upon conclusion of these games, the group will be split. The top 2 teams at the end of group play, will play each other in the Championship game to determine overall 1 st /2 nd place. 3 rd and 4 th in the group will play each other, and 5 th and 6 th will play each other. Medals will be awarded to 1 st and 2 nd only!



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Additional Information

On Sunday August 16th, ALL Championship final games will start with an International walkout and 30 second applause to remember and appreciate T.J. Wilham who sadly passed away recently. All players will meet around the center circle and the referee will signal for the beginning and end of the applause. We would love to honor the amount of work, dedication, and support T.J. provided to the soccer community over a number of years.

in the event of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to modify any and all tournament rules to conclude the match and/or event safely and fairly. Coaches must be available to be contacted by the tournament staff. Should there be lightning in the area, the complex radar system will alert all teams, parents and officials to 'clear the fields' until the danger has passed. Should a match be suspended after completion of the first-half, the match shall be considered complete and official by the score reported. Should a match be suspended before the completion of the first half, the tournament director will decide how best to complete the match.

Santa Ana Pueblo Laws - Each Native American Pueblo (a Sovereign Nation) operates under its own government and establishes all laws, rules and regulations for its own individual jurisdiction. The laws supersede all Federal, State, County, and City laws. Please respect and abide by the laws and wishes of the Pueblo when visiting the complex.

No domestic or wild animals of any kind are allowed at the complex. The consumption or possession of alcohol is strictly prohibited. No smoking will be allowed near the fields, this includes E-cigarettes. There will be a parking charge of \$5 per day/vehicle. Lastly, those of you who have visited the complex before know how lucky we are to have access to these amazing fields for our youth to play. Therefore, please be sure to clean up after yourselves, your teams, and parents. There are plenty of trashcans dotted around the complex!



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