



## CSC Tournament Rules

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1700 East K Street – North Casper Soccer Complex

## North Casper Soccer Complex

Casper Fall Classic is held at the North Casper Soccer Complex in Casper, just off the I-25 & Bryan Stock Trail Exit.

THIS EVENT IS A PET-FREE ENVIRONMENT. Please be sure to alert your teams so they can make prior arrangements for their pets to not be at the soccer complex.

CAMPING within the parking areas of the North Casper Soccer Complex is prohibited. No person shall camp within the city limits, other than at a regularly established and maintained campsites.

## Tournament Sanction and Team Application

The Casper Fall Classic is a WSA/USYS restricted sanctioned tournament. The affiliate team submitting the tournament registration must be in good standing with their club and state association.

Qualifying teams will submit their registration application and fees to participate via Got Sport Management System. A registration link will be provided on the website. Teams will also have access to the registration by logging into their team account and searching for events.

Team will need to register by the advertised deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline will need include a \$50 late fee with the registration. Teams may be placed on a waiting list prior to the deadline based on availability of positions in a bracket.

Registering prior to the deadline does not guarantee a position in a bracket. The tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any team application.

## Team Check-In

All teams must check-in online. No changes to the roster will be permitted once play has been initiated in the first game of the event.

Teams traveling to the Fall Classic from outside of Region IV must provide travel documents from their state association.

Each team must provide the following at check-in:

- Official State Roster
- Player & Coach Passes/Cards
- Guest Player information
- Medical waivers - do not need to be uploaded for check in but must always be available at the event.

## Format/Scheduling/Bracketing

All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 matches.

U8's will play festival style with a minimum of 3 matches.

There may be a gold, silver, and bronze division where the number of participating teams permits such a format. In some divisions with odd number of teams and/or flights or crossovers, your team may not play every team in your flight for advancement. Some teams may have additional games in a bracket or flight with odd number of teams.

The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust divisions when needed to benefit the overall competitive nature of the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine age groups as necessary, and to place teams in brackets based on age and past standings.

The Tournament is not responsible for incorrect registration or team information.

A list of teams accepted will be posted shortly after the deadline.

A tournament schedule will tentatively be posted approximately 10 days prior to the event.

## Roster Policy

The team must have available at the field laminated coach and player cards(passes), official club/state issued team roster and medical release forms. Release forms may be available electronically.

Event roster must have players' name, month/year of birth & jersey numbers on the roster.

Teams and players may play above their age group that is listed on their official team roster and player card within the guidelines of WSA. Teams and players may NOT participate below the age group that is listed on the official team roster. A player can only be rostered on one team and participate on one team during the tournament.

Any player not listed on the team roster, who does not have a player card, nor has a medical release form available will not be allowed to play.

Approval for roster exceptions in other events does not mean automatic approval for this event.

## Guest Players

A maximum of 3 guest players are allowed and must be eligible to play the age bracket for which they are guesting and must be a USYS current member in good standing. Guest players must also provide the necessary credentials to participate in the event.

## Bench Personnel

The total number of bench personnel allowed on sideline will be based on the approved listed coaches and managers on the team roster. A club's DOC with an official coach pass/card may be allowed on the sideline.

## FIFA Laws of the Game

The Casper Fall Classic will follow the Laws of the Games as per FIFA except as modified by WSA Rules and the stated modification for small sided games for the 12 & under. The tournament committee will also follow the WSA's No Tolerance Policy on referee abuse.

## USSF Referees

The tournament will employ a USSF certified referee assignor. USSF certified referees will be employed for the duration of the event. USSF Referee rules, policies and procedures will be followed. The referee crew will be allowed to use referee specific electronic communication devices during the game. The referee shall keep the official record of the game and keep the official time on the field.

## Pre-Game Procedure

Referees will conduct the pre-game check-in when appropriate to minimize delay between games.

The approved official team roster and player passes must be available for the referees at the beginning of each game. Failure to produce team credentials will cause a team to be deemed ineligible to participate.

A player arriving at the playing field after the pre-game check-in may enter the game once the game officials verify the player is eligible and with the permission of the center referee.

## Scoring

There will be no overtime or tiebreakers in the preliminary rounds. Teams shall be awarded point for games as follows.

- Win = 6 points plus 1 point for each goal scored (up to a maximum of 3 per game) Forfeit 8 points
- Tie = 3 points plus 1 point for each goal scored (up to a maximum of 3 per game)
- Loss = 0 points plus 1 point for each goal scored (up to a maximum of 3 per game)
- Shut Out = 1 point for holding the other team scoreless - does not apply to 0–0 match
- Red Card = ANY infraction will result in the loss of two (2) points from their team's standings (player, player, or team official)

The maximum total points possible per game are 10.

NOTE: THERE IS NO TIE BREAKING CRITERIA RELATED TO THE MOST GOALS SCORED. NO TEAM WILL GAIN ANY RANKING ADVANTAGE BY RUNNING UP A MATCH SCORE BEYOND A 3 GOAL DIFFERENTIAL.

If a team is declared ineligible or if a scheduled team does not show for play within 10 minutes of start time, the game is a forfeit. In the unlikely event of forfeits during the preliminary games, the forfeit shall be scored as follows:

- For purposes of awarding points, a team which “wins a forfeit” shall receive 8 points.
- If a team withdraws from the tournament voluntarily or is disqualified from the tournament prior to completion of all its games in the preliminary rounds, each of the teams in the flight shall receive 8 points.
- A team forfeiting any game may not advance from pool play. The referee game card will serve as the official pool play.

## Tiebreakers

If at the completion of the preliminary round, two or more teams in a flight are tied in total number of points, the team that shall advance shall be determined in the following sequence:

1. Results of head-to-head competition between the tied teams. Start with #2 if more than 2 teams are tied.
2. Fewest goals against. Fewest goals allowed through all preliminary matches.
3. Total number of goals scored in all preliminary matches up to three (3) per game.
4. Goal differential [Goals scored (Max of 3 per game) minus goals allowed (Max of 3 per game)].
5. Taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

6. Decision of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall decide how it will choose a winning team if the prior criteria are inappropriate.

In the event of a 3-way or more tie (based on points), the tie breaking procedures will be applied starting with #2, until at least one team wins a tie breaker scenario, or a team loses a tie breaking scenario. Once one team wins or loses a tie breaker, the tie breaker scenarios will restart at step 1 for the remaining tied teams.

Golden Goal - In the games that must have a winner and the score is tied at the end of regulation play, golden goal will be used to decide the winner of the match. 1 – 5 minutes over time will be played. If a golden goal is not scored within those 5 minutes, shots from the mark will determine the winner.

NO PROTEST OR APPEALS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

### Score Reporting

The tournament will be responsible for providing a game card/match report. The referee will bring the game card to the pitch and will return it to referee assignor after the completion of the match. Game scores will be entered into Got Sport. Scores will be available online through Got Sport. Teams wishing to verify scores must do so when the score is posted. In case of a score discrepancy, please have the head coach or team manager notify the CSC Tournament Staff as soon as possible. (Parents are not to report score discrepancy)

### Awards

First and second place teams will be awarded in U10 to 20 divisions. U8 play festival style and will receive participation awards.

### Duration of Play, Ball Size and Roster Size

The game time will be a running clock. The referee will not add time for stoppage of play. For late starts, the referee may shorten each half equally up to five (5) minutes to re-establish field schedule. Each game will have an approximate 5-minute half time. The event follows the USYS/WYS Standards of Play for small sided games. WSA Standards.

- U8 (4v4) 2 – 20 min halves #3 Ball- max roster 8 - Festival Style
- U10 (7v7) 2 – 25 min halves #4 Ball- max roster 12
- U11-U12 (9v9) 2 – 30 min halves #4 Ball – max roster 16
- U13-U15 (11v11) 2 – 35 min halves #5 Ball – max roster 18
- U16-U19 (11v11) 2– 40 min halves #5 Ball – max roster 18

### Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions by either team may be made, with the permission of the referee, during any stoppage in play.

### Players Equipment

Jersey Colors: The team listed first on the schedule or as noted as the home team will be the home team and will wear white or light-colored jersey. The team listed second on the schedule or noted as the away team will wear dark colored jersey.

If there is a conflict of colors, the team in the incorrect color of uniform will be required to change.

All players are required to have proper equipment and apparel.

- Non duplicated jersey numbers are required on the team jerseys.
- Shin guards are mandatory and need to be covered completely by the socks.
- All athletic shoes are allowed, except those with toe and/or metal cleats.

## Head Gear – Casts/Orthopedic braces

Players are allowed to wear approved headgear if the referee does not believe it is dangerous to the player or other players.

Casts or orthopedic braces may be used if, at the discretion of the referee, they are deemed not dangerous to any of the players on the field.

The referee is the sole judge of allowed player equipment as prescribed by the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Concussion

The Wyoming Soccer Association Concussion Protocol will be followed.

## Sportsmanship

The Casper Soccer Club Tournament Committee may eject from individual games and facilities any player, parent, coach, spectator and/or teams who demonstrate less than good sportsmanship behavior.

Notice of all such actions shall be sent in writing to that team's club and/or state association and to the Wyoming Soccer Association, which could lead to further sanctions.

## Conduct of Players, Coaches and Spectators

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players, parents, and spectators. Coaches not controlling the conduct of their players, parents, and spectators may be cautioned and/or ejected.

Coaches, team bench persons and spectators must remain 3 yards from the touchline of the field. The referee or referee assistants may, at any time, restrict the sideline movement of coaches, players, and spectators. No one will be permitted behind the goal lines.

The teams will sit on the opposite side of the field from the spectators. Spectators are to remain on the half of the pitch across from their own team's bench. CSC reserves the right to move a parent/spectator back to the area directly opposite their team on the spectator side or from the complex completely if they deem their behavior or actions unsportsmanlike or disruptive. However, we hope that sportsmanship and good citizenship will prevail by both groups of parents.

The referee may terminate a game for coach, parent, player, or spectator misconduct. Such termination will result in game forfeiture of the offending team. If it is determined that both teams are at fault, zero points will be awarded to each team.

## Ejections and Cautions

Any parent, spectator, or coach being ejected must be "out of sight and sound" of the field. All red and yellow cards will be recorded on the official game cards and will be reported to WSA.

## Players

PLAYERS ejected from a match must remain in the team bench area until the conclusion of the match. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THEIR PLAYERS AT ALL TIMES. If

the player continues to be a disturbance, the referee may call for a CSC representative onsite to escort the player to designated area (event headquarters). If the player must be escorted to designated area by the CSC representative, the player must remain in that area until the completion of their team's match.

Any player issued a red card during a game will be ineligible for participation in the next match. Additional game suspension may apply depending on the nature of the violation. If a red card is issued in the last game of the event, the penalty for a red card will carry over to the next event the player is participating in.

The ejected players card will be retained by the field referee and turned in at the referee headquarters with the official game card. The coach may reclaim the card after the suspension has been served.

### Coaches and Team Officials (any non-playing personal in the team technical area)

Coaches or Team Officials who display "irresponsible behavior" will be managed using the USSF "Ask-Tell-Dismiss" process and may be shown a yellow card or a red card. Examples of Irresponsible Behavior but not limited to are:

- Insulting or profane language and/or gestures
- Persistent questioning of decisions
- Kicking or throwing items
- Refusing to remain near the bench or technical area

If the behavior is overly disruptive, blatant, or severe, referees are authorized to bypass any warning and issue an immediate caution/yellow card and/or dismissal/red card.

If a coach/team official in the judgement of the center referee is displaying "Irresponsible Behavior" by undermining the referee or endangering players, spectators, etc. The coach/team official will be:

- ASKED to modify their behavior. If the behavior does not return to an acceptable level, the center referee will
- TELL the coach/team official their actions will not be tolerated, told to stop, and/or show the coach/team official a yellow card. If the unacceptable behavior/conduct continues, the center referee will take the next step.
- DISMISS the coach/team official from the field of play. Show a red card to coach/team official.

Any coach/team official that is dismissed has two minutes to gather belongings and must leave the field area. If any coach/team official refuses to leave sideline/technical area, makes any type of aggressive act toward the referee, the match will be terminated with opposing team awarded the win and maximum 10 points no matter score of the game at time of termination.

The dismissed coach/team official dismissed from a game will be ineligible to participate in the next match or be on the technical side of the field, including the Championship game.

If the infraction for which the coach was ejected is found to be severe, then the Event Director, Referee Coordinator, CSC Representative at their discretion, may consider additional suspensions.

If the team of the dismissed coach/team official does not list on the event roster a state approved

assistant coach, or club/team representative; leaving no coach for the team, the game will be forfeited. It will also affect the “sit out” game for the dismissed coach/team official, that team forfeits that match, 3-0.

If the dismissed coach coaches multiple teams; The sit out policy only applies to the team, he/she were coaching at the time of the dismissal.

The coach’s card will be retained by the field referee and turned in at the referee headquarters with the official game card. The coach may reclaim the card after the suspension has been served.

### Adults (Parents and Spectators)

An adult that is ejected from a game, must immediately leave the field area, and may be requested to leave the complex.

The ejected adult is not allowed back to the facility until completion of the teams next scheduled match.

If the offense for which the adult was ejected is found to be severe, then the Event Director, Referee Coordinator, CSC Representative at their discretion, may consider additional suspensions.

## Modified Rules 8U, 10U and 11/12U Divisions

### 11U/12U Division Rules

- Intentional heading will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.

### 8U Division Modified Rules

- No heading the ball. Intentional heading will result in an in-direct free kick to the opposing team.
- All free kicks are indirect; including kickoff, goal kicks, and corner kicks.
- Goal kicks should be taken in the general vicinity of the respective goal area.
- During a goal kick the opposing team must retreat and remain on their defending half until the goal kick has been played by any player other than the player taking the goal kick or until the ball has crossed over the half line. Infractions of this rule will result in retaking the goal kick.
- Any player may play the ball at any location on the field.
- No goal keepers. The restart for handling is an IFK where the offense occurred.
- Incorrect Throw-Ins will have a “redo” with explanation.
- No Cards will be given. Referee will use “Teachable Moments” within the game to promote rules, sportsmanship, and fair play.

### U10 Division – Modified Rules

- No heading the ball. Intentional heading will result in an in-direct free kick to the opposing team.
- Kick Off, corners and throw-ins are per FIFA.
- When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.
- Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed)



- If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense
- If the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
- After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.
- Before the ball is kicked, players on the kicking team may stand anywhere on the field, including inside the penalty area.
- The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. In other words, as soon as a member of the kicking team kicks, or tries to kick, the ball, and the ball visibly moves or begins to roll, the ball is in play. As soon as the ball is in play, other members of the kicking team may play it (inside the penalty area) and defenders may cross the build out line.
- The goalkeeper (or another player on the kicking team) can wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are behind the build out line or he or she can release it sooner but does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes.
- The build out line will be used to denote where the offside offense begins.
- Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line.
- Players can only be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.

## Inclement Weather/Environmental Conditions

The Event Director/Tournament Committee will do everything in their control to make sure games are played as scheduled. The ED/TC has the authority and discretion to make any changes it deems necessary to allow completion of the tournament due to inclement weather or environmental conditions.

Tournament matches may be played in reasonable weather conditions, unless the head referee or tournament committee determines the conditions are unsafe or dangerous. Coaches must have their team on the field, ready to play, in reasonable weather conditions.

### Contingency Plan:

- Plan A – All matches will be played as scheduled in the weather conditions
- Plan B – Shorten the pool play/preliminary games
- Plan C – Plan B plus shorten the semi- final games
- Plan D – Plan C plus shorten the final games
- Plan E – In the event that the fields become unplayable, or the weather becomes a hazardous condition, it may be necessary to determine some matches with FIFA penalty kicks.

## Games in Progress – Terminated due to Weather/Environmental Conditions

Games terminated after one completed half of play due to weather, will be considered official at of the time of termination. Every effort will be made to resume games that have not reached the end of the first half. If the game cannot be resumed to complete one half of the game, the score at the time of stoppage will be final (regardless of minutes played).

No refunds for games cancellations during the tournament.

## Pre-Tournament Policy

If the tournament is cancelled due to environmental conditions before 2pm the day prior to the start of the event, 60% of the registration fee will be refunded.

## Extenuating Circumstances

Extraordinary circumstances or matters not specifically addressed in the tournament or WSA or FIFA rules shall be considered by the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final.