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**The JAM IS A PET-FREE ENVIRONMENT - This tournament will be a pet-free environment.** Please be sure to alert your teams so they can adhere to this regulation.

**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 tourist campsites.

### **Team Application**

The Casper JAM is a WSA/USYS non-restricted sanctioned tournament. The affiliate member association to which the team is seeking tournament entry must be in good standing with their state association. Non-USYS teams will need to include in the registration an additional \$30.

Team will need to register prior to the deadline listed on the website. Applications submitted after the deadline will be subject to a \$50 late fee with the registration.

Teams will be accepted based on order of registration, available referees for the event and available bracket space. The CSC reserves the right to include additional guidelines for tournament acceptance. Registering prior to the deadline does not guarantee a position in a bracket. The CSC Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any team application.

Once teams are accepted into the tournament, the tournament fee is nonrefundable.

### **Team Check-In**

All teams must check-in online and provide the following information:

- Official State/Club Roster
- Player & Coach passes/cards
- Guest player information
- Travel papers is traveling from outside of Region IV
- Non-USYS team must provide evidence of insurance.

Teams will need to have available at the fields.

- Approved roster & player cards
- Medical waivers for all rostered players

No changes to the roster will be permitted once play has been initiated in the first game of the event.

### **Format/Scheduling/Bracketing**

All teams will be guaranteed 4 matches. A gold and silver division will be available when the number of participating teams permits such a format. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust divisions and combine age groups when needed to benefit the overall competitive nature of the

tournament and to place teams in brackets based on age and past standings. The Tournament is not responsible for incorrect team information.

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

A tournament schedule will tentatively be posted 1 to 2 weeks prior to the event.

### **Roster Policy**

The coach or team manager must have available at the fields the player/coach cards, official club issued team roster and have access to medical release forms. Any player not listed on the team roster or have a player card will not be allowed to play.

Approval for roster exceptions in other events does not mean automatic approval for this event. 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 in the tournament or on the official team roster.

***A player can only be rostered on one team and participate on one team during the JAM.***

### **Guest Players**

A maximum of 3 guest players are allowed and must be eligible to play the age bracket for which they are guesting. The guest player must have the same US Soccer affiliated membership and be a current member in good standing. Guest players need to be listed on the team roster.

### **FIFA Laws of the Game**

The Casper Spring JAM will follow the Laws of the Game as per FIFA except were modified by WSA Rules and the stated modification for small-sided games for 12U & under and the modifications listed in these rules.

### **USSF Referees**

The tournament will contract a USSF certified referee assignor. USSF certified referees will be contracted for the duration of the event. USSF Referee rules, policies and procedures will be followed. To comply with the Laws of the Game, all games will employ the diagonal system of control and be assigned according to the following order of preference:

- One registered referee and two registered assistant referees
- One registered referee and one registered assistant referee and one unregistered club linesperson\*
- One registered referee and two unregistered club linespersons\*
- One registered referee if one registered referee is appropriate for the level(age) of competition or no unregistered club linespersons\* are available.

The referee shall keep the official time on the field and will keep the official record of the game.

WSA 'No Tolerance Policy' of referee abuse will be followed.

### **Pre-Game Procedure**

Referees will conduct the pre-game check-in when appropriate. The approved official team roster and player passes will be available for the referees at the beginning of each game. Failure to produce team credentials when requested by the referee will cause a team to be deemed ineligible to participate.

The home team will kick off at the beginning of the game and the visitor team will determine direction of play.

## Scoring

Game scores will be recorded at the end of regulation play, but tabulation of results or declaration of a division winner will be determined. Games may end in a tie.

The tournament will provide the game card to the Referees. The referee will bring the report to the pitch and will return it to CSC tournament headquarters after the completion of the match. Scores will become official upon receipt of the match report at headquarters. 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)

## **NO PROTEST OR APPEALS WILL BE CONSIDERED!!**

## Awards

No awards will be presented at the Spring JAM.

## Duration of Play, Ball Size and Field Size

Time will not be added for stoppage of play or injury. For late starts, the referee can shorten the game up to **five (5) minutes to re-establish the field schedule**. The game format is a half game therefore there will not be a half time.

- 8U (4v4) 1 – 20 min half game #3 Ball
- 10U (7v7) 1 – 25 min half game #4 Ball
- 12U (9v9) 1 – 30 min half game #4 Ball
- 14U (11v11) 1 – 35 min half game #5 Ball
- 15U (11v11) 1 – 35 min half game #5 Ball

## Substitutions

Substitutions are unlimited with the consent of the referee during the following events:

Prior to own team's throw-in

Prior to a goal kick by either team

Prior to a kickoff by either team

During an opponent's throw-in, if opponent is making a substitution.

After an injury, when the referee stops play.

If a yellow card is issued, the coach may substitute the player receiving the card.

## Players Equipment

Jersey Colors: The home team will wear a dark colored jersey. The away team will wear a white or light-colored jersey. **If there is a conflict of colors, the team in the incorrect color will have to change.**

All players are required to have proper equipment and apparel. Shin guards are mandatory with all rigid materials covered completely by the socks. All athletic shoes are allowed, except those with toe and/or metal cleats.

Casts/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.

## 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.

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.

CSC reserves the right to have spectators to remain on the half of the field 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 remove them from the complex completely if they deem their behavior or actions unsportsmanlike or disruptive.

The referee may terminate a game for coach, parent, player, or spectator misconduct. Such termination will result in game forfeiture of the offending team.

## **Sportsmanship**

The Casper Soccer Club Tournament Committee may eject from individual games and facilities, players, parents, coaches, spectators and/or teams who demonstrate less than good sportsmanship behavior.

## **Ejections**

Any person being ejected, whether it is a parent, spectator, or coach, 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 that are 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 an area designated by the onsite Administration Committee (Tournament Director, Referee Coordinator and SRA). 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.

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/Team officials**

Coaches or Team Officials who display "irresponsible behavior" will be managed using the USSF "Ask-Tell-Dismiss" process. If a coach/team official in the judgement of the center referee is displaying "Irresponsible Behavior," 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 are inappropriate and will not be tolerated, tell the coach to stop and show the coach/team official a recordable yellow. If the unacceptable behavior/conduct continues, the center referee will take the next step... DISMISS the coach/team official from the field of play by showing a red card.

If any coach/team official refuses to leave sideline/technical area, makes any type of aggressive act toward the referee, the match is terminated automatically.

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.

If the infraction for which the coach was ejected is found to be severe, then the Tournament Committee, at their discretion, may consider additional suspensions.

If the team of the dismissed coach/team official does not list a state approved assistant coach, or club/team representative on the roster, leaving no one can coach the "sit out" game for the dismissed coach/team official, that team forfeits that match.

If the DISMISSED COACH coaches MULTIPLE TEAMS: The sit out policy ONLY applies to the team, he/she was 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.

### **Parents / Spectators**

An ADULT that is ejected, PARENT or SPECTATOR, must immediately leave the complex. The ejected ADULT is NOT allowed back to the facility until completion of their teams next scheduled match. If the offense for which the adult was ejected is found to be severe, the Tournament Committee, at their discretion, may consider additional suspensions. Misconduct will be reported to WSA.

### **Modified Rules (USSF Heading Initiative/Modified Rules U12 & under)**

#### **USSF Heading Initiative-U12 & younger**

WSA and CSC has adapted the US Soccer safety initiative regarding youth players heading the ball.

If a player participating in a CSC event (U12 and younger) intentionally heads a ball, the referee shall stop play and award an indirect free kick for the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the offense occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

If a player suffers a significant blow to the head and/or any concussion symptoms are exhibited by a player, the game will be stopped, and the player must be removed from the field. The player cannot return to the game unless cleared by a health care professional.

The [WSA Concussion Protocol](#) will be followed.

#### **U8 Division - Modified Rules**

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 will be taken anywhere inside of the 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. Handling in the goal area is an IFK on the line of the goal area.

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. Simple Soccer – Let them Play.

#### **U10 Division - Modified Rules**

Intentional heading will result in an in-direct free kick to the opposing team. Kick Off, Corners and throw-ins are taken like normal.

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)

After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.

Goal Kick - The opposing team must also move behind the build out line prior to a goal kick and may only cross the build out line once the ball has left the penalty area.

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.

The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called.

Players cannot be penalized for an offside offence between the halfway line and the buildout line.

Players can be penalized for an offside offence between the build out line and the goal line.

### **Pre-Tournament Inclement Weather Policy**

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

Each day of the JAM will be viewed as a separate entity only in the terms of weather cancellation. Once the **event day** of the JAM begins, no refund will be issued.

### **In-Tournament Inclement Weather Policy**

Tournament games will be played in reasonable weather conditions. In the case of inclement weather, the tournament committee has the discretion and right to modify game times, location, or cancel, in whole or in part, the individual games of the tournament due to inclement weather or unsafe field conditions.

- All matches played as scheduled in the weather conditions.
- The remaining matches and start times will be modified.
- The remainder of the games for the day will be cancelled.
- No refunds will be given for cancelled games during the event.

Please check the website for updated field conditions. CSC will make a reasonable effort to inform teams of weather conditions that will affect the event. It is each team's responsibility to check with the website for scheduled/field changes.

### **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.