



# Midnight Sun Soccer Tournament

## Registration Instructions

Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association invites you to register your team for the annual Midnight Sun Tournament.

Credentials, potluck picnic, referee, field marshal and coaches meetings will be held the evening of Thursday, June 21. Games begin at 8 am Friday, June 22. Tournament format is a preliminary round-robin with three games guaranteed for all registered teams. Top teams will advance to play at least two additional games, semi-finals and championship games, which will be played on Sunday. All games will be played to regulation length\*, including semi-final and championship games. (30 minute half for U11 and U12, 35 minute half for U13 and U14, 40 minute half for U15 and U16, and 45 minute half for U17 and older.)

\*It is the discretion of the tournament director to change preliminary game times to 30 minute halves if the number of teams entered does not allow for regulation game times.

Clubs are asked to pass on packets to younger teams and to newly formed teams.

**Age Groups:** boys and girls, ages U11, U-12, U-13\*, U-14, U-15\*, U-16, U-17\*, U-18\*, and U-19. Single year age groups will be used whenever four or more teams register. If less than four teams register, age groups will be grouped as follows: U13/14, U15/16 and U17/18/19.

### Team Registration Fee Amount and Due Dates:

Team registration, ROSTER and payment postmarked by May 30 or earlier - tournament fee is \$400.

**Early Mail in Credentials Check:** We are encouraging early credentials check by mail. Please include photocopies of birth certificates, along with photocopies of all players' medical releases, and copies of USYS or equivalent registration form, as well as **two** copies of the team roster. This will speed up the credentials process on Thursday. All that would be needed to verify would be the first aid kit and USYSA Player Passes.

Late Team registration, ROSTER, and payment postmarked May 31 through June 4 - tournament fee is \$450. Teams mailing forms between May 31 and June 4 are also required to send email to [fysa@mosquitonet.com](mailto:fysa@mosquitonet.com) and phone **456-3976** notification, to ensure that they are included in game scheduling.

Teams that must withdraw will receive a refund, less a \$50.00 administration charge, if tournament director is notified by phone on May 30. A partial refund (50%) will be made if team is withdrawn by phone between May 31 and June 4. ***No refund will be given for teams withdrawing June 5 or later.***

**Game Schedules:** Distribution of tournament game schedules is scheduled for June 16, via e-mail preferably, mail or fax and will be available on the FYSA Website at [www.fysaalaska.com](http://www.fysaalaska.com). Please make sure to provide 2 or 3 e-mail addresses.

**Rosters: Final Roster** listing of players is due at credential check on Thursday, June 21. Individual players have until one hour prior to team's first game to clear credentials if they are missing paperwork. **Players may not be added to roster for any reason after this time.** Any player whose paperwork has not been cleared with the credential committee prior to your teams' first game is ineligible to play at any time during the tournament. Players may also only register to play on one team.

**Tournament T-shirts** will be available by the pavilion, usually beginning Friday evening.

**Photo Booth** will be located by the pavilion.

**First Aid Tent** will be available by the pavilion.

**NO FYSA COMPLEX CAMPING:** Due to safety considerations, RVs, motor homes, and large campers are **prohibited inside the fenced areas of the soccer complex including the Wilbur Road parking lot.**

**NO PETS** of any size leashed, unleashed, arm-held, in cars or tied to cars are allowed inside the fenced areas of the Fairbanks Youth Soccer Complex. **Please notify all your parents of this rule.**

**Possession and/or consumption of alcohol or drugs are prohibited.** Any team or individual violating these prohibitions within the soccer complex will be expelled from tournament. Report all violations to tournament director or field marshals.

**Smoking** is not allowed anywhere inside the soccer complex.

**Potluck Picnic/Opening Ceremonies:** Thursday, June 21, from 6-8:00 PM.

**Referee Meeting:** FYSA Complex at 7:00 PM, June 21, (meet at large tent near concession stand). Please encourage all referees in your area to come to Fairbanks for the weekend to work as game officials. Contact Anita Talladay at [anitatt@gci.net](mailto:anitatt@gci.net) for more information.

**Coach & Field Marshal Meeting:** FYSA Complex at 8:00 PM, June 21, (meet at large tent near concession stand). Each team entered in tournament is expected to have one field marshal at meeting. Field marshals are counted upon to have a cell phone at each game to call for emergency help in case of injury, and to notify tournament officials if there are problems such as no referee at game time. Fairbanks has a wonderful soccer complex, but it takes a very long time to walk across fifteen fields to get from one end of it to the other for help. A list of cell numbers for field marshals to call, and brief instruction, will be provided at field marshal meeting. Field marshals are not expected to function as field police. We just need to have one person on each team-with a cell phone-who knows what number to call to solve each type of problem. No players can be field marshals. Field marshals will turn in scores for coaches. Any last minute changes to schedules will be announced at this time.

**Awards:** First and Second place finishers will receive awards immediately after completion of final game, so that out-of-town players can get headed toward home as early in the day as possible. Please bring team to the pavilion by the concession stand for award presentation.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Two teams, one female and one male in each division, will be recognized for outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the field of play.

**Scott Wheat Memorial “Top Stopper” Award:** This is the eighth year of a continuing twenty-year award to the outstanding goalkeeper of the tournament. It is named after Scott Wheat, a local player whose favorite position was goalkeeper. Team representatives are asked to complete keeper evaluation sheets on the opposing team’s keeper for each game.

**Henry Hahn Memorial “Outstanding Referee of the Midnight Sun”:** A referee will be selected who epitomizes Henry’s fairness, good communication, and control of the game.

**Credentials: 2 to 5 PM, Thursday, June 21. The credential area will be closed promptly at 5:00pm so that the volunteers can participate in the picnic and other activities during the night. There will be no exceptions.**

**Each team will need the following:**

Proof of age document for each player (original or legible photo copy of birth certificate, or driver's license or permit, or passport, or military identification card, or USYSA or Canadian player pass).

Medical Release form for each player

USYS or equivalent registration form

USYS Player Passes

Two Copies of the team roster

First Aid Kit (at a minimum kit must contain, latex gloves, antiseptic, bandages, ice/chemical pack)

## **Tournament Schedule**

**May 30:** Postmark deadline for Team Registration

**May 31 – June 4:** Late Team Registration (requires e-mail/phone call notification in addition to mailed registration).

### **Thursday, June 21:**

2-5:00 PM Credentials Check

6-8:00 PM Potluck Picnic; all local teams are asked to bring a dish to share; visiting teams may also bring a dish if they like!

7:00 PM Referee Meeting

8:00 PM Field Marshal & Coaches Information Meeting

### **Friday, June 22:**

Games begin at 8 AM

### **Sunday, June 24:**

Semi-final and Championship Games

Announcement of Award Winners

We look forward to seeing you at the Midnight Sun Tournament!

Sincerely,

*Mari Ann Moran*

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## MIDNIGHT SUN TOURNAMENT TEAM RULES

**Uniforms:** Players uniforms will consist of jerseys, shorts, shin guards, socks (pulled up over the shin guards) and appropriate soccer shoes. Each player must wear matching jerseys, with a unique identifiable number on the back.

Shirts must be Tucked-in and No garments of under wear that are inappropriate to soccer (according to FIFA guidelines) will be worn.

In the event of a conflict of colors in team jerseys, the home team must change (FIFA rules). In the event of a conflict of colors with the visiting team's goalie, the referee may require the home team to change to backup jerseys.

Referees will determine what items of jewelry or hair restraints are allowable.

**Braces and Casts:** Any player wearing a brace or cast must provide a written statement from a doctor indicating that it is safe for that individual to play soccer with the brace or cast. The statement must be presented to the referee during the equipment check prior to the game. The brace or cast must be sufficiently padded to prevent other players from being injured if struck.

The referee may require a player with a brace or cast to leave the field of play if the referee feels that the player is playing in a manner that is dangerous to him or to other players. Another player may be substituted for the player sent from the field.

**Field Marshals:** Each team entered in the tournament is expected to have one field marshal at all games. Field marshals are counted upon to have a cell phone to call for emergency help in case of injury, and to notify tournament officials if there are problems such as no referee at game time. Field marshals are not expected to function as field police. They are expected to locate tournament officials to report problems; a contact list will be handed out at the Field Marshall meeting. No players can be field marshals. **Field marshals will turn in Game Reporting Sheet at the end of each game (BOTH teams), forms will be available at the Field Marshall meeting and will be available at the tournament headquarters.**

**Opposite Field Sides:** Both teams of players, coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers are to remain on the same side of field. Spectators are to remain on the opposite side of field. **No one is permitted to watch a game from behind the goal line or from the touchline within ten yards of the corner flag.** Field marshals observing anyone who remains behind the goal line or near corner flags are asked to notify Tournament Headquarters. If necessary to pass behind goal line in order to move between fields, progress along quietly to avoid any disturbance of a game in progress.

**Conduct:** The coach of each team is responsible for the conduct of players, parents and supporters. Referees may discipline a coach for unacceptable behavior by supporters and/or spectators. People smoking or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances will be asked to leave the soccer facility.

**Clean Fields:** Each team is responsible for policing its spectator and coaching area after each game. Trash cans will be provided. **Dogs are not allowed in the soccer facility.** Glass beverages are not allowed in the soccer facility.

**Game Schedules:** Game opponents, field locations, dates and times will be posted on walls of covered deck area by the Pavilion. Each team will receive a printed game schedule at the coaches' meeting. No changes to schedule are expected after coaches' meeting; however Tournament Director reserves the right to change game times, etc. as necessary throughout tournament, with proper notification to coaches of teams involved.

**Willful forfeiture** by a team or coach will make that team ineligible to receive sportsmanship award and ineligible to proceed to semi-finals or championship games, no exceptions.

**Warm-Up Areas:** Teams warming up should take care to stay off the playing fields and away from the spectators watching games in progress. Sufficient time has been left between games that there will be warm-up time available on the schedule game field prior to start of each game.

**Home Team:** The home team shall will be indicated in the schedule and shall provide the game ball. The team name should be on the game balls.

**Positive Coaching** from the sidelines will be allowed following FIFA guidelines. No spectator, players, coaches, NO ONE, is allowed behind the goal line except briefly as needed to transit between fields.

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The rules of play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA, the editions currently accepted by the State Referees Association, the USYSA Youth Division Rules and the following modifications.

**18 Player Roster:** Teams shall consist of not more than eighteen players registered as members of that team with the Midnight Sun Tournament Credentials Committee. Each player will be of the proper age for the division in which he intends to participate, as defined below –

U11	8/1/96-7/31/97	U15	8/1/92-7/31/93
U12	8/1/95-7/31/96	U16	8/1/91-7/31/92
U13	8/1/94-7/31/95	U17/19	8/1/88 – 7/31/91
U14	8/1/93-7/31/94		

Any player can be challenged to prove his legal age by members of the Credentials Committee.

**Substitutions:** Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee:

1. By the team throwing in prior to a throw-in
2. By either team prior to a goal kick, after an injury when play is stopped by the referee, or at half time
3. When play is stopped to caution, only the cautioned player may be substituted
4. At half time and overtime breaks, but not for kicks from the penalty mark

A player wearing a brace or cast who is ordered off the field because of the brace or cast may be substituted at the time he is ordered off the field. A player with open bleeding who is ordered off the field to cover the bloody area may be substituted at the time he is ordered off the field.

All substitutions will enter the field of play at the centerline; **players may leave the field from any side.**

NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR A RED-CARDED PLAYER WHO IS SENT OFF THE FIELD.

**Red and Yellow Cards:** Any player who is guilty of severe misconduct resulting in being sent off the field (red card), either on or off the field, before, during or after the game, shall not be allowed further participation in the game in which the red card infraction occurred. The red-carded player may NOT play in his team's next scheduled game, including the championship game.

Any individual sent off the field (red card) will remove themselves from immediate sight and voice range of the field on which their team is playing during the remainder of the game of ejection, plus the game they are denied play because of the red card.

A player, who accumulates four yellow cards, or two red cards, or a combination of a red card and two yellow cards, will be denied further participation in the tournament.

Team officials (coaches, assist. coaches, managers, etc) ejected from a game must remove themselves from immediate sight and voice range of the field on which their team is playing. Team play will be allowed to continue, without the individual. This individual may participate in teams next scheduled game.

The Tournament Director will notify the local association or club of the individual asked to leave a game because of inappropriate behavior. It is hoped that the local associations and clubs will then take appropriate disciplinary action.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

**Preliminary Round Robin Games:** All teams will be placed in an age group pool and will play each other by the luck of the draw. Every team will be scheduled to play at least three games in the preliminary round. Preliminary games will be played to win/tie/loss with no overtime periods. All games preliminary, semi-final and championship will be regulation length.\* (30 minute half for U11 and U12, 35 minute half for U13 and U14, 40 minute half for U15 and U16, and 45 minute half for U17 and older.)

\*If team numbers permit regulation length it will be the decision of the Tournament Director to play all preliminary games 30 minute halves.

The format will be single elimination for the championship games in each division. All semi-final games leading to championship round ending in tie will go to Penalty Kick Shootout; no overtime will be played.

Championship games will be played to a win, games ending in a tie after two overtimes will go immediately to Penalty Kick shootout. During overtime in Championship games, the "Golden Goal" rule applies: the first team to score wins. Overtime periods, if necessary, will be: two 10-minute overtimes for all divisions.

**Tournament Scoring Method:** The following scoring method will be used to determine which teams will advance to the championship round:

- Three points for a win (including a forfeit)
- One point for a tie
- Zero points for a loss

**Game Time is Forfeit Time:** There is no grace period. Any team that fails to field a team of at least seven players at the scheduled start of a game will forfeit the game to the opposing team by the score of 3 to 0. If neither team can field a team of at least seven players at the scheduled start of a game, both teams will be assessed with a loss and the game will not be rescheduled.

A maximum of 3 points may be awarded to any one team in a given game.

There will be a deduction of one point for each red card ejection of a player. There will be a deduction of one point for each team official ejection (coach/assistant coach/team manager). It is possible for a team to earn negative tournament points in a game. (Example: loss of game with zero goals scored and ejected players or team officials).

All games will be considered final. All ties will stand for preliminary games. Any score in a game abandoned by the referee will be official and points awarded accordingly.

**Tie-Breakers in Tournament Standings:** In the case of a tie in the standings after the completion of the preliminary round, the following tiebreakers will be used:

*Head-to-Head:* If the two teams that are tied have played each other in the preliminary round, the winner of that game will receive the higher standing.

*Goal Differential:* If the teams either tied or did not meet in the head to head competition the team with the highest goal differential between common teams up to a 6 goal maximum differential, will receive the higher standing.

*Fewest Goals Allowed:* The team with the fewest goals allowed against them during the preliminary round will receive the higher standing.

*Most Goals Scored:* The team with the most goals scored during the preliminary round will receive the higher standing.

*Cards:* The team receiving the fewest yellow cards will advance. A red card is counted as 2 yellow cards.

*Coin Toss:* a coin toss conducted by Tournament Director shall determine the advancing team, if more than two teams are tied; the order of pairing off for coin toss will be decided by the Tournament Director.

**Championship Round:** Championship games to determine first and second place standings will be played in all age divisions.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Two teams, one female and one male from each division, are recognized each year for outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the field of play. Each coach is requested to complete the sportsmanship evaluation section on the score sheet of their opponent after each game and have their field Marshal turn them in at the tournament headquarters. These forms will be handed out at the Field Marshal meeting and will be available at the tournament headquarters.

**Scott Wheat Memorial "Top Stopper" Award:** This is the eighth year of a continuing twenty-year award to one male and one female outstanding goalkeeper in the U15 through the U19 Divisions. It is named after Scott Wheat, a local player whose favorite position was goalkeeper. Coaches or a team representative are asked to complete the keeper evaluation section of the score sheet on the opposing team's keeper for each game. Score sheets will be handed out at the Field Marshal meeting. Please turn them in at tournament headquarters.

**Henry Hahn Memorial "Outstanding Referee of the Midnight Sun":** A referee will be selected who epitomized Henry's fairness, good communication, and control of the game. Coaches are asked to fill out the Referee section on the score sheet and turn them in at tournament headquarters after each game.

## **PROTEST AND APPEALS**

Decisions of the referees on the field will be final. There will be no Protest and Appeals Committee, and no protests or appeals will be heard.

For any questions on any rule please contact the Tournament Director.

Mari Ann Moran, Tournament Director