

JOE GOLDBERG INDOOR TOURNAMENT

This tournament is conducted each year. Participation by at least one team from each LISFL club is required. It is open to all teams in good standing in all leagues and is open to college teams. The Executive Committee reviews all applications to this tournament. The Tournament Committee sets registration deadlines.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING RULES INCLUDED HEREIN FOR JOE GOLDBERG INDOOR TOURNAMENT SHALL BE BINDING UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE HAS ISSUED SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES NULLIFYING THESE RULES.

Fees: Entry fees are decided annually.

Admission: \$5.00 including players. Children under the age of 12 are admitted free of charge.

Duration: Each game will be a single period. There is no halftime break. Each team will play a minimum of four games. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled starting time will forfeit that game.

Roster: Each team is allowed seven (7) players on the field (six plus a goalkeeper). The Minimum roster size is nine (9) players, the maximum roster size is eighteen (18) players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament and must remain on their roster for the entire tournament. Removal of a player from a roster is not permitted. Players may be added to the roster, up to the maximum of eighteen (18) players, only in the qualifying games. **Rosters are frozen after the preliminary rounds.** Only two (2) non-players are permitted on the team bench during games and they must have an ENYSSA Coaches Pass. All team personnel on the bench must stay within the marked area or can be issued a yellow card at the referee's discretion. A team having less than four (4) players on the field will forfeit that game. Players must be affiliated with the USSF/ENYSSA and have a current pass. Players must be registered with the same club, player loan forms are not permitted. Rosters and passes must be presented to the

Registration Committee thirty (30) minutes prior to the starting time of each session. Each team must have one person present with a current ENYSSA Coaches/Supervisor Pass.

Uniforms: Players on teams must wear the same colors. Players must have a number on their jersey. **Players must wear the same number throughout the tournament.** Each team must have two sets of uniforms (different colors). In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team (the team listed first) must change jerseys. **WEARING OF CLEATS IS NOT PERMITTED.** All players must wear shin guards.

Illegal Players: Teams with illegal players on their roster will be fined. Any team that uses an illegal player will forfeit those games the player played in. Teams using illegal players may be removed from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Rules: Standard FIFA soccer rules will be in effect except as follows:

1. There will be no off sides.
2. An indirect kick will be awarded from the midfield line if the ball passes over the midfield line without touching the playing surface or another player:
 - a. On a goal kick
 - b. On a throw by the goalkeepers
 - c. On a kick by the goalkeeper from the penalty area after the goalkeeper has controlled the ball with his hands.
3. An indirect kick will be awarded if the ball hits the ceiling or any other object overhanging the playing surface. If this occurs within the penalty area, the kick will be taken from the nearest line of the penalty area.
4. A two (2) minute bench penalty will be assessed against any player receiving a yellow card from the referee. A yellow card received by the goalkeeper or someone not on the field, will be served by a player on the field. **The full two minutes will be served regardless of any scoring. The penalty will not start being timed until the ejected player sits down on the penalty bench next to the 3rd referee.** Two yellow cards during the same game will constitute a red card. A red card means ejection from the game. The player is also ineligible to

play in the next game. Any other red cards mean a player will sit out the next game or games at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. **Penalties for serious infractions may be carried over into the regular outdoor season.** In the playoffs if a player is serving a two (2) minute penalty and time expires with the score tied, that player will be allowed to take a penalty kick.

5. Unlimited in and out substitutions may be made as follows: In the middle of the field by the referee only. **No substitutions will be allowed in the last two (2) minutes of the game except in case of injury.**
6. Goalkeepers will be allowed to handle balls passed back or thrown in from their own players.
7. If a penalty kick is awarded during a game, all players (other than the kicker and the goalkeeper) will stand up behind the midfield line.
8. Players must stand at least four (4) yards from an opponent taking a free kick.
9. There will be a two (2) minute penalty for a team that has too many players on the field.
10. No slide tackles
11. Five seconds to take any kicks after a foul.
12. Any team that starts a fight will automatically be thrown out of the tournament.
13. **The clock will be stopped during the last two (2) minutes of all final games whenever the ball is not in play.**

Points: The point system is set up to provide a penalty for teams that *forfeit* a game rather than play and lose a game.

Win - 3 Points

Tie - 2 Points

Loss - 1 Point

Forfeit - 0 Points

Standings: The standings of teams within a group for playoff competition will be determined according to the following criteria, in this order:

1. Most Points
2. Best goal difference
3. Most goals scored
4. Head to head competition
5. Flip of a coin

Forfeits: In the case of a forfeit, a 3-0 score will be awarded to the opponent. Teams forfeiting games will be fined \$100.00.

Playoffs: In a division with two groups, the top four teams from each group advance to the playoff round. In a division with three groups, the top two teams from each group will advance plus two (2) wild card entries from the remaining teams. The teams will be seeded 1 through 8 with the winners of each division seeded 1 through 3, the 2nd place finishers seeded 4 through 6 and 2 wild cards seeded 7 and 8. The wild card entries will be selected based upon the rules as defined in the **Standings** section, except if the divisions do not have the same number of teams the Most Points will be replaced with the Most Points per Game. In the division with four groups, the top two teams from each group advance to the playoff round. In playoff competition, if a game is tied at the end of time, penalty kicks (minimum of 3) shall be taken to determine the winner of the game.

Protests: Protests must be presented to the Tournament Committee in writing within one (1) hour of the end of the game together with a **non-refundable** protest fee. Five members of the Tournament Committee and/or the LISFL Executive Board will hear the protest. All decisions by the committee are final.

	1st	2nd
First Division	\$1000	\$650
Second, Third, Over 30 & Over 40	\$650	\$400