

## 2009 HOUSTON KOHL'S AMERICAN CUP RULES

**Tournament Overview:** The KOHL'S American Cup is designed to provide recreational players an opportunity to "celebrate" soccer. Games are being played for the fun of the game rather than identifying a winner. With that attitude in mind, all games will be played as scrimmages – no scores or standings will be kept. All players will receive a participation award and, hopefully, have an enjoyable experience at the soccer field. Each team will be scheduled to play games at various times during the day with rest periods between games. The KOHL'S Interactive Game Area will be available for players to test their skills and have fun during these rest periods.

### Roster / Team Sizes / Fees:

| Age Groups  | Max Roster | # Of Guest Players Allowed | Team Fees | Playing Format | Length of Each Halves |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| U-5 and U-6 | 6          | 3                          | \$ 65.00  | 3 v 3          | 5 minute quarters     |
| U-7 and U-8 | 8          | 3                          | \$ 65.00  | 4 v 4          | 15 minute halves      |
| U-9 and U10 | 10         | 3                          | \$ 75.00  | 6 v 6          | 20 minute halves      |
| U11 and U12 | 14         | 3                          | \$ 85.00  | 8 v 8          | 25 minute halves      |
| U13 and U14 | 18         | 4                          | \$100.00  | 11 v 11        | 25 minute halves      |

**Eligibility:** All players must be registered with a STYSA Member Association and have a valid laminated STYSA player ID card with a photo. The coach and assistant coach must have a valid laminated Adult Participation Pass (KidSafe Pass) as required by STYSA rules. All participating players must be listed on the roster, a copy of which must be provided to tournament headquarters at the time of check-in.

**Bracketing:** Because not all recreational teams may have been formed for the Fall 09 season, this event will accept teams from both the Spring 09 and Fall 09 seasons. However, all teams will be bracketed based on their Fall 2009 age level eligibility - i.e. Spring U8 teams will be placed in U9 brackets; Under 9 teams in Under 10; etc. as they will still be competing against teams of the proper age.

**Equipment:** All players on a team shall wear shirt, shorts and socks of a similar color. Numbers on the shirts are recommended. In the event of a color conflict, the home team (listed first on the schedule) is required to change. All players will wear shin guards that are commercially produced and specifically designed to provide protection to the shins. No player will be allowed to play with a hard cast (padded or otherwise).

**Standings:** No standings will be kept.

**Awards:** Each player on the team will receive a participation award at the conclusion of their final game of the day.

**Play Time:** STYSA rules require a coach make every effort to play each player at least one half of each game.

**Player / Coach Credentials:** All players must have valid ID cards and be listed on the home club roster to be allowed to compete in games. Guest players are allowed as specified in the rules. Player passes must be available for inspection by tournament officials or referees at anytime during the event. Each coach must have a Kid Safe pass which should be displayed throughout the tournament.

**Conduct:** All coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team, parents and supporters. Inappropriate conduct such as the use of the foul or obscene language, negative comments to the opposing team or players, or abusive or threatening conduct towards a referee, whether verbal or physical, will not be tolerated and can result in an ejection or even a suspension of the match.

**Rules for 3v3:**

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 3, Maximum Roster Size of 6 including Guest Players
- No goalkeepers
- No offside
- All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks. Instead of throw-ins, kick-ins will be utilized to restart from the touchline.
- Goal kicks may occur from anywhere on the goal line
- Corner kicks are indirect free kicks
- Opponents must be 3 yards from the point of taking an direct kick or corner kick
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

**Rules for 4v4:**

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 4, Maximum Roster Size of 8 including Guest Players
- No goalkeepers
- No offside
- All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks. Instead of throw-ins, kick-ins will be utilized to restart from the touchline.
- Goal kicks may occur from anywhere on the goal line
- Corner kicks are indirect free kicks
- Opponents must be 5 yards from the point of taking an direct kick or corner kick
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

**Rules for 6v6:**

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 6, Maximum Roster Size of 12 including Guest Players
- Goalkeepers will be permitted
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

**Rules for 8v8 and 11v11:**

- Maximum number of players on field at one time is 8 for U11/U12 and 11 for U11 and older
- Goalkeepers will be permitted
- Unlimited substitution will be allowed at any stoppage of play and permission of referee.

**General Rules of Play: Please refer to the STYSA General Rules of Play located on the STYSA website.**

**Protests:** Not Permitted. The Site Coordinator will resolve any problems that may arise. The intent of this event is fun – Who could possibly protest having fun!