



2019 US Youth Soccer ODP East Region Championships Rules and Procedures Manual

The US Youth Soccer ODP East Region Championships are the opening event in the annual East Region ODP cycle. It is an opportunity for players from each of our states to compete at a high-level event and to be seen by the East Region ODP program coaching staff. At previous years' tournaments, over 200 colleges have sent coaches to the tournament to see the players. The preliminary round of the tournament will be played June 7-9, 2019 at Rider University, NJ for Boys ODP players and at Kirkwood Soccer Complex in DE for the Girls ODP players. All semifinals and finals will be played June 22-23, 2019 at the Kirkwood Soccer Complex in DE for **BOTH** boys and girls ODP players.

The younger age groups, 13U (2006) and 14U (2005) will compete in a round robin format with each team playing three games during the first weekend of the tournament. The 15U (2004), 16U (2003) and 17U (2002) will play three preliminary round games to determine the four teams that will move on to the final rounds at Kirkwood.

A. AGE GROUPS

The US Youth Soccer ODP East Region Championships will consist of the following age groups both Boys and Girls.

2006	13 & under Girls	-	13 & under Boys
2005	14 & under Girls	-	14 & under Boys
2004	15 & under Girls	-	15 & under Boys
2003	16 & under Girls	-	16 & under Boys
2002	17 & under Girls	-	17 & under Boys

B. ROSTERS

1. Pool Rosters

Each State Association must provide the East Region ODP Championships Committee with a State ODP Pool Rosters with a **maximum of 40** players for each entry in the tournament.

In the 15U, 16U and 17U age groups, a player may only be listed on **one** pool roster. Pool Rosters must be entered into a data system provided by May 24, 2019. Directions on data entry will be provided to each State Association. Copies of the Pool Roster will be provided to the East Region ODP Coaching staff and attending college coaches. Roster will be frozen on May 24, 2019.

In the 13U and 14U age groups, a player **may be listed on more than one pool roster**, but no player may be activated (**and play**) in **more than two games in one day**. Pool Rosters must be entered into a data system provided by May 24, 2019, data entry will be provided to each State Association. Copies of the Pool Roster will be provided to the East Region ODP Coaching staff and attending college coaches. Roster will be locked on May 24, 2019.



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2. Game Rosters

Each team will be given three Game Reports at check in that will have a section for the team to enter the game roster. Teams must complete the Game Roster section of the report to indicate the **18** players out of 22 listed that will be participating in a match and submit it to the Referee prior to the game. All players (22) will be listed on the Game Report, you will scratch players that will not be playing for that game.

If you have injuries to any of those players and must activate from your roster of 40, this must be done before the game by an ODP Championship Committee Member.

C. SCHEDULE

It is the intent of the East Region ODP Championships Committee to schedule all preliminary games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-9, 2019. The Semi-Final and Final games for the 15U, 16U, and 17U age groups will be played on June 22 and 23, 2019.

1. Teams will be scheduled by a blind draw to be held by the East Region ODP Championships Committee. There will be no changes made to the schedule once the schedule is published on the East Region website.
2. Any State Association that withdraws a team 30 day or less prior to the start of the East Region ODP Championships will be subject to a fine of \$1500.00.

D. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

1. All age group competitions will be divided into either two, three or four groups determined by the number of teams entered in the tournament. The teams in each group will play 3 group games. Cross over games between groups may be scheduled when there are less than four teams in a group.

Advancement to the Semi-Final brackets of each group for both boys and girls are determined by the group results. See table below. The 13U and 14U age groups will only play preliminary round games. There are no semi-finals or finals for the 13U and 14U age groups.



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Teams	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
8 Teams	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE
10 Teams	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	6 Teams Group Winner Advances	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE
12 Teams	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	SEE NOTE
14 Teams	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	6 Teams Group Winner Advances	SEE NOTE
16 Teams	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances	4 Teams Group Winner Advances

NOTE: The 3rd and/or the 4th team to advance will be determined by point total out of all groups. Any ties will be broken by the established tie breaker procedure. (Section 11)

2. Game Balls

The Tournament Committee will supply game balls.

3. Grace Periods

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted a ten (10) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

Teams not ready to play after the grace period has expired shall be reported to the East Region ODP Championships Committee by the Referee. The game shall be recorded as a 0-1 loss for the forfeiting team. Any team with an unreasonable forfeit will not be allowed to advance.

4. Home Team - Visiting Team

The team listed first in each pairing is the home team. The home team shall wear light, away team dark. If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a conflict in colors, the home team shall change jerseys.

5. Team Bench - Sidelines



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Teams and team personnel will be on one sideline, parents and spectators on the other sideline. A maximum of four (4) people can represent the team personnel, i.e. coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer. Team personnel will have identification passes provided by the East Region ODP Championships Committee. Passes will be provided at check in to personnel on the Pool Roster. An individual may have only one sideline pass even though that person may be listed on more than one Pool Roster.

6. East Region ODP Coaching Staff/College Coaches

The East Region ODP Coaching Staff and attending college coaches will be given identification passes that will enable them to be on the sideline with the teams and team personnel.

7. Uniforms

Each player must wear an official uniform with a six-inch minimum size number on the back of the shirt (this includes goalkeepers). Duplicate numbers are not permitted. Teams **MUST** bring an alternate jersey with a six-inch minimum size number on the back. Goalkeeper jerseys must be numbered.

8. Preliminary Games - Length of Games

In the preliminary round robin portion, tie scores at the end of regulation time shall stand. Except for a serious injury, there will be a running clock for all preliminary games.

Age Group	Friday Night Games	Saturday and Sunday Games
13& under	No Games	Two 30-minute halves
14 & under	No Games	Two 30-minute halves
15 & under	Two 30-minute halves	Two 40-minute halves
16 & under	Two 30-minute halves	Two 40-minute halves
17 & under	Two 30-minute halves	Two 45-minute halves

9. Semi-Finals and Finals - Length of Games and Overtime Periods

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Period
15 & under	Two 40-minute halves	Two 15'-minute halves
16 & under	Two 40-minute halves	Two 15'-minute halves
17 & under	Two 45-minute halves	Two 15'-minute halves

Note: If the game is tied at the end of the second half of regulation time, then the teams will play two overtime periods consisting of 15 minutes each. If the game is still tied at the end



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of the second overtime period, then FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be used to determine the winner.

10. Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the East Region ODP Championships Committee has the authority to change games as follows:

- a. Relocate or reschedule any game(s) and/or
- b. Change the duration of any game(s) and/or
- c. Cancel any preliminary round game(s)

11. Determination of standings within a group

Each team will be awarded Round robin game points according to the below. The team with the highest number of points will be the group winner.

Three (3) points for a win
One (1) point for a tie
Zero (0) points for a loss

The tie breakers used to determine the group winner at the end of the round robin when there is a tie between two or more teams and it is necessary to resolve the tie shall be:

- (1) Winner of head to head competition (only with two teams)
- (2) Goal differential (Maximum of 4 goals/game)

Example: 9-0 = 4-0 (+4)
 8-1 = 5-1 (+4)
 2-4 = 2-4 (-2)

- (3) Least goals allowed (total of all 3 games)
- (4) Most goals scored (Maximum of 4 per game)
- (5) FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark (immediately following the round robin games)

(Any player from a team’s 18-man roster **for that day** is eligible to take a penalty kick whenever a tie goes to penalty kicks).

If FIFA *Kicks* must be taken to resolve a three-way tie, then there will be a draw by the East Region ODP Championships Committee. The first team drawn will receive the bye; the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete



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against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the group winner. The bye team will be the home team.

E. RULES of PLAY

1. Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of US Youth Soccer and the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.
2. Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play during the game, with the consent of the referee.

Special Instructions on Substitutions

13U & 14U Teams shall be allowed unlimited substitutions in either half of the match up to their full game roster size of **18 players**.

15U, 16U & 17U Teams shall be allowed substitutions up to their full game roster size of **18 players**, but **no player re-entry allowed in each half or in either overtime period, if overtime is needed**.

Please note: A player who is replaced in the first overtime period may re-enter the game in the second overtime period.

3. Game Report: Each team will be provided with three game reports during check in. The team must complete the Roster section of the Game Report for each game and present the Game Report to the Referee before the start of the match.

F. GENERAL

1. The East Region ODP Championships Committee's interpretation of the rules shall be final.
2. The East Region ODP Championships Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this Tournament.
3. There will be **NO** Protests.
4. All Championships participants are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner throughout the Tournament. All Participants are subject to the terms of the US Youth Soccer Code of Conduct.