

DAVIE UNITED SOCCER FRIENDLIES RULES | AUGUST 28-30, 2026



The Davie United Soccer Friendlies is for Boys and Girls U9 - U16 teams with an event format of each team playing a total of three games over two days. There will be no Finals as the intention of the Davie United Soccer Friendlies is to prepare teams for the 2026-27 season and provide each team with four quality games. All games will have certificated US Soccer referees and scores will be kept and posted.

1. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

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2. ELIGIBILITY

Age Division	Birth Year	Maximum Roster	Guest Player Limit
U-8	8/1/2018	12	4
U-9	8/1/2017	12	4
U-10	8/1/2016	12	4
U-11	8/1/2015	16	5
U-12	8/1/2014	16	5
U-13	8/1/2013	22	6
U-14	8/1/2012	22	6
U-15	8/1/2011	22	6
U-16	8/1/2010	22	6

3. ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the Davie United Soccer Friendlies is open to accepted teams consisting of players meeting the age limit and roster size of the specified division. Players must have been born during or after the divisional year, as defined by US Soccer guidelines. A team using guest players may have no more than four (4) to six (6) loan/guest players.

Competitive teams, except for foreign/international teams, must be registered with a National Soccer Association affiliated with US Soccer/US Youth Soccer and must present a valid State roster. For these teams, the only acceptable proof of age will be a valid US Soccer/US Youth Soccer, State, or National registration card that includes a signature and a photograph of the player. Players on these competitive teams who do not present valid player passes will not play.

The recreational team must produce, at registration, a roster

signed by an official of the club (which club must be affiliated with US Youth Soccer or some other national soccer organization) of which they are affiliated and played, listing each player, including their date of birth, and must provide, at registration, a birth certificate or state or nationally certified player pass, for each such player evidencing that player's eligibility to play on that team based on birth date.

A player may compete for only one team participating in the tournament. In the event a player is found to have been rostered to more than one team in the tournament, the second team on which the player is rostered in the tournament shall be deemed as the team that fielded an ineligible player. Any team fielding an ineligible player will be disqualified from the tournament and their tournament fee will be forfeited.

Teams participating in the tournament must provide notarized medical releases for each player in a format as required by the Tournament Committee and as posted on the tournament website. Foreign/international teams are exempt from the notarization part of this requirement. These authorizations shall be presented at registration and a copy kept by the team at the field, available for presentation in the event of an emergency.

Where required by the State or National Association for which a team/player is registered, all competitive teams/players traveling from within the United States but outside the State of Florida must have a copy of their Permission to Travel Forms, approved and signed by a USSF or duly authorized State or National Association representative.

Foreign Teams must have written permission and verification from their Federation, indicating authorization to participate in the Tournament.

Players must present passports at registration (including Canadian citizens). These teams must present a certified roster signed by an official of the Club with which they are affiliated and played, listing each player, and including their date of birth.

- A. U9 - U10 age group teams will play 7v7 and roster size cannot exceed 12 players (4 guest players).
- B. U11 - U12 age group teams will play 9v9 and roster size cannot exceed 16 players (5 guest players). All other U12 Rules of Competition including no heading will apply.
- C. All U13 and older age groups will play 11v11 and be limited to a 22-player roster size from which the game day roster for a given game may not exceed 18 players. U13-U18 are allowed 6 maximum guest players.

Players may not be listed on more than one tournament roster for the tournament. Rosters must be approved by the tournament, and only approved rosters may be used as game rosters. Once a team begins to play in the tournament, their roster is frozen for the duration of the event. The Tournament

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Committee must approve teams applying to “play up” an age group.

4. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played according to FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules. Law 11, Offside, will be enforced in all age divisions, including U9-U12.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be made with the referee’s permission.

6. FIELD AND GAME EQUIPMENT

Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee, the ultimate authority is the referee.

- A. It is the policy of FYSA that no player be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any FYSA-sanctioned match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet or necklace when taped to the body. The referee shall decide as to the safety of the player and the referee’s decision is final.
- B. No player may participate while wearing a hard hat.
- C. Players are required to wear shin guards by FIFA Laws of the Game.
- D. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms, and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team’s roster.
- E. Where uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. The home team is listed first on the schedule.
- F. Both teams will take the same side of the field. All other supporters will take the opposite side. Only three (3) carded team officials are permitted on the sidelines with their players.
- G. No one is permitted behind either goal/end line.
- H. Spectators must remain behind the spectator line and coaches must remain in the coaches’ area.
- I. Each team shall be near their assigned playing field 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.

7. DURATION OF GAMES

Age Group	Ball	Group Games
U9/U10	4	25 min. halves
U11/U12	4	25 min. halves
U13/U14	5	30 min. halves
U15/U16	5	35 min. halves

8. HEADING GUIDELINES

U11 and Younger: Heading the ball, whether deliberate or accidental, is not permitted in U11 and younger age groups. If a player deliberately or accidentally heads the ball during play,

the opposing team will be awarded an indirect free kick from the spot of the offense. If the header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick will be taken from the goal area line, parallel to the goal line, at the nearest point to where the infraction occurred.

U12 and Older: Heading is permitted without restriction in U12 and older age groups.

9. ABANDONED GAME

If a game is abandoned, meaning the referees must cancel the game while in progress due to actions or behavior of players, coaches, or spectators, the score will be recorded as follows:

- A. If either team is at fault for the abandonment of the game, that team at fault shall forfeit the match and the score will be recorded as an 6-0 win for the opposing team.
- B. If both teams are at fault the score will remain as is at the time of abandonment.

10. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEIT

- A. A team shall be allowed a ten (15) minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is awarded to their opponent. For ages U9 and U10 the number of players required is five (5). For ages, U11 and U12, the number of players required is six (6).
- B. In no case shall a team that forfeits or does not show up for a game be declared a division winner. If an apparent division winner forfeits a game or does not show up for play, the division team with the next-best record shall be named the division winner.
- C. A forfeit in the preliminary round will be awarded as three (3) points for the win and the score will stand at the time of the forfeit unless the score is 0-0 at the time of the forfeit, in which even the score will be recorded as 6-0.

11. NO PROTESTS SHALL BE ENTERTAINED

12. CONDUCT

- A. The Davie United Soccer Friendlies will have a Discipline Committee of no less than three (3) members. The Discipline Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, coaches, referees, spectators, etc. using the Florida Youth Soccer Association standards as set by Rule Section 502.
- B. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area and/or the Tournament. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the Tournament as decided by the Tournament Director.
- C. All players and managers/coaches shall be subject to Florida Youth Soccer Association Section 502 – Discipline and Sanctions.
- D. A player, coach, or team official ejected from a game shall receive an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection. Duration of

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suspension is cumulative based on further misconduct after receiving the initial dismissal. The Discipline Committee shall determine the appropriate sanction for the action resulting in the ejection, said sanction will be determined and communicated to the affected parties as soon as practicable, but no later than before the next scheduled game in which the offending party would have an opportunity to participate, which is no sooner than two games after the game in which the offending party was ejected, since there is at least a one-game automatic suspension.

- E. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate National and State Association, Federation, or any other USSF-affiliated organization. The Discipline Committee recommendations will be available to the affected parties no later than before their next scheduled game.
- F. After the Davie United Soccer Friendlies, it is the responsibility of the team's coach or manager to pick up the passes from the tournament headquarters, even if the suspension has not been completed. A complete report will be sent to the Florida Youth Soccer Association Review & Discipline Committee within 72 hours for forwarding to the appropriate State and National Association.
- G. Any player, coach, team official, or parent exhibiting or threatening violence to anyone (player, coach, referee, spectator, or Tournament official) will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the tournament, such determination to be made by the appropriate referees and tournament officials. When serving a suspension, the suspended party must check in and remain at the site tent through the duration of the game or may be asked to leave the park.
- H. By the US Youth Soccer Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and State Association of the team involved as well as the US Youth Soccer National Office within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline.
- I. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, use of profanity, and animals are not permitted at the fields or parks.
- J. Mechanical and artificial noisemakers are prohibited.

13. COMPLETING GAME SUSPENSIONS

Per FYSA Rule 504.1 Red card suspensions or send-off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Until the suspension is served the player/coach is suspended from any other team(s) to which the player/coach may be registered. Games may not be scheduled to "work off" suspension. Players may not serve suspensions as "guest players" nor may they "guest play" with any other team(s) until the original suspension is served.

- A. Issued during league games must be worked off during the next scheduled league, Cup, or tournament game(s).
- B. Issued during (American) District, Regional, or President's Cup, they must be worked off during the remainder of the competition. If no competition remains, the suspension must be worked off in the next scheduled league and/or tournament game(s).
- C. Issued during Tournament Play: Tournament Red Card Report filed along with game reports as required by post-Tournament rules. FYSA office is to send a copy of the Red Card Report and appropriate game reports to the DC in the next immediate mail out. DC to notify the club of discipline/sanctions remaining.
- D. Issued during "friendly games" must be worked off during the next scheduled league, Cup, or tournament game(s). "Friendly games" may not be scheduled to work off-game suspensions nor if previously scheduled, used to work off suspension given during league, cup, or tournament games.
- E. Issued during the US Youth National Championship (State Cup), at any level, shall not be allowed to participate in the next immediately following National Championship (State Cup) game played by the player's team.
- F. A player may receive more than one (1) game suspension. Local clubs/leagues may issue additional discipline to be served in other than National Championship (State Cup) games.

A red card suspension issued during a small-sided tournament, which cannot be served during the event, shall be served during the player/coach's next scheduled club, league, or cup game(s). For a suspension issued during a normal league/cup game, the player must sit out the first game of any small-sided tournament previously entered. The player shall then be able to compete in the remainder of the tournament. The player shall not receive credit for the small-sided game(s) against the original suspension.

14. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority (in its sole discretion) to change games as follows:

- A. Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- B. Change the duration of any game(s).
- C. Cancel the game(s).
- D. Games that have been started and subsequently suspended due to inclement weather or other external conditions will be deemed complete if one-half of the play has been completed or the first half cannot be completed before the start time of the next scheduled game on that field. For any such game that is not completed, the score at the time of the suspension will be the final score. Any game that is not started and is canceled (as opposed to postponed) due to weather or other external conditions will be recorded as a 0-0 tie. Canceled games will not be rescheduled.

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15. ON-FIELD DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT POLICY

A. Zero-Tolerance Policy

The Davie United Soccer Friendlies maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding discrimination, harassment, and abusive conduct.

Any discriminatory language, slur, remark, gesture, intimidation, harassment, or conduct directed toward a player, coach, official, spectator, volunteer, or any other individual based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic is strictly prohibited.

The Davie United Soccer Friendlies reserves the right to immediately remove, suspend, or expel any individual or team involved in discriminatory conduct. The severity of disciplinary action shall be determined by the Tournament Director and Discipline Committee based on the facts and circumstances of each incident.

B. Applicability of Policy

This policy applies equally to all participants and attendees of the Davie United Soccer Friendlies, including players, coaches, team officials, spectators, parents, guardians, and any individual affiliated with a participating team.

All individuals are expected to always conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner. Discriminatory conduct by any participant or spectator may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the facility, suspension, team sanctions, forfeiture of matches, or expulsion from the tournament.

C. Prohibited Conduct

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- The use of racial, ethnic, religious, gender-based, sexual orientation, disability-related, or other discriminatory slurs or remarks.
- Discriminatory gestures, signs, or actions.
- Harassment, intimidation, or abuse directed at any individual based on a protected characteristic.
- Taunting, mocking, or targeting an individual because of a protected characteristic.
- Any conduct deemed discriminatory by Match Officials, the Tournament Director, or the Discipline Committee.

Any participant who uses discriminatory language or makes a discriminatory gesture shall be subject to immediate dismissal from the match and additional disciplinary sanctions.

D. Pre-Match Statement

Prior to each match, referees may read the following statement to team captains: "The Davie United Soccer Friendlies prohibits discriminatory conduct. Any participant who uses discriminatory language or makes a discriminatory gesture will be removed from the match and may be suspended from future games. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to respect their

opponents, match officials, and the game always. Respect your opponent and let your play speak for itself."

E. On-Field Discriminatory Conduct Procedure

If a player, coach, or team official believes discriminatory language or conduct has occurred during a match, the following procedure shall apply:

Step 1: The affected player, teammate, coach, or team official shall immediately notify the referee.

Step 2: The referee will stop play when appropriate and address both coaching staffs regarding the reported incident.

Step 3: Coaches shall immediately address their players and assist in restoring a safe and respectful environment.

Step 4: The referee will notify the Tournament Director, Field Marshal, Site Coordinator, or designated Tournament Official.

Step 5: Play shall not resume until the referee determines that both teams are prepared to continue in a safe and respectful manner. Tournament officials may continue their review while the match resumes if appropriate.

Step 6: Tournament officials will investigate the incident and gather information from players, coaches, referees, spectators, and other witnesses as necessary.

F. Match Suspension or Abandonment

If discriminatory conduct creates an unsafe, hostile, or disruptive environment, the referee may suspend or abandon the match.

If a match is abandoned due to discriminatory conduct, the Tournament Discipline Committee shall conduct a formal review and determine the outcome of the match.

G. Disciplinary Actions

The Davie United Soccer Friendlies reserves the right to impose sanctions against both individuals and teams.

H. Individual Sanctions

Individuals may be subject to:

- Immediate red card or dismissal from the match;
- Removal from the facility;
- Suspension for one or more matches;
- Suspension for the remainder of the tournament;
- Expulsion from the tournament;
- Restriction from future Davie United Soccer Friendlies tournaments

I. Team Sanctions

Teams may be subject to:

- Suspension of the offending individual(s);
- Written warning to the team or club;
- Removal of the team from the tournament;
- Additional sanctions as determined by the Discipline Committee.

The Tournament Discipline Committee reserves the right to impose more severe sanctions based on the nature, severity, and circumstances of the conduct.

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J. Final Authority

All decisions made by the Tournament Director and Tournament Discipline Committee regarding incidents of discriminatory conduct shall be final and binding. Tournament officials reserve the right to take any action necessary to protect the safety, integrity, and spirit of the competition.

16. CONCUSSION

Under Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438) Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head Injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in his/her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY. The injured player, if able to leave the field on their own, must be escorted to their coach and the coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardians to seek medical attention. The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The Referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure, that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES or due to the appeal from any coaching staff that the player is not allowed to return to the game.

17. REFUND POLICY

- A. Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.
- B. Within five (5) days upon cancellation of the tournament.
- C. Within ten (10) days of the withdrawal request of the application by a team before acceptance of that application by the tournament
- D. Any team that will not be permitted to play in the contracted age group shall have the option to withdraw and receive a full refund of all entry fees. All tournaments shall notify any participant not less than fifteen days before the beginning of the tournament if any age group advertised will not be offered.

18. GENERAL

- A. Teams that cancel or pull out of the tournament after the registration deadline of August 10, 2026, are not entitled to a refund of their registration fee.
- B. Teams that register and/or pay after the registration deadline of August 10, 2026, will incur a \$50.00 late fee.
- C. Under no circumstances whatsoever, will the Tournament Committee, Davie United, FYSA, or US Club Soccer be responsible for any expenses (including tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the tournament or any game(s) is canceled in whole or part, due to any factor including inclement weather.
- D. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be FINAL.
- E. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters about this tournament.
- F. The Tournament Committee, based on its interpretation of these rules, will determine the teams, which advance into the final rounds.
- G. Out-of-area teams are required to stay at tournament-approved host hotels.
- H. NO SALES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE AND DAVIE UNITED.