



Youth Soccer

The Iowa Games will follow the rules and registration classifications set forth by Iowa Soccer with a few exceptions.

Recreational Division (REC)

Recreational Team Formation Rules and Registration Classification:

- The team formation must be random (not selected) and not related to the athlete's skill level.
- Criteria for player assignment will NOT include consideration for the ability of the player or the relative strength of the team.
- All forms of recruiting, invitations, and tryouts are specifically prohibited. Coaches will have no direct input to or involvement with the assignment of players to their teams.
- New teams and returning teams that need players are formed by one of the following methods:
 - Players are assigned (rostered) to a team by age groups on a territorial basis (neighborhood, schools, precincts, zip codes, etc)
 - Players are assigned (rostered) to a team by a random draw from a single player pool on a territorial bases as stated in (a) above.
- Players' names shall not be identified to the coach until the player is placed on the team. Only the head coach may request his/her child to be rostered to the team that he/she is coaching.

A Recreational team's roster can be made up of no more than 25% Select players. Select players are defined as a member of an elite, premier, and/or competitive club, division, and/or league, or classified as "Academy", "Level 2" or "Classic".

Select

Select Team Formation Rules and Regulation Classification:

There are no restrictions as to how the team was formed. Member organizations and playing leagues may establish their own criteria for player selection and team assignment provided there is no conflict with Iowa Soccer Association Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Policies.

**Special 6U and 8U Format

In keeping with the philosophy of the Iowa Games, the 6U and 8U division will focus on participation with a Jamboree format. No scores or standings will be kept, and **all** participants will receive an award.

Competition Format (All Divisions)

Round robin play. Duration of preliminary games will be 8 minute quarters for 6U and 8U, 20 minute halves for 9U and 10U, 25 minute halves for 11U – 14U, 30 minute halves for 16U and 19U 6 v 6 format, 30-minute halves for 16U and 35 minute halves for 19U 11 v 11 format. Semi-final, consolation and championship games will be the same length as preliminary games. Scoring (except for 6U & 8U) will be based on win-loss-tie record (i.e. 3 points per win, 1 point per tie and 0 points per loss). If a tie exists in points after all preliminary games, then it will be broken by a point scoring system that will be supplied in the rules.

Coaches

All youth teams must have a coach (and assistant coaches) who is at least 21 years of age.

Rosters

A player may only play on one team. All participants must sign a waiver prior to competing. Parents must sign the waiver if the participant is under 18 years of age.

Must have a viable team roster entered by July 5 with any roster additions finalized by July 18.

No roster substitutions or additions will be allowed after the July 18 deadline – NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Coaches are responsible for checking their team roster online by Friday, July 22 to make sure all players appear on the roster.

Roster limits will be enforced. Roster changes/additions will not be accepted via e-mail or fax. You may use the username and password from your registration to update your roster online. Please visit <https://events.clearthunder.com/SGA2022> and then select 'Click here to view or update an existing roster or registration.' Select the appropriate team and event and choose the option to "Edit Team" to make any necessary changes.

Age Determinant Chart

Take the birth year of your oldest player and reference the birth matrix found [HERE](#) to determine the appropriate age division for your team.

Equipment / Ball Size

Players must wear shin guards and proper uniform. Ball size: 6U & 8U - size 3; 9U through 12U - size 4; 13U through 19U - size 5.

Jerseys & Team Names

Teams must enter a team name that is appropriate for all ages (no drugs/alcohol, sexual references). No duplicate numbers.

Referee Requirements

The State Games of America will be paying soccer officials. If you know of anyone that would be interested in being a paid referee at the youth soccer tournament, please include their information during registration when prompted or contact kylie.brandt@iowagames.org or 888.777.8881 ext. 706. Keep in mind, all paid soccer officials are covered by SGA/Iowa Games insurance.

To sign up as an official go to: <https://events.clearthunder.com/SGASOCCERREF2022>. This will allow us to gather your availability for scheduling purposes. Once a schedule is complete, the soccer commissioner will contact you regarding your referee schedule.

If you have a name to submit, please do so by July 5.

The State Games of America is possible because of the help year-in and year-out provided by hundreds of volunteers. Thank you for your help in building our database!