



MASSACHUSETTS KOHL'S AMERICAN CUP



Version 1 - September 29, 2013

The Kohl's American Cup event is the largest recreational youth soccer festival in the United States. This small-sided event is designed for Division 3, In Town Intramural and Recreational teams. Teams play (2) two games with additional fun activities provided by Kohl's American Cup. All players will receive participation gifts.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING FOR MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER FIELDS AT PROGIN PARK

The Massachusetts Youth Soccer Field Complex is located at 512 Old Union Turnpike, Lancaster, MA 01523. It is at the intersection of Old Union Turnpike and Lunenburg Road (Route 70) in Lancaster, Massachusetts. The field complex is best reached by connecting with Route 2. All of the major interstates (I-95, I-495 and I-190) intersect with Route 2. Please check a map to determine the best interstate to use to connect with Route 2. For more detailed directions go to the link on our website listed below. **Please note: Not all mapping websites or GPS devices give accurate directions to our complex.**

<http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/fields/directions.aspx>

Massachusetts Youth Soccer has two parking areas that provide ample parking for all of our events at the [Massachusetts Youth Soccer Fields at Progin Park](#). Visitors **MUST** know upon which field their player is playing. This enables visitors to park in the parking area designated for their player's specific field. The appropriate parking areas are designated by signage throughout the complex and by parking attendants on duty.

- **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ARE PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON THE MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER COMPLEX. THIS INCLUDES ALL PARKING AREAS AND FIELDS.**
- Visitors going to the Lower Fields (Nos. 1-10) **MUST** park in the Main Lot. If this lot is full we will direct you to the Quarry lot that has ample overflow parking. Courtesy carts provide ongoing service for any people needing transport from the back lot to the front fields.
- Visitors going to the Upper Fields (No. 11-16) **MUST** park in the Quarry Lot located behind Fields No.11-16.
- At all times Visitors must comply with directions of Massachusetts Youth Soccer Parking Attendants.
- Any vehicle parked in an unauthorized area **WILL BE TOWED** at the owner's expense.
- All on-site parking is limited to passenger cars or vans. **ABSOLUTELY NO RVS or BUSES.**

Massachusetts Youth Soccer has worked diligently to meet the needs and wishes of our visitors. The convenience and comfort of all of our visitors depends entirely upon everyone's cooperation in parking where they are supposed to. Please help us make everyone's visit to our complex as safe, convenient and enjoyable as possible.



IMPORTANT NOTE: The Lancaster Police Department will absolutely not permit cars to stop and unload, park or make any U-Turns, on Route 70 adjacent to the front fields. Stopped traffic presents an extreme risk to anyone using Route 70 and these restrictions will be strictly enforced.

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FESTIVAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

Teams will need to provide a roster at check-in prior to their first game. It is the responsibility of each team to have a copy of their team's medical release forms with them during the festival.

Age Groups

Boys, Girls U-9 Born on or after August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004

Boys, Girls U-10 Born on or after August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003

Boys, Girls U-11 Born on or after August 1, 2001 to July 31, 2002

Boys, Girls U-12 Born on or after August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001

Rosters

The roster size should be no more than 15 players. All players must meet the age and playing requirements. A player may be rostered on only one team.

U-10 – There shall be six players, including the goalkeeper. A minimum of five players must be present to start a game and a minimum of four players must be available to continue a game.

U-12 – There shall be eight players, including the goalkeeper. A minimum of six players must be present to start a game and a minimum of five players must be available to continue a game.

Groupings

1. The tournament reserves the right to combine age groups/levels of play dependent on the total number of teams in a particular division. Parody of competition will be priority when scheduling.
2. Teams will be divided into groups. Each team will be scheduled two games within the group play.
3. No scores will be kept and there will be no playoffs.

Game Lengths

Games will be played with two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute half time.

Field of Play

The field shall be approximately 40 yards long by 50 yards wide with 6 ½ H x 12 W goals for U-10 games and 50 yards long by 70 yards wide with 6 ½ H x 18 ½ W goals for U-12 games.

Substitution Procedure

All teams are allowed unlimited substitution. With the permission of the referee, teams may substitute during any stoppage of play.

Home Team Jersey

The first team listed in the schedule is the home team. The home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict. Colored pennies may be worn in lieu of an alternate jersey.

Bench Area

Teams shall be on the same side of the field. Spectators will be on the opposite side.

Referee System

There will be one USSF certified/registered referee for each game.

Official Game Ball

The home team shall provide a game ball to be used in all matches. If additional balls are needed, they are to be provided by either team. U-9s - U-12s will use a size 4 ball.

Pre-Game Warm-Ups

It is essential that games begin on time. There will be no pre-game warm-up on the field. Please plan your pre-game warm-up in an adjoining area.



Game Procedures

U-10 Games (6v6 Competition)

1. There will be no offside.
2. Goal kicks shall be taken from within six yards of the goal line.
3. Indirect kicks awarded to the attacking team within the penalty area will be placed at the spot of the infraction, but no closer than six yards from the goal/goal line.
4. On goal kicks, or on goalkeeper saves followed by a throw-out, punt or drop kick, the ball must touch the ground or be touched by any player in the defensive half of the field. Infringement of this rule will result in a turnover of the ball to the other team. Play shall restart with an indirect kick at the midfield line nearest the point of contact.
5. Penalty kicks will be taken from a point eight yards directly in front of the midpoint of the goal. All other players must stand beyond the midfield line.

U-12 Games (8v8 Competition)

1. Goal kicks should be taken from within six yards of the goal line.
2. Indirect kicks awarded to the attacking team within the penalty area will be placed at the spot of the infraction, but no closer than six yards from the goal/goal line.
3. Penalty kicks will be taken from a point 12 yards directly in front of the midpoint of the goal. All other players must stand beyond the midfield line.
4. Note: Although not a modification, the offside rule will be in effect.

Conduct of the Game

Players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and the SPIRIT of the law. Kohl's American Cup officials expect all players, coaches and spectators to uphold the spirit of ZERO TOLERANCE policies. Displays of TEMPER, DISSENT by word or action against opponents or referees are cause for ejection from the match and/or premises and/or SUSPENSION from the festival. The Head Coach of each team is responsible for his or her own conduct and behavior and for the conduct and behavior of his or her players and team spectators. Coaches should inform their spectators of the rules (i.e.: behavior, spectator areas, etc.). Each coach is expected to monitor his or her spectators and take corrective action if necessary. Each coach is expected to support the referee or festival official if action against a spectator is required.

If a player receives a "red" card they will be ejected from that game and will be suspended for the next game.

Any combination of two red cards throughout competition will result in that player being ejected from the remainder of the festival. All red cards are reported to the MYSA Director of Recreational Programs.

Protests

No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee. Protests on player eligibility should be started prior to the start of the game. Protests on other technical matters must be made in writing and submitted to the MYSA Director of Recreational Programs. Express concerns regarding violations prior to the start of the game or at the time the incident occurs if the game has started. All decisions by the referee will be final.

The Kohl's American Cup Administration will resolve any situations beyond the scope of these rules, settle disputes and reserves the right to adjust the rules as necessary in the interest of fair and balanced competition.



MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER FIELDS AT PROGIN PARK RULES

Massachusetts Youth Soccer is privileged to own and operate one of the finest soccer field complexes in the country. We ask all of our visitors to respect the complex and all of the hard work that it takes to maintain and improve it. The following activities shall be prohibited at any time and at any location by anyone at the complex:

- 1) Unsafe, careless, or negligent behavior while engaging in Licensee's activities;
- 2) Any activity that may reasonably be expected to cause or which will or may foreseeably injure or harm any person or persons or which will deface or cause damage to Massachusetts Youth's property or the property of others;
- 3) The possession, sale or use of any alcoholic beverages of any kind and/or any unlawful drugs or substances;
- 4) Use of any tobacco products;
- 5) Playing any other sport or engaging in any other activity other than soccer;
- 6) The presence of any pet of any sort other than seeing-eye dogs.
- 7) The use of off road motorized vehicles and skimobiles;
- 8) The possession of any fire arm whether licensed or not.
- 9) The use of any public address system, amplifier and/or megaphone.
- 10) The use of any generator, cooking appliance or barbecue grill.
- 11) Any activity which may reasonably be expected to produce any unusual, noxious or objectionable smoke, gas, vapor or odor;
- 12) The posting of any signs or advertisements or the distribution of any written materials calculated to generate business in any way for Licensee or others;
- 13) Taking up collections or making solicitations of any kind.
- 14) The marking of lines on any field surface with paint, tape or any other substance or material.
- 15) Use of the Fields in any manner that may be contrary to the interests of Massachusetts Youth or its programs.
- 16) Use of the Fields for any unlawful or unauthorized purpose, or in any manner that in the sole discretion or judgment of the Massachusetts Youth is offensive or contrary to the interests.

Additional Rules for our synthetic turf fields...

- 1) The use of chewing gum;
- 2) The consumption of sunflower seeds or shelled nuts;
- 3) The consumption of any food or drink other than water;
- 4) The use or possession of glass containers of any kind;
- 5) The use of roller blades, skateboards or bicycles;
- 6) The use of metal cleats or spikes, or plastic cleats longer than ¼";
- 7) The use or erection of any tent, tarp, structure or object which will or may foreseeably cause the penetration of the synthetic surface.



***** **EMERGENCY INFORMATION** *****

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: Call 911 for POLICE, FIRE and AMBULANCE

Indicate you are at the soccer complex at the junction of RT 70 and Old Union Turnpike in Lancaster

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: Lancaster Police 978-365-8031



60 Hospital Road, Leominster, MA 01453-2205 508 / 852-2001

DIRECTIONS:

- Leave complex and take LEFT (west) on Old Union Turnpike, GO .7 mile
- Take RIGHT onto Harvard Street, GO .3 mile
- Turn LEFT and MERGE onto Route 2 West, GO 3.1 miles
- Take EXIT 31A to merge on MA-Rte 12 Main Street GO .5 mile toward Leominster
- Turn RIGHT on to Hospital Road GO .2 mile
- Turn LEFT to stay on Hospital Road GO .2 mile



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