

COPA LA - Rules

General:

All games will be played under FIFA regulations with adjustments for youth competition with following additions/clarifications:

1. Registration will be held FRIDAY May 24, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside CA 92507. Each team must send a representative to provide team rosters, original laminated picture ID card and one copy for each player, proof of age (passport, birth certificate, or Government Issue ID), waiver form for each player, and complete match report.
2. COPA LA ADMINISTRATION WILL HOLD ALL TEAM ROSTERS AND WAIVER FORMS DURING THE TOURNAMENT.
3. All teams must report to the registration desk **60 minutes (one hour)** before the first match and **30 minutes** before each game there after
4. A forfeit will be declared if a team does not field a minimum number of players:
 - a. 2012 & 2013 four (4) Players
 - b. 2008 to 2010 five (5) Players
 - c. 2001 to 2007 seven (7) players

For the entire game within ten (10) minutes after the scheduled game starting time.

5. All players are required to use shin guards at all times. **NO SHIN GUARDS – NO PLAY**
6. Home teams are listed first and will have the choice of playing direction. The home team will change jersey in case of color conflict. Both teams will substitute and coach from the same side of the field. Spectators will sit on the opposite side field from the players and coaches.
7. Visiting teams will have kick-off.
8. Each roster should be as follows:
 - a. 2012 & 2013 will play 5 vs 5 and have up to 10 players on their roster
 - b. 2010 & 2011 will play 7 vs 7 and have up to 14 players on their roster
 - c. 2008 & 2009 will play 9 vs 9 and have up to 16 players on their roster
 - d. 2001 to 2007 will play 11 vs 11 and have up to 18 players on their roster

All teams may have unlimited loan players

Only 2012 and 2013 will NOT have a Goal Keeper, so it will be 5 players in the pitch

2001 to 2011 include Goal Keeper on the number of players allowed in the pitch

9. Players wearing a hard cast of any kind will not be eligible to participate

Eligibility:

1. Birth Year Jan. 1st, to December 31st **(Girls will be allowed to play a year up on boys brackets only)** All players are eligible for the tournament with two of the following forms of identification of which one (1) must be a photo ID:
 2. Valid and Current Passport
 3. Current School ID
 4. Current League ID with photo
 5. California ID

6. California Driver's License*
7. A valid medical ID
8. Birth Certificate (COPY)

Any proof of age/birth documents that is not in English must BE CHECKED, OK'D or translated by a member of the tournament committee. No coach of a team or parent of a player may

translate for that team or the parent's child unless they are certified and or accredited to teach the specific language, i.e. high school teacher, professor of languages at a university or college, a court translator, or anyone recognized as an official translator by a governing body.

All coaches and administrators of a team will be held responsible for submission of documents as required at check in which will be held at TBD Information will be sent once it has been confirmed the location.

There is a parking fee of \$5.00 per day at AB Brown Sports Complex.

Registration:

All the teams should comply with the decree of registration before taking the field for their first game.

These items are required at check in:

1. A completed copy of the official roster for the tournament including date of birth and jersey numbers of each player
2. A completed and signed waiver for each participant and coach on the team roster. Minors must have their waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian
3. A Copy of all players ID's - Proof of age for each player on the roster as stated above under eligibility (ID's) – ALSO MUST BRING EACH PLAYER PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO SHOW AT EVERY GAME WITH FIELD MARSHALL AND TO THE REFEREE.

All participants should be on the approved and final roster at check in. Neither players nor coaches can be added to the roster after initial team check in or before the start of their first game.

Any considerations of these requirements will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

GAME FORMAT:

1. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games for the tournament. Depending on the number of teams in each bracket will determine whether a semifinal or final competition is scheduled. **COPA LA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FORFEITURE OF GAMES.**
2. Teams will be bracketed to the appropriate age group based on the team sign up. Schedules will be based on age noted on entries, but the tournament reserves the right to change the age bracket if a player is older than the age group stated.
3. All games times will be as follows:
 - a. 2012, 2013, 40 minute games (20 min halves) Ball size # 3
 - b. 2010, 2011, 40 minute games (20 min halves) Ball size # 4
 - c. 2008, 2009, 50 minute games (25 min halves) Ball size # 4
 - d. 2001 -2007, 60 minute games (30 min halves) Ball size # 5
4. Maximum roster size:
 - a. 2012, 2013, 12 PERSON ROSTER,
 - b. 2010, 2011, 14 PERSON ROSTER,
 - c. 2008, 2009, 16 PERSON ROSTER
 - d. 2001 to 2007 DIVISIONS ARE 18 PERSON ROSTER
5. No tiebreakers will be exercised during pool play. Ties will remain ties.
6. In a tied Championship, quarter or semifinal game, if the score is still tied at the end of regulation time, then penalty kicks will commence.
7. Penalty kicks shall be exercised by both teams taking five shots from the penalty spot. Teams shall take their kicks alternately and only those players remaining on the fields at the end of the match shall participate. In the event that a tie still exists, "Sudden Death" kick shall be taken from the penalty spot one versus one until one team wins. (PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT END OF REGULATION CAN BE SWITCHED TO GK)
8. All games will be considered final. **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
9. Each player, other than the goalkeeper, must have a number listed on the line up form and wear the corresponding numbered jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player must wear a different numbered jersey. Goalkeepers must wear colors, which distinguish them other players and game officials.

ADDITIONAL GAME RULES FOR 2010 TO 2013

1. HEADING – Heading is NOT allowed, an indirect field kick will be awarded at the place of infraction.
2. Penalty Kick to be taken from the penalty mark.
3. Offside – FIFA rules
4. Fouls and misconduct – FIFA rules
5. Free kick – distance from the ball 7 yards but it has to be an indirect kick

The number of teams in each bracket will determine whether the group will go directly to a final, or will include semis and finals.

Point System:

Pool play:

1. 3 pts win
2. 1 pt tie
3. 0 pt loss

4. Forfeit will be recorded as 1-0 win
5. Teams will be ranked in order of their total points
6. Tie breakers:
 - a. Head to head
 - b. Goal differential (Goals scored minus goals against)
 - c. Most goals in favor (scored)
 - d. 5 Penalty Kicks per team

Player/Coach Conduct:

1. All players and coaches will be expected to demonstrate good sportsmanlike conduct throughout the tournament. Coaches will also be responsible for the conduct of their spectators, supporters and players. All coaching will be done from one side of the fields and within the boundaries on either side of the midfield line.
2. All spectators will be on OPPOSITE side of the field from the players and coaches.
3. Any player or coach given a red card will not be able to participate in at least the following tournament game. A stiffer penalty may be imposed for the extreme violations (such as violent conduct) at the tournament's committee's discretion.
4. All referee decisions are FINAL. There will be no arbitrations or recourse.
5. If in the opinion of the game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench, or spectators, the offending team could be suspended from further play and forfeit that game and all remaining games. All previously played games would revert to a forfeit with point awarded accordingly. Additionally, the home league and state association will be contacted as appropriate.

Spectator Conduct:

1. Unseemly, discourteous, unsportsmanlike conduct by team spectators can jeopardize your coach and/or team and may cause a fine and/or removal of said spectator by the tournament committee or appropriate authorities.
2. There will be no alcoholic beverages or open fires (cooking) at the AB Brown Soccer Complex Tournament site or parking lots. Violators will be prosecuted.
3. Please clear your sideline of trash after each game.
4. All tents must be set up around the complex and not between the soccer fields.

Game Officials:

1. The appointment of the game officials shall be the responsibility of the Tournament committee. All fees are included as part of the registration fees.
2. Complaints regarding games officials must be in writing and sent to the Referee Disciplinary Committee with

copies to Director of COPA LA.

3. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the fees for all officials in the tournament and forfeited games.
4. The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the field in all matches. In other respects, the duties of the referees and referee assistants are defined in the FIFA "Laws of the Game".
5. The referees appointed to officiate in any game shall be neither a past nor present member nor be related to a member (member to include players, coaches, and/or administrators) of either of the competing teams. Referees accepting games that violate this rule shall be reported to referee disciplinary committee for possible disciplinary action.
6. In the event the referee appointed fails to appear and where assistant referees have been appointed, one of those referees shall assume the responsibilities of the referee.
7. The referee will give the site field marshal, at the conclusion of the game, all line up cards from the completed game (a) mark the lineup forms appropriately, (b) fill out the COPA LA no show report when one team fails to appear for a game within the required time, (c) fill out the referee supplement report for all red cards given and (d) turn in the forms required by (b) and (c) to the administrator.
8. Both team coaches MUST sign game report after each game.

*Any rule or regulation not indicated in the COPA-LA Rules shall be interpreted at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

AB Brown Complex Rules:

1. **NO PETS OF ANY KIND.**
2. **No smoking, alcohol or glass bottles of any kind are permitted.**
3. **No open fires, barbeques, propane heaters or similar items are permitted.**
4. **Speed limit in parking lot is 5 MPH.**
5. **No tents or awnings are allowed between playing fields. Tents or awnings shall only be placed erected on the perimeters of the Complex.**
6. **No parking in unauthorized areas. Improperly parked vehicles may be towed and/or ticketed.**
7. **No selling, soliciting or distribution of advertisements without written approval.**
8. **No vehicles of any kind (including bicycles) allowed on the fields or any grass area.**
9. **No hanging or swinging on goal posts or trees.**
10. **No climbing on top of any buildings or structures.**
11. **No vehicles (including RVs) long than 23 feet – even with parking or handicapped permit. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed.**