**

*PETERS TOWNSHIP SOCCER ASSOCIATION*

*2025 ARROWHEAD CLASSIC RULES*

Peters Township Soccer Association is proud to present our 8th annual Arrowhead Classic Tournament. Our tournament is for U9 – U15 age groups. Teams will be bracketed into Gold, Silver & Bronze divisions (for U9, Silver & Bronze) depending on the number of teams registered.

There is a division preference at registration, however the tournament committee *reserves the right* to move teams into divisions based on PA West record, number of registered teams in each bracket, etc... We at Peters Township Soccer Association plan to grow and expand our tournament each year. We anticipate lots of fun and healthy competition!

Tournament Weekend:

June 13th - 15th, 2025

Division selections are PREFERENCE ONLY. Age groups and brackets may be combined at the discretion of the tournament committee.

\*\* All registered teams are subject to acceptance by the Tournament Committee

\*\* ***For schedules and communication for the tournament, all coaches and Parents should download the TeamSnap Tournament App available in the (Apple devices) App store and Google play store (android devices)***

2025 Peters Township Arrowhead Classic Rules

**1. LAWS OF THE GAME:**

All games shall be played in accordance with current FIFA laws, PA West Soccer and US Youth Soccer playing rules except as specified. USSF certified referees are used. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team in violation of these rules.

**2. PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

Alternate jerseys are required. In the event of a color conflict, the Home Team listed on schedule changes colors. Each jersey must be numbered and no duplicate numbers are permitted on the field. Where numbers are the same, one must be altered by the use of tape or marker to make different. All players participating are required to wear the colors and name/logo of their club.

**3. DEADLINES:**

Deadline to register is May 19th. No refunds after registration. If a team/club pulls out from the tournament the registration fee is forfeited and they may be refused future acceptance to the tournament.

A refund is not guaranteed in the event of cancellations, postponements, or the shortening of any game(s) due to inclement weather. However, a partial refund/credit *may* be considered by the tournament committee on a case by case basis. Again, a refund is not guaranteed.

In the event that the tournament is canceled in full, or a team’s participation in the tournament is canceled or prohibited in full, due to COVID-19 issues, the tournament committee will consider a refund of the registration fee based on the circumstances.

**4. REGISTRATION:**

Open to all USYS PA West Travel teams. Only PA West Travel league teams will be accepted. No Classic teams are permitted to play.

Teams will be limited to the Gold, Silver & Bronze Divisions (Bronze if necessary) and will be assigned upon invitation based on the inviting Peters Township team’s division grouping or their normal PA West Divisions. Ideally, each division will contain 6 teams for U9, U10, U11, U12 and 4 teams for U13-U15, though this is not guaranteed.

Registration is $400.00 per team and is non-refundable.

**5. ROSTERS:**

A. All PA West Teams: Rosters and Player Passes (a player pass pdf from your club registrar is now acceptable) must be generated from the Affinity League Software. Rosters are frozen and limited to your official PA West roster for Fall/Spring 2024-2025 with the exception of approved guest players.

B. Maximum roster for U9/U10 is 12 players. Maximum roster for U11 & U12 is 16 players. Maximum roster for U13-U15 is 18 players.

C. A player may only play for 1 team on the tournament weekend. All dual rostered players, within the same club, must declare which team will be represented if both teams are scheduled to play on the same weekend. No player is allowed to be on a roster for 2 different Sunday travel clubs.

*\*\*\* GUEST PLAYERS\*\*\**

*Must be PA West* ***Travel*** *(or inhouse guest) Players*

***NO CLASSIC CLUB ONLY PLAYERS***

A. For U11/U12 and U13-U15: Up to 4 players of an equal or lower age group and playing division, not exceeding registered roster size, are allowed to participate.

For U9/U10: Up to 3 players of an equal or lower age group and playing division, not exceeding registered roster size, are allowed to participate.

\*\* Any guest players must be from your own club.

B. Player passes (Can be a printed out player pass pdf from your club registrar) ***and*** the PA West roster from the guest players primary travel team are required. NOTE: there are no GDRs to print for tournament games. The PA West Roster will serve as your GDR once you check in at registration.

C. Any Coach rostered on a team can coach any team within his Club (coach must have coaching card)

D. If the tournament committee discovers an ineligible player or coach, the player or coach would be ejected immediately.

E. In-house players from your club may guest on travel rosters for the tournament. A temporary player pass will be made. A copy of the in house guest players Spring 2025 In-House Roster (from your club registrar) will be required and validated by the tournament committee. YOU MUST PROVIDE a small picture of the player that fits on a player pass.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to deny any players participation in the tournament.

**6. PLAYER PASS:** No Pass No Play NO EXCEPTIONS

**7. CHECK-IN:**

A. Coaches must present valid Affinity player/coach passes (a printed out player pass pdf from your club registrar is acceptable) (including guests. players/coaches) and a valid legal PA West Affinity roster as well as medical release forms to the Check in area at least 45 minutes prior to your first game.

B. Tournament/PA West Roster must match player passes as authorized by your State Association. Only USYS teams are eligible to participate.

**8. TEAM PLACEMENT:**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to move teams between divisions based on the past/current session standings.

**9. GAME RULES/SPECIFICATIONS:**

A. A quality game ball provided by the tournament

B. The second team listed on the schedule is designated as the away team. In case of uniform conflicts, the home team will be responsible for changing to a different color.

C. U9/U10/U11/U12 - Two 25 minute halves with a 3 minute halftime (no stoppage time)

U13 & UP - Two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime

D. A team not prepared to play a scheduled game at posted start time will forfeit the game and the opposing team will be declared the winner.

E. A team must check-in 15 minutes prior to their game with the Field Marshall.

F. Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten game times.

G. If an odd number of bracket games, only first - three games count.

H. ***Only Approved*** (rostered) coaches, players & tournament officials may be on the team sidelines. Parents and spectators must stay on the outside perimeters in the designated spectator areas.

I. Head coaches are responsible for their players, spectators and other coaching staff’s behavior. They are responsible for the removal of any ejected players, spectators and coaching staff from the area if a referee asks for them to be removed. Failure to do so will result in a game forfeiture for the offending team.

**9.1. Forfeit Tournament**

The committee reserves the right to disqualify a team responsible for the forfeit depending on the circumstances of the forfeit. This rule applies even if the schedule reads opponent TBA. If the corrected schedule posted at the administration tent reads BYE, teams do not have to report on the field. Referee will sign and validate the game sheets. Both coaches should verify the written score of the referee before signing the game sheet. Reported scores will stand, however, the tournament committee will review when there is compelling evidence to do so.

A. Each forfeited round robin game: The non-forfeiting team shall be awarded:

\* 3 points for the win

\* 4 goals for

\* 0 goals against

B. Each forfeited round robin game: The forfeiting team shall be awarded:

\* 0 points for the loss

\* 0 goals for

\* 4 goals against

**9.2. Rules for Advancement-**

A. The teams are ranked in order of points earned for wins and ties:

\* 3 points for a Win

\* 1 point for a Tie

\* 0 points for a Loss.

B. Among teams with the same number of points, final placing will be determined by the following tiebreaker rules:

1. First Tiebreaker: Head to Head competition\*\* (In the event of a 3 way tie head to head competition will not be considered, and tie breakers will start with “2” Goal Differential)

2. Second Tie Breaker: Goal differential capped at 4

3. Third Tie Breaker: Least goals allowed

4. Fourth Tie Breaker: Total goals scored (max. 10 goals)

5. Fifth Tiebreaker: Coin toss (if this tie breaker becomes necessary, coin toss will be held at a location designated by the tournament committee with only coaches and committee in attendance.)\*\*\*

\*\*\*If faced with a coin toss as the last tie-breaker and more than 2 teams are involved, a draw will take place using team numbers, team number drawn advances\*\*\*

**9.3. TIES Quarterfinals/Semifinals/Finals** -

Ties will stand at the end of regular play. In quarterfinal, semi-final and final games, the procedure is as follows:

A. Two full 5-minute periods. Switch sides between periods. NO GOLDEN GOAL

B. A Penalty Kick Shootout (coin toss to determine team to kick first) will follow if the game is still tied. Best of 5 and best of one if needed. NO repeat Shooters.

**10. INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

In severe weather conditions a COACH must appear at the headquarters’ tent 45 minutes prior to scheduled game time (rain does not constitute “severe” conditions unless accompanied by lightning, tornado, hurricane, etc.) to receive information concerning the start-up of games and conditions. At the sign of any thunder or lightning, 30 minutes must pass without another strike or rumble before games can be resumed or started. Should the weekend call for inclement weather a detailed plan of action will be communicated to all coaches prior to the first game and explicit directions for semifinal and finals will be posted at headquarters.

A. Only the tournament committee can postpone or cancel a game. Inclement weather before the start of the tournament including severe weather causing cancellation of the tournament will result in forfeiture of the entry fee.

B. Inclement weather includes storms, tornadoes, hurricanes and severe hot and cold weather.

C. Inclement weather before a game: tournament committee may reduce length of game

D. Inclement/severe weather during a game: after 20 minutes of play, the game will be considered official and the score at that time stands.

E. In the event of extreme heat, the tournament committee reserves the right to change the format of the games to allow for additional water breaks for the health and well-being of the players, coaches and referees.

 **11. BEHAVIOR/CONDUCT:**

Please be advised that the players, coaches and spectators are to conduct themselves within the Spirit and Letter of the Law.

A. Players ejected from a game will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the team’s spectators.

B. Teams will be located on one side of the field and spectators on the opposite side. The referee or field marshal will determine the location.

C. A RED CARD - GIVEN FOR SERIOUS FOUL PLAY OR VIOLENT CONDUCT = 2 GAME SUSPENSION PLUS A HEARING WILL BE HELD TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE IS REQUIRED.

D. TWO RED CARDS- accumulated by 1 player/coach = suspension from remaining tournament games.

E. Disciplinary findings from the tournament rules committee will be forwarded to the appropriate District/Division Director. Further discipline may be deemed necessary by the District /Division Director.

F. No unruly behavior will be tolerated! Any person who is abusive in any way will be asked to leave the tournament and the Peterswood Park Soccer complex. Coaches are responsible for any and all persons associated with their team. Clubs are responsible for their teams. Teams and clubs are responsible for any damages done by team members, etc. Clubs will be billed accordingly, when damages occur.

G. Alcohol and controlled substances are illegal at the tournament. Any person in possession of controlled substances or alcohol will be removed from the Peterswood Park Soccer complex and the Tournament committee reserves the right to notify the police if a situation should arise.

H. COVID Guidelines - All players, coaches, parents, and spectators are required to abide by the PTSA’s Return to Play Guidelines as in effect at the time of the tournament. Repeated and/or blatant failure to do so will be grounds for potential disqualification from the tournament.**12. PETS** **ARE NOT PERMITTED AT TOURNAMENT!** (Certified working dogs only)

**13. AWARDS**

 Awards will be given as follows:

A. Champion and Finalist- U9/U10 Competitive bracket - 12 players and 3 coaches

B. Champion and Finalist U11/12-age bracket - 16 players and 3 coaches,

C. Champion and Finalist U13/U14/U15 age-bracket - 18 players & 3 coaches

**14. ADDITIONAL NOTES**

The tournament committee reserves the right of final decision on any matter not expressly covered in these rules.

Any exception to these rules must be approved by the PT Arrowhead Classic tournament committee **PRIOR** to the tournament & registration

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team in violation of these rules.

ALL SCHEDULES AND FIELD ASSIGNMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

FINAL CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE TEAMSNAP TOURNAMENT APP

ZERO TOLERANCE WILL BE IN EFFECT AT THIS TOURNAMENT FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE

*Thank you for participating in the Peters Township Soccer Association Arrowhead Classic*