



Torneo Amistad Rules 2009

UNAM San Antonio and ADEMESA Soccer League are proud to announce the “5th Annual Torneo Amistad”, coming to San Antonio during Holy Week in April 9-11, 2009.

Classification & Age Divisions

The tournament is for select and recreational teams registered with United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), Federacion Mexicana de Futbol, and unaffiliated teams that want to participate. This is a cultural event to let our children experience interaction with foreign teams and to experience the Spanish language from native speakers. The tournament is **NOT** sanctioned by the South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA), but is open to boys’ teams from U9 through U18. Single age brackets and levels will be formed if applications support the groupings. Unless otherwise amended below, the current Laws of the Game (as published by USYS) will apply to this competition. The Tournament Director will consider allowing divisions with three teams, but will only do so at his sole discretion. If an age/group bracket is filled with four teams, another group of four may be created in the same age/group level. All teams in a division must be relatively competitive with each other.

Team Registration

Team registration must be completed by submitting a tournament application **postmarked by March 28, 2009** with a roster and entry fee with check payable to: **UNAM-SA Soccer Club**

**P.O. Box 12162
San Antonio, Texas. 78212**

Team Registration for U9-U11 is \$350 and for U12 and above is \$375. All players (except guest players) must be registered to the team (application deadline of March 23, 2009). We **will** use STYSA player cards **or** league ID’s to verify a players age or other questions regarding that player. All special requests must be included with the application. The tournament committee will attempt to accommodate all reasonable requests; if such requests

are fair to all teams participating. Teams will not be accepted without payment in full. Unofficial or "draft" rosters will be accepted with application. Final roster must be turned in at Team Check-In with Guest Players written-in with Player ID #'s and Date of Birth. All teams must have approved USYS or league ID cards for each player. Up to five (5) guest players may be added to a team. Guest players must be registered players and must have approved ID cards for each of the players U11 and above.

Teams or players will **not** be allowed to participate without approved paperwork. Coaches must bring the approved paperwork to the check-in meeting for validation. Coaches will be required to have EVERY player and coach sign a Medical Release form. **Each** team is RESPONSIBLE for **insuring** their players for this tournament; **we will not have insurance.** Validated rosters will be required prior to participating in any match. Team rosters are limited to twelve (12) players for U11 and eighteen (18) players for U12 and above.

Team Check-in and coaches meet and greet:

Location: UNAM San Antonio. 600 Hemisfair Plaza

Times: Thursday, April 9, 2009 - 7pm - 9pm (for all teams)

Host Hotel:

Travelodge-Suites NorthWest

4934 N.W. Loop 410. S.A, Tx. 78229

1-800-267-3605 Point of contact Terry Goode or Michelle Gomez

Team representatives are **REQUIRED** to check-in their team during the listed times -- there will be a Friday morning check-in; **if prior arrangements are made with the Tournament Director.**

Teams who do not show up for the night check-in and have not made prior arrangements are subject to being removed from the schedule! We will distribute any schedule changes, validate rosters, and answer questions. You must have a representative present to provide a copy of your team's roster to the volunteers at check-in. **Medical Release** forms and official roster will be required for all teams at check-in. U11 and above teams will need laminated player ID cards for each player in addition to medical release forms and official, signed roster if available.

Game Information

All teams will be guaranteed to play at least three games. All play shall be round-robin play and ties at the end of regulation time will stand. **There will be a bracket final only, unless the amount of teams requires a semifinal.** Tournament standings will be determined by points upon the completion of round robin play.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. In the event the tournament is cancelled, **partial refunds** will be given (Registration fee minus administrative and supply costs). Reasonable efforts will be made to complete the tournament.

Age Group	Ball Size	Round Robin Game Length	Semi-Final Game Length	FINALS Game Length
U17-U18	5	2 x 30 min	2 x 35 min	2 x 35 min
U16- U-15	5	2 x 30 min	2 x 35 min	2 x 35 min
U14	5	2 x 25 min	2 x 30 min	2 x 30 min
U13	5	2 x 25 min	2 x 25 min	2 x 25 min
U12	4	2 x 20 min	2 x 25 min	2 x 25 min
U9-U11	4	2 x 20 min	2 x 25 min	2 x 25 min

Teams must be at the scheduled game field and ready for inspection by the referee at least 15 minutes *before* the scheduled game time. Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the referee, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match. Each team must be prepared to present a game ball of appropriate size, weight, and pressure to the referee before the start of the game for his/her selection. All games will have a 5 minute half.

Player Substitutions

Players may be substituted with the consent of the match referee at the following times for U9 and above:

- 1. Before a throw-in in your favor.
- 2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- 3. After a goal is scored by either team.
- 4. When the Referee approves an injury substitution by one team, the other team may substitute an equal number of players.
- 5. At half-time.

No player shall enter or leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

Playing Conditions

The Home Team is listed first or on top in the schedule. Both teams shall occupy the same side of the field, as identified by the Tournament Director. All game spectators, including parents and visitors for both teams will occupy the opposite side of the field. **The Home Team chooses the goal to attack and Visitors Team kicks off.** In case of inclement

weather, the Tournament Director and/or Site Coordinator will determine if a game is to be played. Once the game has started, the decision rests with the referee. If any games are cancelled, it is up to the coaches of the teams to check with the Site Coordinator and/or Tournament Director for rescheduling information. Games shall be considered complete if one half of the game has elapsed. The score at the stoppage of play will be the final score. If one half has not elapsed and the game is stopped, the game will be rescheduled if it could affect the outcome of the tournament and if conditions permit as determined by the Tournament Director.

Uniforms

As a convenience to both teams, it is recommended that the home team wears their "colored" or darker uniform and the visitors wear white or lighter uniform. Should there be a conflict in uniform colors, the home team will be required to change uniforms or wear a "penny" of a different color over their uniform. Each player's uniform should have an easily identifiable number.

Team, Player & Coach Credential Check

Each team must be able to present its validated roster and player cards (if applicable) to either a Tournament Official or the Referee team before the start of each match, if requested. Coaches must have an official "Kid Safe Pass" for the current year. A player may play for only one team in the tournament, and must be listed on the approved roster. If a player plays in a game and is not properly registered, the team will automatically forfeit that game and may face further penalties as determined by the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee. **The wearing of hard casts, whether padded or not, will not be permitted at any time.**

Team Standings & Tie-Breakers

Team standings will be based on the following scoring system:

Win	6 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
Tie	3 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
Loss	0 points, plus 1 point for each goal scored (max of 3 goals)
Bonus	1 point awarded for a shutout
	No shutout bonus shall be awarded for a 0-0 tie. Teams shall be awarded the bonus points for goals scored without regard to the outcome of the game. That is; the losing team will receive points for goals scored, and 0 points for the loss.
	Each team's total points from all first-round games will determine the

	placement of teams in each bracket, with the top 2 teams earning the highest total points being in the final. In the event, a team forfeits a match, all points from tournament games involving that team will be dropped from the calculation of final standings.
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Ties in the standings will be resolved in the following order:

	<p>In the event that two or more teams are tied in points at the end of these games, the following tiebreakers shall be applied in order given until a winner is determined. While following this criteria; never revert back to the top of the list even after a team has been eliminated from the tiebreaker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Winner of head-to-head competition. • 2. Net goals (goal difference, limit of +/- 3 per game). • 3. Goals against. • 4. Most goals scored (max of 3 goals per game). • 5. Most total wins.
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Winning Coach is to turn in the official game card to the Scorer's table. In case of a tie, the HOME team turns in the game card. Officials will be responsible for collecting and recording the match results, but each coach is responsible for verifying the posted scores prior to the team's next game.

Awards

First and second place teams in each age group and competition level will receive medals.

Team & Spectator Discipline

An ejected player is ineligible for their next scheduled game. An ejected coach or trainer is ineligible for the next scheduled game, regardless of team. A second red card/ejection to the same individual results in that person being expelled from the tournament. Any ejected player, coach or trainer must report to the complex tent or leave the complex.

In addition, any player or coach receiving a second caution in the tournament will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. The coach is responsible for the actions of verbal and physical abuse of referees by his/her spectators. Such abuse will not be tolerated. Violations may result in termination of the game and further sanctions by the

Tournament Director. Any individual that has been sent off must leave the field area within two minutes of the ejection or the game could be terminated by the referee with further sanctions added by the Tournament Director. Any coach who removes his/her team from the field during a game will cause the match to be abandoned by the referee and further sanctions may be added by the Tournament Director. If a player refuses to give his or her correct name when requested by a referee or Tournament Official, the referee crew will terminate the game and additional penalties could be imposed by the Tournament Director. Teams exhibiting poor sportsmanship will not be allowed to participate in subsequent UNAM San Antonio or Ademesa Soccer League tournaments or tournaments directed by the Tournament Director of this event. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or smoking on tournament grounds is prohibited. **Dogs are not allowed on the property for the safety of everyone, including the dogs.**

Team Protests & Appeals

Protests and appeals will be allowed only in the event a team is believed to have used an ineligible player. No other protests will be considered. The offended team may file a protest by submitting in writing the nature of the violation within two hours of the incident, along with \$200 in cash to the Tournament Director. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and corrective action as determined by the Tournament Director will be taken. The Tournament Director must determine that the violation defined by the written protest materially affected the outcome of the game. The decision of the Tournament Director on protests is final. If the protest is not upheld, the protest fee is forfeited to the San Antonio Soccer Academy.

Matters Not Provided For

USYS and STYSA Administrative Rules books will govern any situation or questions on rules of competition not covered herein. Any matter not provided for in the Tournament rules or STYSA or USYS rules shall be determined by the Tournament Director, whose decisions shall be final.

Tournament Website:

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